



## Volunteer Job Description

*Humane Society of Sonoma County training methodology and philosophy is force-free and animal-friendly, utilizing primarily positive reinforcement. HSSC does not condone the use of aversive training methods, defined as “any circumstance or event that causes pain, fear, or emotional discomfort.”*

<b>Position Title:</b> Foster Parent Volunteer	<b>Supervisor:</b> Foster Coordinators; Alternative Placement Program Manager.
<b>Location:</b> Humane Society of Sonoma County, and your home.	<b>Time Commitment:</b> 2-3 hours every day when actively fostering, possibly more if fosters are sick or neonates.
<b>Position Description:</b> Providing care for shelter animals that are too young, sick or stressed to be available for adoption from the shelter.	
<b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing a safe, clean, stress –free environment for different types of foster needs.</li> <li>• Administering necessary medications.</li> <li>• Communicating with the Foster Coordinators on any medical or behavioral concerns.</li> <li>• Making medical appointments to keep animals current with their vaccinations &amp; dewormings and for any medical issues.</li> <li>• Scheduling return appointments for s/n when the animals are ready to come back to the shelter.</li> <li>• Spending time with the foster animal(s) to help socialize and comfort.</li> </ul>	
<b>Requirements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to transport the animal(s) in for medical treatment on short notice, if necessary.</li> <li>• Ability to administer necessary medications.</li> <li>• Responsible and communicative, always working for the good of the shelter animal.</li> <li>• Able to keep track of due dates and scheduling appointments</li> <li>• Must follow protocol, instructions and policies given by HSSC and/or Foster Dept.</li> <li>• Work with the Foster Coordinators and the shelter staff to support the mission and help the shelter animals.</li> </ul>	
<b>Benefits:</b> Foster parents are directly involved in the saving of lives. Being a foster parent allows HSSC to save many more lives than we could accommodate in the shelter alone and gives a great	

feeling of satisfaction and fulfilment. And what could be more rewarding than cuddling with kittens, playing with puppies or watching a shy dog or cat blossom under your care?

**Feedback/Evaluation:** All foster parents attend a foster orientation before beginning. Foster parents also receive a weekly email newsletter with updates, foster needs, and a list of the adopted animals from the week before.

**Training:** Attend General Volunteer Orientation; Attend Foster Orientation.