

**FOSTER CARER APPLICATION FORM**

Foster carers play a vital role in NRAS’ rescue work by providing the animals with a safe place to stay until they find their forever homes. The fostering period can be as little as a day to as long as a few months during which time the animal will live with you as if they were your own.

NRAS provides our carer’s with everything they need while fostering such as beds, bowl, leads for dogs, litter trays and litter for cats as well as food, flea and worming treatment. NRAS also pays for the animals’ medical expenses.

If you would like to apply to become an NRAS foster carer, please complete the questionnaire below and return to us by email or mail.

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| **APPLICANT DETAILS** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Full Name:** |  | | | | | | | | |
| **Address where the animal will be cared for:** | | | |  | | | | | |
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| **Suburb:** | |  | | | | | | **Post code:** |  |
| **Home Phone:** | |  | | | **Mobile Phone:** | | |  | |
| **Email Address:** | |  | | | | | | | |
| **Drivers Licence:** | | **State:** | | | | | | | |
| **Home owner**  **Rental** | | **YES NO Attach proof of home ownership, eg copy of Rates Notice**  **YES NO If you rent, we must see confirmation of approval from your landlord** | | | | | | | |
| **Landlord’s name:** | |  | | | **Landlord’s phone No:** | | |  | |
| **Do you have your own transport? YES / NO** | | | | | |  | | | |
| **Number of people in your home:** | | |  | | | | **Ages:** | | |

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| **YOUR PETS** | | | | | | | |
| **Breed** | **Age** | | **Sex** | | **Desexed?** | | **Vaccinations up to date?** |
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| **Current Veterinarian:** | | | | | | | |
| **May we contact for a reference?** | | | | | | | |
| **FOSTERING PREFERENCES** | | | | | | | |
| **Please tick any that apply** | | | | | | | |
| **Adult Dog** | | **Size:  Small  Medium  Large** | | | | | |
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| **Mother Dog and puppies** | | **Adult Cats** | | | | **Mother cats and kittens** | |
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| **Puppies** | | **Kittens** | | | | **Pets with illness/special needs** | |
| **FOSTERING EXPERIENCE** | | | | | | | |
| **Have you fostered before?** | | | |  | | | |
| **Organisation/s name:** | | | |  | | | |
| **Where will your foster pet sleep?** | | | |  | | | |
| **Where will your foster pet stay when you are out?** | | | |  | | | |
| **Would you be able to keep the foster animal separate from your own if necessary?** | | | |  | | | |
| **Dog carers – what fencing do you have ?** | | | |  | | | |

**As a foster carer for Northern Rivers Animal Services (NRAS) I agree to the following:**

* I acknowledge that while I am responsible for the daily care of the animal, the animal remains the property of NRAS at all times.
* I agree to only take animals into care that are allocated to me by NRAS and that NRAS will not be financially responsible for any animal that I take in without approval.
* Before taking on any animal for fostering, I have ensured I have the appropriate housing to contain the particular animal at all times.
* **Dog carers:** I have a fully fenced and gated backyard, or enclosed outdoor area, with no escape routes. Alternatively, I will be keeping the dog inside my house.
* **Cat carers:** I have a laundry, bathroom or spare room the cat/s can safely stay in if required.
* I have discussed the suitability of the area where the animal is to be kept with the NRAS Animal Intake Manager or the Volunteer Coordinator.
* If I have an animal of my own, I agree to ensure that their vaccinations are kept up to date.
* **Dog carers:** When taking the dog outside of my backyard, I will not let the dog off the lead at any time. I will walk the dog daily and pick up after the dog at all times.
* **Cat carers:** I agree to keep the cat indoors for the first two weeks the cat is in my care.
* I understand that any undesexed cat in my care is to be kept indoors at all times
* I understand that any fines I incur through not following council regulations are my own responsibility.
* I acknowledge that NRAS will not be held responsible for any damage the foster animal causes to my property.
* If the foster animal becomes sick or injured whilst in my care, I acknowledge it is my responsibility to contact the NRAS office. If I am unable to contact NRAS and the animal is suffering severely, I agree to contact an affiliated veterinary clinic or the after-hours emergency service for immediate pain relief and stabilising treatment. I will contact NRAS prior to further treatment.
* I will administer medications only as directed and provided by a veterinarian or NRAS.
* I acknowledge that I will be held responsible for any vet fees incurred if the animal becomes ill as a direct result of my care/treatment.
* I agree to make my animal available for any adoption days NRAS holds and if I am unable to bring the animal to the adoption day, I will make arrangements for alternative transport.
* I agree to return the animal when requested by NRAS.
* If at any time the animal is not able to remain in my direct care, for example, through holidays or emergencies, I will notify NRAS as soon as possible in order to make arrangements to return the animal to NRAS. This includes returning the animal if having foster animals on my property causes nuisance to my neighbours.
* If at any time the animal escapes, I will notify NRAS as soon as possible.
* I understand that I may not give away or sell the foster animal to another person and that if I, or another person, wish to apply for permanent adoption of any foster animal I will need to follow normal adoption procedures.

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| Signature |  | Date |  |