

76 RPAW Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are crucial to helping RPAW fulfill its mission. No matter how much time you're able to commit or how you'd like to work with animals, your help is needed and there's a place for you with RPAW.

Animal Foster — Foster volunteers are the core of our organization. As a foster, you'll provide a temporary, loving home for dogs and/or cats who are in danger of euthanasia and who are looking for their "forever homes."

Dog Handler — Adoption days are a key way to help our rescue animals find "forever homes." You'll help handle animals and answer prospective adopters' questions about the during our adoption events.

Animal Transporter — Foster parents may not always be able to transport their foster animals. You can help by bringing these animals to and from veterinary appointments and adoption events.

Fundraising — Donations and fundraisers keep RPAW running. Help to brainstorm, plan, and/or work at fundraising events such as our annual Santa Paws holiday pet photo sale.

If you have other skills or talents you'd like to bring to RPAW, please contact us. We're always looking for help and fresh new ideas from people with a passion for animals.

Animal Rescue Saves Lives

Did you know?

- Between 3 and 4 million homeless cats and dogs are euthanized each year. Overcrowding is one of the leading reasons.*
- About 56% of dogs and 71% of cats who enter shelters are destroyed.*
- By age 5, a female dog and her female offspring can produce 192 puppies.
- It's easy to produce 80 million cats — just allow two cats and their surviving offspring breed for 10 years.
- Rescued pets are wonderful. Besides saving an animal's life, having a rescue pet can decrease your blood pressure, cholesterol, triglyceride levels and feelings of loneliness.

**RPAW cares for adoptable animals until they're placed in a "forever home." We do not practice euthanasia unless an animal is too sick or injured to recover, or has extreme behavior or aggression issues that do not allow us to place it safely in a home.*

Sources: The Humane Society of the United States, National Council on Pet Population Study & Policy, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

How can you help? Support RPAW.

RPAW is always in need of volunteers and donations. Make a difference today. Call us or send us an e-mail us to learn more.



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**Save their lives.
Enrich your own.**

The RPAW Foster Program



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One can make a difference. Homeless cats and dogs need you — volunteer as a foster today.

About RPAW

RPAW is a nonprofit group of volunteers dedicated to rescuing cats and dogs and finding appropriate homes for them. Animals are rescued from animal control facilities and voluntary owner surrenders. Most animals are placed into foster homes until a “forever home” is found. Potential adopters can find our pets on our Web site at rpaw.org, online at petfinder.com and at adoption events.

Our secondary goal is to educate people about responsible pet ownership, including training, spaying/neutering, animal behavior, human-animal bonding and more. Education and awareness are the keys to solving pet overpopulation.

Why foster?

Fostering is an enriching, rewarding experience. Providing a temporary, loving home gives rescued animals in danger of euthanasia a second chance.

A comfortable, safe environment for dogs and cats looking for “forever homes” helps by allowing the animals to regain confidence and trust. Foster parents are able to bond with each animal and discover what makes them special. This intimate knowledge gives potential adopters a better picture of the animal’s character — and helps to make sure that each animal becomes a permanent member of the family in their “forever home.”

Frequently Asked Questions

Not sure what fostering entails? Here are some of the questions that are often asked by new volunteers.

What kind of animals can I foster?

RPAW rescues cats and dogs of all breeds, ages and sizes. We’ll work with you to make sure you’re matched up with animals you feel comfortable with.

How long will I have my foster?

It varies. Depending on the animal and demand, fostering can last anywhere from a few days to a few months.

Will fostering cost me anything?

RPAW pays for all of the necessary expenses including food, veterinary care and transportation to adoption days (if you prefer not to attend). All you’ll need to provide is patience and a safe, loving home.

I already have animals in my home. Can I still foster?

Yes! Most of our volunteers have pets. Bringing new animals into your home can benefit your pets by developing their social skills and giving them opportunities for play.

What if I fall in love with my foster — can I adopt him or her?

Absolutely! Fosters always have the first chance to adopt the animal they’re caring for. It has happened!

What if it just isn’t working out?

We want to make sure our animals and our volunteers are happy. If an animal isn’t working out for you, we’ll work with you to overcome the problem — or we’ll match it with another foster home where it may be a better fit.

I can’t foster right now. How else can I help?

RPAW is always looking for volunteers — please see the inside panel of this brochure for more information. We welcome any other special skills you might bring to the table, too. Additionally, donations including money, food, toys crates/kennels of all sizes and anything else a dog or cat may need are always welcome!

Ready to foster?

Here’s how to get started.

*Please call **763-757-8204** or e-mail us at rescuedpetsarewonderful@yahoo.com.*

Next, an RPAW volunteer will do a quick interview and you’ll fill out a short form with your information. Once these steps are complete, you’re ready to host your first foster animal!