

Thank you for considering fostering! It is foster homes – like you – that allow us to save lives. Please read and complete the following foster application and email it back to [adopt@tcrescue.com](mailto:adopt@tcrescue.com)

We primarily use foster homes in the following counties: Santa Clara, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Southern-Alameda county (South of 580). If you live outside this area please let us know before filling out a foster application.

HOW DOES FOSTERING WORK? Tailchaser Rescue is a foster-home-based organization based out of the Bay Area, CA devoted to rescuing cats and dogs from shelters where they are in danger. We do not have a shelter or kennel facility. All of our rescued animals are cared for in foster homes by volunteers who feed and care for them as if it were their own pet, until permanent homes are found. Tailchaser Rescue pays for all necessary, pre-approved medical expenses for our rescue animals.

Unless it is arranged in advance, we ask that foster homes be prepared to keep their foster animals until they are adopted. This can take anywhere from a few weeks to a few months. If this is a concern for you, please discuss with us ahead of time.

Cats are neutered at clinics either in San Mateo or San Jose. Foster homes transport to and from the appointment on the surgery date.

Appointments in San Mateo are available Monday through Friday, drop off is from 7:00 – 8:30am and pick up is from 4:00 – 5:30pm the same day.

Appointments in San Jose are available Monday through Friday, drop off is from 7:30 – 9:30am and pick up is from 3 – 6 the same day.

HOW DOES THE ADOPTION PROCESS WORK? Our rescue animals are listed online. Potential adopters email applications to [adopt@tcrescue.com](mailto:adopt@tcrescue.com) Once we review and approve an application, we forward applicants to the foster parent to set up a meeting at the foster home.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR FOSTER KITTENS TO BE ADOPTED? This depends on many things (color, age, personality) but MOSTLY it depends on the quality of pictures that YOU – the foster home – take! A picture speaks a thousand words and that is never more true than when trying to find homes for animals.

CAN I ADOPT MY FOSTER ANIMAL? Many foster homes ask if they are allowed to adopt their foster animal and the answer is – absolutely! Fostering can just be a temporary commitment, but if a foster home does decide to adopt their foster animal they are always welcome to do so. In this case, the listed adoption fee applies.

Thank you for opening your heart and home to a foster cat!

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Date:

Name:

Address (include City & Zip):

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Cell Phone Number:

Primary Email Address:

Living arrangements: Rent?: \_\_\_\_\_ Own?: \_\_\_\_\_ If you rent, do you have permission from your landlord to have a cat? How many pets does your lease / landlord allow you to have?:

Please list names of all adults in your household and their relationship to you (ie: roommates, parents, husband / wife etc):

Who will be the primary caretaker for this animal?:

Name:

List age if younger than 25:

Mark here if over 25 years old, no need to include exact age:

What are the ages of any children in the house?:

Where will the cat / kittens be kept when nobody is home?:

How long, on average, will this animal be left alone each day? What provisions would you make if leaving a foster cat alone for 8+ hours per work day?:

How long are you available to foster? We ask that you commit to foster the animal until it is adopted unless pre-arranged otherwise. (This can take longer for adult cats than kittens.):

Have you ever owned a cat?:

How would you describe your experience level as a cat owner? Beginner? Intermediate? Advanced?:

Please list all current pets and include this information for each pet: cat or dog (etc), age, and spay / neuter status:

If you have a dog, please tell us if your dog has ever lived with cats, or if you know that your dog gets along well with cats:

If you have pets, do you have a place to keep foster animals away from your own animals initially (a bathroom,

for instance)? This can be necessary for introduction purposes and also for health reasons.:

Please acknowledge your agreement that all veterinary expenses for your foster cat(s), for which you wish to be reimbursed, must be pre-approved by Tailchaser Rescue:

We keep foster cats indoors at all times to avoid injuries caused by cars, roaming dogs, jumping off balconies (it has happened!), etc while they are in our care. Do you agree not to let your foster cat outside, either in a yard, or on a porch or balcony?:

Are you able to transport your foster cat(s) to a neuter appointment at one of the below locations?:

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Are you willing to administer medication should the animal require it?:

Will you be able to email us pictures of your foster animal that we can use for their online profiles?:

Do you have a car? And are you comfortable driving? We are a network of volunteers who all help each other, and fostering can involve quite a bit of driving. If you are uncomfortable driving distances of 30 – 60 minutes if needed, please let us know.:

Are you able to provide food and litter for your foster cat(s)? (FYI: fostering supplies that you pay for are tax deductible because we are a non profit, so save your receipts. Mileage to / from vet appts etc is tax deductible as well):

Have you ever fostered before? If so, with what rescue group(s) or shelter(s)? Please describe previous fostering experience.:

Tell us about why you would like to foster and what your ideal foster cat would be like? (Mom cat + litter, sibling kittens, adult cat, etc). If kittens, how many would you like to foster at one time?:

Are you interested in volunteering in ways other than fostering? We can use transport volunteers, photography volunteers, and help with Craigslist posts, to name a few. If you have special skills you would like to put to use

please let us know!

Is there any information you would like to add or questions you might have?:

Thank you for completing our Foster Application! Please save as a PDF, and email to [adopt@tcrescue.com](mailto:adopt@tcrescue.com)

What should you do next?

Visit our website [tcrescue.com](http://tcrescue.com) and look around

Add yourself to our email distribution list at [tcrescue.com](http://tcrescue.com)

If you are READY to foster and excited to move forward but you don't hear back from us quickly after submitting your foster application, feel free to check in with us as often as once a week to see if we have a match for you. When we are at our busiest, we may be working full time placing animals with foster homes who are proactively contacting us to let us know that they are ready.

Like Tailchaser Rescue on Facebook, we post many of our foster requests there, first: [Facebook.com/tcrescue](https://www.facebook.com/tcrescue)

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