

My Foster Farm Pet Application

Please note: You must be 18 years of age or older without a guardian's signature.

Family Name: _____ # of family members: _____

Primary Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Birthday (50% DISCOUNT!) _____

Mailing Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Which of the following pet are you committing to foster:

Donkey Pony Goat Chicken Piglet Dog

Name of Foster Farm Pet(s) chosen (visit www.fosterafarmpet.com and click on OUR ANIMALS to view all animals available for fostering) : _____

Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Relationship: _____

How often do you expect to visit your farm pet?

- Once per week
 Once per month
 Every few months
 A few times per year

Which of the following would you like more information?

- Special events at Gratitude Ranch
 Summer camps at Gratitude Ranch
 Family fundays at Gratitude Ranch
 Community building opportunities at Gratitude Ranch (volunteering, community service hours for churches or schools, etc.)
 Services to foster families and foster children at Gratitude Ranch

Your credit card will automatically be charged \$30 per month on the 1st of each month (If paying your annual premium upfront, RECEIVE A 50% discount on a Birthday Bash! A one-time charge of \$360 will be posted to your credit card):

Please note: a portion of all proceeds benefits our non-profit SAFE (Safe, Affirming, Family Environment) serving foster children and foster families in Middle Tennessee.

Credit Card # _____ Exp Date: _____

CCV: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

- Please charge me monthly Please charge a one-time annual fee (TWO FREE MONTHS!)

I hereby make a twelve month commitment to foster the above listed farm pet as part of the 'Foster A Farm Pet' program. I understand that this is a twelve month commitment and that my credit card will be processed on the 1st of each month. If my card is declined, a \$25.00 fee will be charged and a new credit card will be provided immediately. I have also been provided a list of benefits that are included with this monthly donation and received a certificate of fostering for my farm pet. I also agree to have fun and enjoy the journey!

Signature

Date

FAQ's and Benefits

Family Fundays!

Every Saturday the ranch is open for Family Fundays from 10AM - 5PM. By appointment only, families can come and bring a picnic lunch, learn about our programs, meet our farm pets or visit their farm pet if their a foster a farm pet family, and simply enjoy a Family Funday in the country.

Country Birthday Bash!

Our families fostering a farm pet are given a 50% discount on our Country Birthday Bash packages for their children in our Party Barn. Our Country Birthday Bash events help our non-profit provide a monthly Country Birthday Bash to children in foster care at no cost to their foster families, so again your money is going to help area foster youth. Every month a group of foster children with a birthday in that month are thrown a Country Birthday Bash and given donated toys and gifts from the community. Many of these children have never had a birthday party, and some may not even be aware their birth is to be celebrated. Through you booking your child's birthday party at the ranch, we are able to sponsor a foster child with a birthday bash experience that they will never forget. If you are interested in hosting a birthday bash at the ranch, please visit www.countrybirthdaybash.com.

What does it actually mean to foster a farm pet?

Although all of our animals are owned by the ranch, we offer an opportunity for families who may not have the space or the time to invest in owning animals to foster one of ours! PLEASE NOTE - THE ANIMALS ARE FOSTERED ON THE RANCH. OUR FOSTER A FARM PET FAMILIES DO NOT TAKE OUR ANIMALS HOME. By fostering, your family makes a monthly agreement to first and foremost, visit and play with your pet at the ranch on a regular basis, and as you come to love your pet, you'll also learn how to care for and understand her. For \$30 per month, you have all the fun with none of the hassles of boarding, feed, medical vet needs, clean-up, etc. We take care of that! And, it's tax deductible as it's going to our non-profit working with foster children. Each family is asked to make a one-year commitment.

How do I choose which farm pet I'd like to foster?

You and your family can choose one of our farm pets that you feel a connection with. We currently have FOUR miniature donkeys, TWO ponies, TWO Pyrenees pups, THREE piglets, TWO goats, and FOUR chickens available for fostering. Visit the 'Our Animals' link above to read more about and see photos of our animals available for fostering. Donkeys are smaller and are better suited for toddlers. Ponies are not quite as sociable as donkeys, but they are sweet and can be ridden and handle more weight, so for families with older children who want to ride their pet, a pony may be a better option. If your family is looking for a loveable friend, our dogs are a kids best friend. The goats and piglets are also great options. If you're looking for fun and exercise, we suggest our chickens as little ones can chase them and enjoy gathering their eggs and feeding them their grain.

Can I name my pet?

Your pet will already be named; however, if you feel like nick-naming your pet, go right ahead!

What is my responsibility?

Families sign a one-year commitment at \$30 per month. Your monthly tax deductible donation helps support the ranch so we can offer foster youth the opportunity to visit the ranch and visit the animals, as well as other opportunities for local non-profits to bring children and those who may need a little extra love out to the ranch to visit the animals. Your funds also support our transitional living program. Once you have chosen your pet, your family can schedule visits to see your pet anytime! When you are ready to move on, you can be rest-assured that your family is giving another family the opportunity to foster and experience all of the joy that your pet has brought to you!

Do we have to come every week?

Our families are given scheduled visitation times every Saturday. There is no obligation to come weekly, however, the more you come, the more your pet will be happy and get to know you! If you can't make it one week, we simply ask that you let us know so we can offer your time slot to other families with scheduling conflicts. Other requested visitation times may be available per request.

Do we have to provide food or supplies for our pet?

Nope! Your monthly donation helps cover all feeding and boarding costs for your pet.

Do we have to pay for vet or medical fees?

Nope! Your monthly donation covers all vet and/or medical fees. All of our animals are vaccinated and up-to-date!

About our 501(c)3 non-profit:

Our non-profit is called Safe, Affirming, Family Environment (S.A.F.E.) S.A.F.E. began by opening a drop-in center for homeless youth, serving over 400 clients in less than eight months. When reviewing the data, it was clear the majority of these youth were homeless due to aging out of the foster system. In relocating to Franklin, rather than opening another drop-in center, we felt we could better serve our youth and the community by helping to prevent them from being homeless through education and offering resources to them and their foster families.

The ranch is open to foster families to visit with foster youth at no charge. We also offer opportunities for local organizations and other non-profits to bring children, youth and adults to visit the ranch and animals at no charge. In addition, we are planning two summer camps for foster children. All donations coming in through our foster farm pet program or daily visits are donated to S.A.F.E. More information can be found at www.safehouseforall.org