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Job Description: Foster Home

Foster Home Commitment:

Volunteers must be able to commit to a minimum of 1 foster care experience per month for a minimum of six months.

Supervision:

Report to and check in as necessary with the Adoption Program Managers.

Working Conditions:

All volunteer work will be performed at the volunteer's home. There is a potential for exposure to zoonotic diseases and cleaning chemicals, exposure to dangerous and fractious animals, and a potential for animal bites and scratches while handling animals.

Physical Activities:

Occasional lifting of up to 50 pounds; Kneeling; Squatting; Bending; Cleaning kennels (scrubbing and mopping); Handling animals of all temperaments; Animal restraint

Training:

- Attend a Volunteer Orientation
- Interview with an Adoption Program Manager
- Foster Home Training and Home Visit
- Attend continual on the job training provided by PAWS staff and experienced volunteers

Foster Home Description of Duties:

- Provides care for stray, adoptable and owner-surrendered cats (kittens included). This includes feeding, spot cleaning, disinfecting, medicating, assessing basic feline health, and knowing when to inform supervisor of an animal's health status behavior.
- Provide everyday enrichment (distributing toys, beds, treats, etc) for all animals.
- Provides essential care to all animals with whom contact is made (cleaning up messes, refilling water, and providing clean bedding when needed).
- Clearly understands PAWS cleaning protocols and applies our detergent and disinfectant process when cleaning dishes, laundry, crates and cages.
- Clearly understands the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) - why, when, and how it is used and the nature of fomite and disease transmission in a shelter environment.
- Maintain open lines of communication with supervisor, volunteers, and staff.
- Transport foster animals to/from veterinary clinics and PAWS facilities.
- Provide clean, safe indoor-only environment for foster cats and kittens.

Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Complete and submit Volunteer Application and Waiver
- Attend a Volunteer Orientation
- Interview / hands-on training with an Adoption Program Manager
- Have space in home where foster animals can be separated from household pets (cages can be provided)
- Be able to transport fosters to/from veterinary clinics and PAWS facilities