

*We need YOUR help!
to give a foster home to
animals not yet ready for
adoption.*



JUST GIVING A FEW WEEKS
OF YOUR TIME BECOMES A
LIFETIME REWARD

Cats and kittens come into Community Animal Allies of Niagara (CAAN) for various reasons. What they all have in common is: they **ALL are in need of care and love** to help them find “forever homes”

Opening your heart and home to become a **Foster Care Volunteer** would make a world of difference for these animals.

This brochure will help to answer many questions you may have about our Foster Care Program.

If you need more information,
please feel free to call us at:
905-688-3720.



Need a kitty fix?

*Can't commit to a
permanent full-time pet?*

**Become an animal
foster caregiver.**



We Recycle Love

Are you thinking about becoming a foster care home? The foster care volunteer plays a special part in saving lives at Community Animal Allies of Niagara (CAAN). Many of the animals come to us not ready to be adopted into new homes because they are injured, ill, too young, too small, unsocialized, or orphaned.

For these animals to remain in the clinic is not a viable option for a number of reasons, including:

- The risk of exposing tiny kittens to life threatening viruses before they have immunity;
- The extra care and attention required by young cats with broken limbs as they take time to heal;
- The chance of kittens missing out on important socialization during a critical development period
- and the list goes on and on.

That's where foster care volunteers come in! They are highly dedicated people who commit from *two weeks to (most often) five or six weeks* of their time. All foster homes are given support via an initial one-on-one information session, copies of established guidelines, and access to the on-call foster team for questions or problems.

The Reward



Our foster homes have this to say about the experience:

“I cannot describe the feeling of nursing a sick kitten to the point they start playing again. It makes up for all of the syringe feedings and feeling helpless when they are so ill.”
Wendy P. *Fostering for 5 years*

“I have been fostering kittens for over 4 years. Each time you take home kittens, it is a great experience to watch them grow and play and to get them ready for their forever homes. It's the greatest reward.”
Gale D. *Fostering for 4 years*

“Being a foster parent is a rewarding experience. I have felt joy watching the kittens thrive by being cuddled and loved; laughed while they played; felt great satisfaction as they learned; and known that I have given them a good start on life. After all, that's what fostering is all about.” Drue E. *Fostering for 2 years*



How to know if YOU are ready to Foster?

Answer these questions...

- Are you more than 19 years of age?
- Do you have an appropriate room to keep the foster animals separated from your own pets?
- Are you aware that frequent care and clean-up is required?
- Are you available to monitor the health of the foster animals regularly, every day and able to quickly transport them to CAH for treatment?
- Are you emotionally prepared to return the animals after the foster period is up?

If you have answered YES to all of the above questions, then you may be ready.

If this is *not* the program for you, there are many other ways you can help CAH and the Cat Quarters. Please call for more information.

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