

Welcome!

Foster Volunteer Orientation



Meet the Foster Department



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An Overview of HSHV

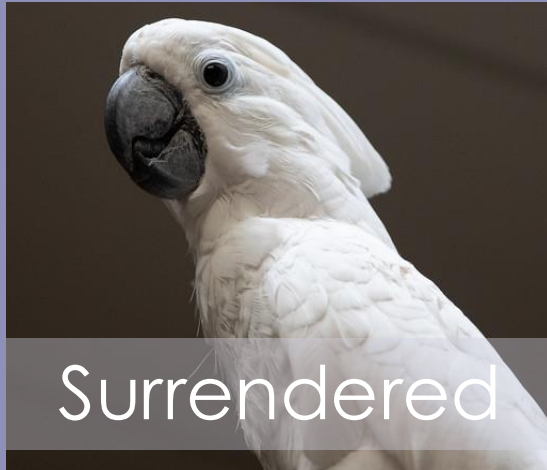


Our Mission

To encourage loving, responsible care of all animals in our community, to prevent suffering, and to save as many lives as possible.



How Do Animals Arrive at HSHV?



HSHV is an Open Admission Shelter

What Does This Mean?

We accept all animals! We take animals who are sick or injured, young, senior, etc.

We fit the definition of “no kill” set by Maddie’s Fund.

We rarely use this term due to confusion.

Euthanasia does happen as a humane course of action.

No “time limit” for adoptions.

Who Volunteers with HSHV?



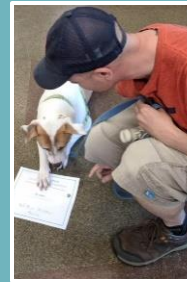
Adults (ages 18+)



Junior Volunteers
(ages 12-17)



Community
Service
Volunteers (18+)



Fosters

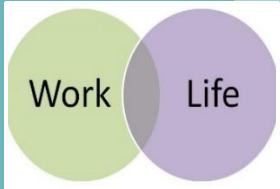


Day of Service



Tiny Lions

Our Volunteer Culture



Balance

Don't over schedule yourself



Communication

Let us know how we can help



Respect

Follow Policy and Procedures



Have fun

Find what you enjoy doing

HSHV on Social Media



@humanesocietyofhuronvalley



@humanesocietyofhuronvalley **and**
@tinylionscatcafe



Humane Society of Huron Valley (main page) **and** HSHV Foster Parents (private group. Ask to join)

Humane Society of Huron Valley | (734) 662-5585 | www.hshv.org



FOSTER VOLUNTEERING

Why Foster?

- ❖ Fostering provides a safe home for animals who need to heal, grow, or need extra TLC
- ❖ Fostering creates more space in the shelter for other animals in need.
- ❖ Fostering introduces animals to new pools of perspective adopters
- ❖ We provide everything you need to foster including all supplies, food, and any potential medication.
- ❖ There is NO COST to foster!
- ❖ Fostering saves lives!



Foster Requirements

- ❖ You can not be fostering with any other organization or pet sit other animals while you are fostering with us.
- ❖ All owned pets must be sterilized & up to date on vaccines (Required: Rabies & Distemper Combo (DHPP))
- ❖ Must have reliable transportation
- ❖ Must be able to follow special instructions for specific animals
- ❖ Will refrain from taking foster dogs to dog parks, regardless if they like other dogs.
- ❖ Able to keep up with checking emails as that is our main form of communication.



Which Animals Need Foster?

- **Animals with medical needs**

- Waiting for surgery/surgery recovery
- Too young/ nursing mothers
- Disease/illness

- **Animals with behavioral needs**

- Socialization
- Training
- Shelter break
- Separation anxiety

- **Case Animals**

- Animals who are part of an ongoing court case

- **Safe Harbor Animals**

- Animals who are here because their owner is going through a crisis



How the Foster Process Works

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graph TD; A[Animal is designated as needing foster] --> B[Fosters are notified via email]; B --> C[Foster is selected based on availability]; C --> D[Time is scheduled to pick up animal];
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Fosters are notified via email

Foster is selected based on availability

Time is scheduled to pick up animal

Sample Foster Request Email

Hello Fosters,

We have two adorable kittens that will be needing a foster home for about 3 more weeks. They are friends, but not siblings. Squish, the brown one is 1 month 7 days, and Squash the white one is 1 month 22 days. Squash is a little nervous, but still very sweet and easy to handle. Squish is the typical sweet kitten! They were with another foster previously who said they are doing great and not having any health concerns! They are eating on their own but will need separate plates since they are not a fan of sharing.

Let me know if you can take in these 2 cuties today!

Thanks so much,
Kaylee and The Foster Team



Available Foster Animals



[ADOPT](#) ▾ [GIVE](#) ▾ [VOLUNTEER](#) ▾ [GET HELP](#) ▾ [LEARN & ENJOY](#) ▾

AVAILABLE FOSTER ANIMALS

The animals below are currently in need of fostering.

Please click each image for more detail on the animal and how to start fostering them. Current fosters can start fostering today!

If you would like to become a foster, please register for our in person [Foster Volunteer Orientation](#).

Thank you for your interest in fostering for HSHV! We appreciate your support.



Roxi Would Love a Foster Home

Age: 7 Sex: Female Breed: Pit Mix Weight: 65 Pounds
Roxi has been in our care for over a year now! We have ...



Itachi Needs a Foster

Age: 1 Sex: Male Breed: Pit Mix Weight: 63 Pounds
Itachi arrived at the shelter scared and untrusting of the humans around him. It ...



Nuggies Needs a Foster

Age: 3 Sex: Male Breed: Pit Mix Weight: 60 Pounds
Nuggies has been very scared and shut down since arriving at the shelter back ...

[hshv.org/available-foster-animals/](https://www.hshv.org/available-foster-animals/)

Where to go for things

- ❖ Foster Animal Pickup/Return – Intake
- ❖ Foster Medical Appointments – Intake
- ❖ Sunday Foster Vaccine Clinic – Vet Clinic
- ❖ Foster Supply Pick-up – Set of cubbies in the vestibule of the Adoption Center. Supplies will have an orange label with your name on it.



Stay In Touch

- ❖ **Communication is key!**
- ❖ **We are here 7 days a week to address any concerns you have.**
- ❖ **Always respond to emails from the Foster Team in a timely manner.**
- ❖ **Read all materials sent home in your Foster Folder**
- ❖ **Additional Recourses**
 - ❖ **Volunteer Resource Library**
 - ❖ **Emergency Phone**
 - ❖ **Behavior Team**

Contact Us

MEDICAL/BEHAVIORAL

EMAIL: fostertech@hshv.org

This email is checked 7 days a week for non-emergent medical and/or behavioral concerns, scheduling appointments, and sick exams.

GENERAL INQUIRIES

EMAIL: fosters@hshv.org

For foster placement, general communication, or sudden need to re-foster your animal(s).

FOSTER MANAGER CONTACT

Hours: Mon -Fri, 10am-6pm

Phone: 734-661-3520

Email: fosters@hshv.org

*If your foster is experiencing an emergency, please call our 24/7 foster emergency line at:
(734) 717-4424*

Please refer to the "What's An Emergency" handout prior to calling.

Check out the foster section of the Volunteer Resource Library for more information on...

www.hshv.org/volunteertraining

Behavior Dog Training

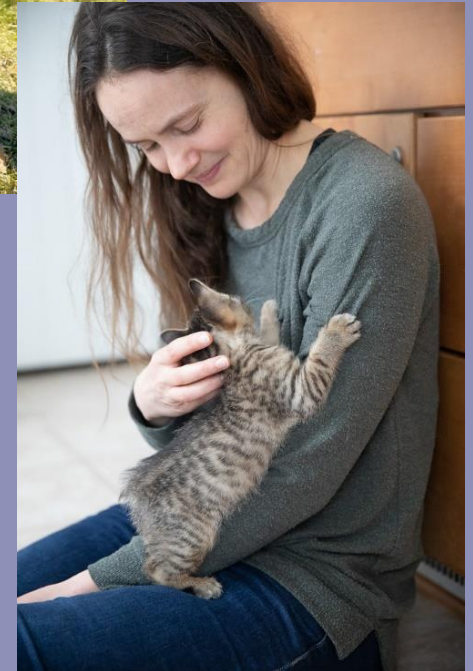
- Over Arousal/ High Energy
- Separation Anxiety
- Resource Guarding
- Shy Fearful
- Reactivity

Bottle Baby Kitten & Pregnant/Nursing Mom Training

- Bottle Feeding/Syringe Feeding
- Tube Feeding
- Caring for Nursing Mothers

Medical Training

- Pan Leuk/Parvo
- Ringworm
- Lice
- Diabetes



Adopting Foster Animals

If your foster is available for adoption:



- They will be listed on the website and posted in the building.
- Adopters will be initially approved by the adoptions team prior to contacting you.
- If a match is made the adoption team will contact you to arrange a meeting. It can happen at your house (preferred) or at the shelter.
- If a dog interaction is required staff must participate and it must take place at the shelter.
- Adopters should pick up animal within 24 hours of finalizing adoption.

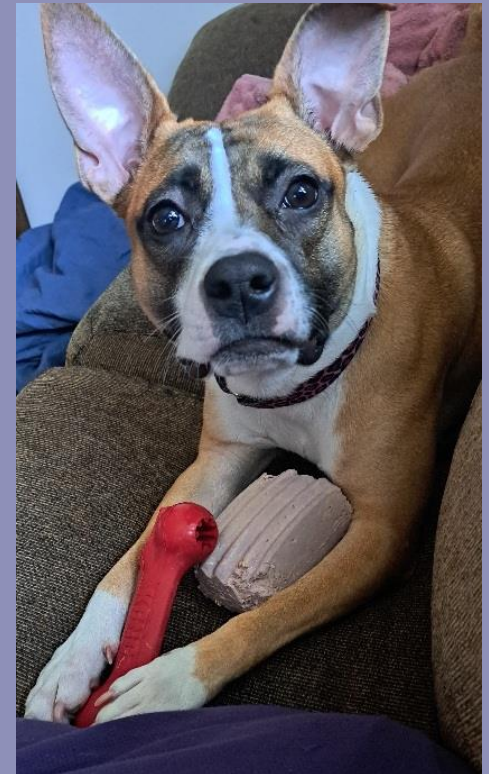
If your foster is NOT available for adoption:



- Do not share photos or information about the animal to the public or on social media.
- Sign Case Agreement prior to taking Case animals.

Marketing Your Animals

For animals not part of a pending case, please share and send photos of your animal if they are ready for adoption!



Email fosters@hshv.org

Vacations

- ❖ Everyone deserves a vacation!
- ❖ Email fosters@hshv.org to set up temporary placement for your foster animal
- ❖ If no temp foster is found foster animals can return to the shelter while you are away



Injuries to People

- ❖ All injuries must be reported to HSHV
 - ❖ Yourself
 - ❖ Family members
 - ❖ Neighbors, visitor
- ❖ Photo of injury taken and emailed to fosters@hshv.org
- ❖ Injury form completed electronically
 - ❖ Available on the Volunteer Resource Library



We Are Here For You!

- ❖ We understand that there will be difficult or unexpected outcomes
 - ❖ Return to owner
 - ❖ Euthanasia
 - ❖ Medical concerns
 - ❖ Behavior concerns
 - ❖ Adopted (bittersweet)
- ❖ We understand compassion fatigue!
Please take breaks when needed!



THANK YOU FOR FOSTERING!

