



CatzRus Foster Application Form

As fun and rewarding as fostering can be, it also involves a lot of hard work and the potential for some serious heartache. Kittens, especially bottle babies (kittens under four weeks old), are very fragile and susceptible to disease. Mortality among litters of kittens is shockingly high, and sometimes entire litters are wiped out within a matter of days. Statistics reveal that up to 30% of kittens die before the age of nine weeks. This is even truer for rescue kittens, a lot of whom come from feral and unvaccinated moms. For this reason it is very difficult to say goodbye to your foster babies, which you raised like your own children, once they are adopted.

Fostering is a risk, and you need to be aware that things may go wrong. This comes with the territory, and rescue work is tough. Most of the foster moms who have been doing this for a while realise that often you need to put your emotions aside for the sake of the kittens.

CatzRus have stalls at some markets over weekends and have adoption days at certain pet shops. As a foster parent you will be required to help out at these events at least once quarterly. This will involve helping with market setup, merchandise sales, interacting with the public and 'pimping' all of our cats and kittens. A roster will be set up for all events so that we know who can help when and where.

Contact details

Full name:
ID number:
Contact number:
Alternative contact number:
E-mail address:
Physical address (where the kittens will be kept):

Fostering experience

Why do you want to be a foster parent?		
What age kittens will you be comfortable with fostering:		
Bottle babies (New born \pm 0–4 weeks)		
Weaning/weaned kittens (\pm 4–7 weeks)		
Older kittens (7–13 weeks)		
Mommy and babies		
Will you be the primary caregiver to the foster kittens?	Yes	No
Do you have a fulltime job?	Yes	No
If yes, who will be taking care of foster kittens when you are at work?		
Do you have any experience in fostering kittens?	Yes	No
Do you have any experience in medicating kittens?	Yes	No
Do you have any experience in bottle feeding kittens?	Yes	No

Other pets

Do you have other pets?	Yes	No
	Number	
Cats		
Dogs		
Other (specify)		
Do any of your pets have health issues?	Yes	No
Specify:		

Are their vaccinations up to date?	Yes	No
Have you had any cat-related diseases in your home? (FIV, Leukaemia, FIP, Panleukopenia, ringworm, ear mites, snuffles etc.)	Yes	No
Please give details and dates		

Home environment

Do you have children?	Yes	No
Ages?		
Do you have a comfortable room/space where foster kittens can be kept separate from household pets and children?	Yes	No
Do you have permission from your landlord/house owner/housemates/spouse/partner to keep foster kittens on the premises for an unspecified duration of time?	Yes	No
Do you have reliable transport?	Yes	No
Can you handle stressful situations (kittens getting sick/dying)	Yes	No
Do you understand that you will work with people (shelter staff, potential adopters, etc.) too?	Yes	No
Do you have the support of the people who share your living space with you?	Yes	No
Will you be able to help out at markets and adoption days at least once a quarter?	Yes	No

Spouse/partner/housemate/parent indemnity

It is very important that you have the support of any significant people in your life and that they understand and respect the emotional and financial impact that fostering will have on your entire household. Fostering is time consuming, thus it is important that significant people in your life understand that you will spend a lot of your time on your foster kittens.

I understand that foster kittens require a lot of care, time, love, attention and medical care and that there are a lot of emotions involved in taking care of foster kittens. I thus confirm that I will not hold CatzRus responsible for the emotional state of and time spent by my spouse/partner/housemate/ parent/child in caring for foster kittens.
Name:
Signature:
Date:

