

Iowa City Animal Center looking for new foster parents for animals in need!!

It's the busiest time of the year for the Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center. **Due to the Center's temporary location and the increased population of animals coming into the Center we are looking to increase our foster home availability.**

Misha Goodman, Center Director, reports that the Center is currently full of pets awaiting adoption. Unfortunately, the temporary foster homes that take in animals to help with overflow are also at capacity. Goodman is asking for the public's help in finding new foster homes to help house animals for a few weeks until space opens up in the shelter.

Most of the cats and dogs that need foster care are currently adoptable, but the center may also need to temporarily place animals that cannot currently be adopted, either because they are too young, recovering from injuries or surgery, or need additional socialization before being placed in a new home. The average foster care stay is between four and six weeks, but could range from one night to 12 weeks.

Foster care families volunteer their time and effort as part of the "Cold Noses, Warm Hearts" program where foster families house, feed, socialize, groom, and exercise animals in temporary need. **Financial compensation is not available**, but foster families will be provided with equipment and food necessary to take care of foster animal(s) while in their home. Foster families also great satisfaction from helping a pet in need while it's waiting for placement in a permanent home. To apply for the program, visit the "Cold Noses, Warm Hearts" section of the Animal Center website at www.icanimalcenter.org/indexs.html or call the Foster Care Coordinator at 319.541.8631. After your application is reviewed, an orientation and training session will be scheduled. Shelter staff will also conduct a home inspection to ensure that foster care applicants will be able to provide a safe home for shelter animals.

For more information on the foster care program or on adopting a pet from the Iowa City Animal Center, Please contact us at 319-356-5295, or stop by the shelter at 4852 Sand Road SE between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.