

## Things to Consider

There are a number of things you should consider and discuss with the rest of your family prior to fostering:

**Will you have time to spend with your foster animals?** Most of the animals needing foster care will be in great need of quality time and handling. You should spend one to two hours a day minimum. Animals recovering from illnesses, injuries, or surgeries will require medication, physical therapy, and/ or rehabilitation. Also you will need to pay attention for signs of illness or worsening of symptoms.

**Do you own animals?** Keep your foster animals isolated from your pet(s) for the first 10days. We do our best to inform you of any known potential problems, but the majority of these animals come from unknown backgrounds. Keeping your foster animals in a separate room that has no carpet works best. All resident pets should be current on vaccinations.

**Do you have time to clean up after your foster animals?** Young animals are usually busy doing one of four things: eating, sleeping, playing, peeing/pooping. They are messy! You will need to keep their environment clean, which could require several cleanings a day.

**Will you be emotionally prepared to return the animals back to the Humane Society after the foster period is up?** For some, this is the hardest thing to do. It's easy to become very attached to your foster animals. Be prepared for some tears, but know your effort has made this animal more suitable for adoption into a permanent home.

**We provide the foster pet with food, litter, bedding, a crate medicine, and medical appointments. Are you ready to provide time, a clean environment, and lots of Tender Loving Care?**