

# S N A P C a t s



Special Needs Are Precious

## FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in our foster program. SNAP Cats has developed a unique foster program which places some special needs cats in home environments in order to enrich their lives and aid in their specific special need. Because SNAP Cats has limited resources, we depend on foster homes to help us with these special needs animals.

Things to Consider **Before** Fostering:

- Do you have the extra time to care for a special needs cat? They often require several hours of care and/or therapy, and may need other important personal attention.
- Do you have a suitable place in your home for a special needs cat? Can you safely keep this cat indoors at all times (unless told otherwise by SNAP Cats)?
- Are you willing to clean up feces, urine and other “messes” some special needs cats produce? Can you administer minor medical care, like runny eyes, give oral medicines, and live with some inconveniences?
- Do you have transportation so the cat(s) can be transported to SNAP Cats or an emergency veterinarian/clinic if needed?
- If you have small children, can you supervise ALL interactions with the special needs cat(s)? Can you supervise interactions with other adults and guests as well?
- If you have other pets, can you supervise the introduction(s) and eventual interactions with the special needs cat(s)?
- Can you separate your own pets from the special needs cat(s) should any of them contract an infectious disease? Please note: SNAP Cats cannot be responsible or assist in the treatment of your resident animals if they become ill.
- Are all of your pets current on vaccinations for major diseases? This is very important in order to protect your pets as well as your foster cat(s).
- Are you emotionally able to return your foster cat(s) to SNAP Cats after you have bonded with it/them?

### Time Commitment Involved

SNAP Cats remain in foster care until they meet the following criteria:

- If sick, until they are well again (to be determined by SNAP Cats veterinarian)
- There is space for them at SNAP Cats or they are adopted

### What's Involved in Fostering

Being a foster parent is a big responsibility and people must be certain that they are willing to make the commitment required to care for special needs cats. All household members **must** support this effort. If the foster parent lives in rental housing, landlord approval must be obtained. Primary foster person must be more than 18 years-old and not pregnant or planning to move (relocate) for at least six months.

Foster cats are to be confined to the foster's property and never allowed to run loose. Cats (and kittens) must be kept indoors at all times, unless instructed otherwise by SNAP Cats.

Foster parents must report any signs of illness or any change in behavior to SNAP Cats immediately. A "Medical Protocol for Fostering Animals" sheet is enclosed with this agreement.

**Foster parents are expected to provide:**

- A clean, safe living area for a special needs cat(s)
- Fresh food and water
- Recordkeeping on the progress of their foster cat(s)
- Medical care as directed by SNAP Cats (unless in an emergency situation)
- Supervised socialization with people and other animals
- Protection from danger, small children, other pets, etc.
- Transportation for the cat(s) to and from SNAP Cats and/or an emergency veterinarian/clinic
- Communication with SNAP Cats regarding health and status of their foster cat(s) wellbeing

**SNAP Cats will provide:**

- Food & water dishes, litter, and a carrier (if necessary)
- Other support items as needed
- Medical care, vaccinations, worming, flea/tick control
- Support and guidance
- Placement of the foster cat(s) if needed

**Thank you for wanting to be a SNAP Cats foster!**