

**SAFE Foster Care Application Form CATS**

The length of time you will be required to foster can vary according to circumstances but will generally be around 3-4 months. By applying to be a foster carer for SAFE you must be able to commit for this length of time. At all times you will be caring for the cat on behalf of SAFE.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>Street Address</b>	<b>I am over 18</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
Preferred method of contact Phone / email / text		
Will you be the only person caring for the cat including cleaning, feeding etc		Yes / No
If not who else will care for the cat		
Have you ever been convicted of the abuse or neglect of a child or animal?		Yes / No
Do you have transport available to attend vet appointments	I will use my own car A partner/family/friend can take me I will take a taxi	
Have you or anyone in the household ever owned a cat and if Yes for how long	Yes / No	
How much do you know about cats	Very little / a bit/ a lot / quite a lot	
Do you feel confident that you can care for a cat	Yes / No	
Have you fostered a cat before If so for which organization	Yes / No	
How old was the cat	How long did you foster for?	
Did the cat have any special requirements eg medical, dietary or behavioural. Please give brief details		
<b>Why do you want to foster a cat for SAFE</b>		
How did you hear about fostering for SAFE	Internet search /family /friends /fb /twitter /SAFE volunteer/ PetRescue/ SAFE website /google	
<p>Having a cat in your home will change things .Your house might be messier than normal; you will have a litter tray in the room which might be smelly until it's changed; there's a chance that your furniture or belongings could be damaged and your sleep might be disrupted.</p> <p>You will feed the cat and clean their litter tray, but you will also be responsible for their health &amp; well-being. You will need to play with the cat and generally spend time with them at intervals throughout the day.</p>		
Have you considered that if you become a foster carer you will be committing to care for the cat every day	Yes / No	

**About your home**

Your cat must start off in a safe room with a door that closes. Cats can be quick to escape from unfamiliar environments so if the rest your house is open-plan you must be able to keep the doors and windows closed. If you have fly screens they must be very robust and fully secured. If you have children they must be made aware that doors need to be kept closed. The cat must be kept indoors and not be allowed to free

roam outside. If they are amenable, you might be able to train them to walk on a secure leash and take them outside for short spells in the garden. They must always be with you. If you live in an apartment the cat must not be allowed on the balcony unless it is on a leash and supervised or you have a secure outside enclosure set up in a sheltered spot. The cat's litter tray must be in the same room as the cat. It must not be kept outside on a balcony.

What kind of home do you have	House / townhouse / apartment-no balcony / apartment with balcony		
How big would you say it is	Very big / largish /small /studio-size		
Do you own or rent your home	Own / rent / live in someone else's house		
If you rent does your landlord/lease allow pets	Yes / No / Not sure/ Not applicable		
If you live in someone else's home do you have their permission to have a pet	Yes /No / Not applicable		
Do you have a balcony	Yes / No	Is it securely enclosed?	Yes / No / Not applicable
Do you have secure fly screens installed on all doors and windows that open	Yes / No		

### Your household

How many adults live in your home		How many children	
If you have children what are their ages	Not applicable/ Ages:		
Is anyone immune-compromised (some animal diseases can cause diseases in humans)	Yes / No		
Is anyone allergic to pets	Yes / No		
Does everyone agree to having a foster cat	Yes / No		

If you have other pets please list here. If there's not enough room please add at the end of the form

If you have no other pets please cross through the table

Type eg dog etc	Age	Sex	Desexed?
			Yes / No
			Yes / No
			Yes /No

### Your lifestyle

Would you say your home is noisy & busy or quiet?	Noisy / Quiet
On average how many hours would the cat spend alone in your home every day?	8hrs+ / 6-8hrs / 3-6hrs / less than 3hrs
Do you or other family members have enough time to play with the cat several times a day for a few minutes at a time	Yes / No

### Your foster cat

We need foster carers to look after different kinds of cats eg pregnant mums, mums with newborns, litters of kittens without a mum, single kittens without a mum, young cats, older cats, cats who need special care eg very shy cats or cats with medical conditions who need ongoing palliative care

Unfortunately cats don't come to order and we always take in those in most need so the more flexible you can be, the more likely you can help us to save a life. Please tick below who your ideal foster cat(s) would be but please bear in mind that we can't always guarantee the cat in need will be a match and the less flexible you are it may take a while to match you with a cat.

**I would like to foster.....** Tick all that apply

	<b>Description</b>	<b>Single</b>	<b>Pair</b>	
Cat(s)	1-10 years			
	Over 10 years			
	Who need palliative care			
	Cats who are recovering and need medication			
	Who are not coping or have been at SAFE a while and need time-out			
	Who are very shy & need socialising			
	Who are pregnant & may give birth so you will have their kittens too			
Kitten(s)	Under 3 months with a mum			
	Under 3 months without a mum (bottle babies)			
	3-6 months with a mum			
	3-6 months without a mum			
	6-12 months			

### Your foster care assignment

SAFE will cover all veterinary costs. We can also provide everything for the cat which you will need to pick up from SAFE Haven. However if you are able, and would like to contribute by providing items for the ongoing care of the cat, this will free up funds for us to take more cats into care and will be greatly appreciated.

Each cat/s will need to be in foster care for a minimum amount of time. This time will vary from cat to cat and we will discuss this with you before any assignment. Generally speaking young kittens will need to be in care for about 4 months before they are ready for adoption.

In some circumstances the end date of foster care may be slightly longer or shorter than originally expected & at SAFE's discretion. Should this be the case your co-operation at this time will be welcomed.

In the next 4 months do you have plans to be away from home for longer than 24 hours or any other plans which would make it difficult to continue fostering eg moving home, changing jobs or having a baby?	Yes/No
What date can you start fostering from?	
Depending on which cat you foster it may be more suitable that they are adopted from your home. If this is the case are you willing for us to arrange a mutually convenient time for potential adopters to come to your home to meet the cat?	Yes/No/Unsure

**I declare this is a true & accurate account of my circumstances & I am willing & able to foster a cat**

<b>Date</b>	
<b>Print name</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	

Please send this form to [foster@saferehoming.com.au](mailto:foster@saferehoming.com.au). Once we receive your application we will try to match/suggest a suitable match as soon as we can but depending on the cats/kittens in need & your flexibility this may take some time. **Please let us know if your circumstances change and you are no longer available to foster.**