

# Admissions Resources

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## Temporary Foster Placement

If you are looking for temporary foster and are not looking to surrender your pet, here are some helpful tips.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR FINDING TEMPORARY FOSTER

1. Talk to family, friends neighbors, and coworkers.
  - Post on Facebook, Nextdoor, and other social media sites.
  - Hang a sign in your office lunch room, common areas in your church/synagogue, or your vet's waiting area.
2. Contact the person from whom you got your pet. They may be able to help you find someone to watch your dog or cat.
3. Contact your vet's office.
  - They may offer long-term boarding or be able to post that you are seeking foster.
  - They may have suggestions for long-term pet sitters.
4. Look into boarding facilities. Ask if they will discount a long-term stay due to a temporary family crisis.

### PREPARING YOUR PET FOR LONG-TERM FOSTERING

1. Update vaccinations as needed and provide the caregiver with veterinary records. Also, be sure your pet is microchipped with your updated information.
2. Outfit your pet with a collar and tag with the temporary caregiver's contact information. Make sure your pet is wearing a rabies tag or license as required by law in your community.
3. Have a written agreement outlining the pet care arrangement. Issues to consider include what happens to the pet if the caregiver can no longer keep the animal, who is liable for damages done by the pet, what happens if you don't reclaim your pet, and what happens if the pet is injured or becomes ill in the temporary home, including payments for any medical care. Leave contact information on how to reach your veterinarian.
4. Provide funds to cover food, grooming, and other routine needs.
5. Complete a pet personality profile to assist the caregiver in understanding your pet's particular needs.
6. Have your pet spayed or neutered to avoid behavioral problems and adding to the pet overpopulation problem. There are grants available and most include vaccines. Ask for spay/neuter provider more information.