



Testimonials Shared by Some of Our SCP Fosters



"I would love to save every sweet animal, however, since I can't, I do what I can, I foster. My family loves each foster as if they were our own and we are both sad and glad when each sweet soul finds a forever home (although we have adopted two of our fosters!) We know that for each animal adopted, there is always another waiting to be rescued and given a second chance. My children are learning empathy, compassion and responsibility without even knowing they are learning a thing. It takes very little time or effort to foster and you can get as involved as your schedule and life permit. My cats and my dogs have also gotten in on the fun and have played with and loved each of our fosters. It is extremely rewarding to meet and get to work with such a wonderful group of people, helping those who can't help themselves." (KC)



"I stumbled into fostering by accident. I rescued a kitty off the streets and I already had too many cats at home. I thought the cat would be happy finding a loving home through adoption. What I didn't realize was how fostering truly benefited my soul. The joy and fulfillment of turning a tragic circumstance into a happy ending for these cats has not been matched by any other experience in my life."(KB)



"A few years back I was in a rut. I was bored with my life other than work and felt like I had so much more to give. Through my mother I got involved with Second Chance Pets and within a few weeks I was sent home with 2 awesome kittens to foster. I never realized how easy it is to foster. All you have to do is provide food, water, shelter and love to the kitties. After 1 day I knew I found my niche! My eyes were opened to the overcrowded shelters and all of the homeless pets in our area. Every time I drive away from the shelter with a car loaded with cats I know I have made a difference! Being a foster has lifted me up and off the couch and given me purpose. How can you be down with a couple of kittens crawling in your lap and purring up a storm! I have fallen in love 1000 times...but I celebrate every adoption....my life is full!" (JE)



"Our foster families are far too modest.....They are the hands that reach out at all times of the day or night with the reassuring words that you, little cat or dog, will never have to want for anything again now that I've got you. They lay open all they've got, their homes, their food, their money, their precious time and say "I will do everything in my power to bring you health and find you a happy home, forever". They are 24-hour caregivers, nursing the motherless and soothing the sick. They are the teachers of good manners to those who grew up on the streets where manners are a luxury. Their rewards are private and usually accompanied by tears when the day comes for their little one to leave the nest. I do not know how they do it.....but thank God they do. And may they be blessed with the resources and strength to continue their mission. Many blessing to all you wonderful fosters!" (ML)



"I love playing with our foster kitties, and watching them grow. Sometimes they start out shy but they don't stay shy for long. I love when they sleep with me and play chase with our cats. I bring them to Petco each Saturday and sometimes stay at Petco to play with them. A lot of the animals don't like going to the store for adoptions and get scared from all the noises, they are always happy to come back home and I am always happy to bring them back home." (ZC – age 9)



"Many years ago I started volunteering with Second Chance Pets. Soon I heard about a litter of 6 week old puppies who had been so neglected that they were in serious danger. SCP fosters never have to take a whole litter of puppies but I thought what a lot of fun it would be to smell that puppy breath and get all those puppy kisses. So I took all six of them. Once they were able to get good food and the vet care they needed they turned into roly poly happy little pups. Except for the little runt, Lucy. She had almost starved to death and since her resistance was low she had developed an upper respiratory infection which was very dangerous for her. I held her and prayed for her and listened for each labored breath during the night. As each day passed she became stronger and more alert. Thank goodness - she made it. Sometimes we have that one animal who touches our heart so much that we just can't give them up. I couldn't let Lucy go. I adopted her and she is now 7 years old and a 60 pound lap dog. She loves me more than life itself. As a Foster Parent you hold their future in your hands and what you do for them makes all the difference. The rewards are WAY greater than the efforts put into fostering." (JS)



"I have been "fostering" animals almost as long as I have been alive. I remember bottle feeding bunnies when I was 7 and there have been more kittens over the years than I can count. Long before I knew you could foster for a rescue group, I was the one that brought home every sick or injured animal and nursed it back to health. I am partial to cats and prefer to work with babies; I have been called the "kitten lady" by more than a few people. I love to take the small ones that have no chance of surviving in a shelter and turn them into loving, healthy teenage cats. People ask me all the time "How can you give them up? Don't you fall in love with them?" Yes, I fall in love with them. I fall in love with every single one of them. I feed them, I wipe them, I wash them, I teach them, I hug them and I love them. They were never meant to be with me forever, only until they were ready to be with SOMEONE forever. That person can enjoy them for the next 15-20 years, because someone was willing to open their door and foster they are going to live the long healthy life they deserve. Second Chance Pets is the BEST group I have ever fostered for! I love being able to get updates on my babies, even when they are nowhere near being babies anymore!" (LC)



"I have been a Foster with Second Chance Pets, fostering a number of dogs, puppies and one cat over the years. Fostering the cat was easy, just food, water, a clean litter box and socialization time. Fostering is like borrowing a pet to play with. It's a good way to decide if you're ready to adopt, children with pets have fewer allergies as adults, and I know I'm saving a life." (JM)



"Rescuing animals gives me a purpose. It is my contribution to society." (SR)