

Gutter Kitties Foster Program and Application Form



Hi there,

Thanks so much for your interest in fostering for us. Here's a little generic info about our foster process:

We need foster homes for a number of scenarios including:

Friendly kittens that need 2 or 3 weeks to get up to weight for desexing

Shy/Timid cat or kittens that need more handling to trust people (this is our most important / urgent ones)

Kittens that may need medicating

Mums and babies that need time

Kittens that have lost a mum and need bottle feeding

Cat or kittens that are waiting for their permanent home

You specify what sort you can do and we give you a cat/kittens that are suitable for you to care for.

Aspects to note as part of the Gutter Kitties foster process include:

* Housing

We ask you to keep them safe inside and provide a nice quiet room for them to stay in while they adjust. This could be a bathroom, laundry, spare bedroom etc. We can provide a crate to house them in if necessary and will be the better option i.e. for the timid ones that might hide if in too big a space or for very tiny ones. No cat or kitten is to be let outside unless authorized by a Gutter Kitties manager. If a cat escapes, then please urgently contact one of us for assistance.

Gutter Kitties Managers:

Tracey 0210385563

Danielle 0211571575

* Vet visits

If you are able to transport them to the vets and to collect supplies as required that's a great help too. All vet treatments need to be authorised by a Gutter Kitties manager and only Millwater Vet (094279201), Orewa Vet (09 426 5407), Dairy Flat Vet (09 426 9535), Carevets Hobsonville (09-4162277) or Glenfield Vet (094449552) to be used, we pay for this of course. In an after-hours emergency, best effort is to be made to contact a manager above otherwise please contact an After Hours clinic for advice.

* Equipment and supplies

Gutter Kitties can provide all food, bowls, litter, litterbox, blankies, toys and medical treatments. If you are able to contribute that is fantastic but not necessary.

Any supplies such as food, litter, worm and flea treatments that you need for your fosters are to be arranged through one of the managers, as we get discounts on some things and usually have a good supply. Our main collection points are in Glenfield, West Harbour, Millwater and Stanmore Bay or we may be able to organise delivery. For purchases made yourself that you are wanting a refund for, prior agreement must be made and a receipt provided. We only refund for clay Budget or Countdown litter and whiskas biscuits and whiskas or chef wet food (for 7 weeks and younger), or for food and litter of similar value.

* Flea and worm treatments

Worm treatments for young kittens under 12 weeks old are to be done every two weeks for three doses and then monthly if still with us. Flea treatments are done monthly no matter age. Please remind me in advance if you need more treatments.

* Desex and adoption intro

We ask you to give your fosters as much love and attention as possible until they are ready to be desexed and put up for adoption (no cat or kitten to be rehomed without previously being desexed, young kittens always need to weigh 1.1kgs before they can have surgery).

You have first choice if you decide you'd like to adopt one of your fosters and meet the criteria. Otherwise, we list them on our Facebook page and website, and sometimes other rehoming sites if necessary. People will contact me for initial screening before I send them your number for more info about the cat's personality and to organise to meet them when it's convenient.

I will provide you with more information on our adoption process in a separate email to follow, once you are signed up and have fosters ready for adoption.

That is just a basic rundown of our fostering policies and procedures but please let me know if you have any questions. If you could please fill in the attached foster application form and email it back to me when you have a moment that would be great, electronically with just your name as signature is fine, or print and take a photo of it. There is more info about our policies in the conditions section and is helpful for us to have your details and preferences etc on file.

Many thanks,

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Gutter Kitties Foster Application

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Applicant	
First and Last Name	
Phone Number	Day: Night: Mobile:
Email	
Driver's License Number	
Address where the foster will be living	
In some cases the responsibility of caring for pet is shared with another person within one household. If so, please include the name and contact details of this person.	
Living Arrangements	
What type of dwelling will the foster cat/s be living in? (tick appropriate) If Other, please state If you rent, are you allowed animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Apartment <input type="checkbox"/> House <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Where will you be housing the cat/kitten? eg bedroom, bathroom, whole house.	
Can you ensure that your foster cannot get outside? (unless agreed with a Gutter Kitties rep).	
Do you have other animals? If yes, please state.	
Are they desexed and vaccinated?	
Do you have children? If yes, state age(s)	
How many hours a day are you away from home?	
Would you be willing to allow potential adopters to visit the foster cat/s at your home if a prior appointment is made with you?	
Are you able to transport your foster cat/s to and from our veterinary clinic for appointments ie booster vaccinations? (Glenfield Veterinary Clinic, Carevets Hobsonville, Dairy Flat Veterinary Clinic, Millwater Veterinary Centre or Orewa Veterinary Centre)	

Is there a specific time frame you can only foster for?	
<i>The following information will help us match a specific foster pet to your household and your lifestyle.</i>	
Do you have any special training or skills? (e.g. vet nurse)	
Are you interested in fostering (tick one or more boxes as appropriate)	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Kittens <input type="checkbox"/> Mum and Kittens <input type="checkbox"/> Litter of Kittens <input type="checkbox"/> Un-weaned Kittens <input type="checkbox"/> Wild/Colony <input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Sick (need medicating)
Please indicate which, if any, of the below you may be willing to provide for your foster cat/kittens. (While we endeavor to support all our fosters to the best of our ability, any assistance is always greatly appreciated).	<input type="checkbox"/> Food <input type="checkbox"/> Parasite prevention (eg worming tablets or flea prevention) <input type="checkbox"/> Litter
Please indicate what you need Gutter Kitties to supply in the way of equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Food bowls <input type="checkbox"/> Toys <input type="checkbox"/> Litter tray <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding <input type="checkbox"/> Carry cage <input type="checkbox"/> Crate (if required)
Extras supplied (scratch post, tunnel etc)	
Do you have any comments you wish to make?	
Declaration	
<p>By submitting this questionnaire, you agree that ALL of the information you have provided is correct and understand that providing untruthful answers or failure to comply with the requirements of this application can result in the refusal of you as a foster home. You understand that Gutter Kitties reserve the right to refuse any applicant. You understand that Gutter Kitties does not accept any liability for any direct or consequential damages arising out of this foster care agreement and agree to the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The animal(s) shall remain the sole 'property' of Gutter Kitties until adopted into a permanent home. 2. The animal(s) shall be returned to Gutter Kitties upon request, or if I am no longer able to adequately care for them. 3. I accept that a Gutter Kitties Manager may wish to inspect my property at any time. 4. Should Gutter Kitties be concerned about the treatment or care of the fostered animals they will be removed from my possession. 5. I understand that I do not have any right or authority to keep or place foster animal(s) in other homes or with other individuals. All arrangements must have the prior approval of, and be made through a Gutter Kitties Manager. 	

6. I agree not to rehome a cat or kitten until it has been desexed, to ensure paperwork is correctly completed by the adopter and follow other Gutter Kitties adoption processes.
7. I agree to follow up contacts from potential adopters in a friendly, professional and timely manner. I understand I have support from Gutter Kitties Managers should I have concerns about adopters.
8. I agree to provide food, water, shelter and TLC to the foster animal(s) and to follow all medical and other instructions.
9. I agree to ensure foster animals are kept secure indoors and to only let them outside after an agreement with a Gutter Kitties Manager has been made. I understand that if a foster animal does escape, I am to immediately notify a Gutter Kitties manager in order for them to help rectify the problem.
10. I understand that for routine vet visits and in the event of illness, injury, or any medical treatment needed for my foster animal(s), all vet appointments must be made through a Gutter Kitties Manager and expenses paid by Gutter Kitties only as agreed. I understand that Glenfield Vets, Carevets Hobsonville, Dairy Flat Vets, Millwater Vets and Orewa Vets are only to be used. If an emergency, best effort must be made to contact a Gutter Kitties Manager before taking the animal(s) to an after hours vet clinic. I also agree not to administer any medication unless approved by a Gutter Kitties Manager or prescribed by a Gutter Kitties approved vet clinic.
11. I understand that all foster animals should be confined to areas away from my own pets for at least the first 10 days, especially for the same species.
12. I understand that many viruses have an incubation period of 7-14 days, and I understand that my own pets may be at risk of contracting a contagious virus. I accept that risk and the responsibility of treatment of my own pets if necessary, at my own expense.
13. Gutter Kitties does not accept responsibility for damages done to property by foster animal(s) and if my own pet /s becomes unwell due to contact with the foster animal/s then I will not expect Gutter Kitties to treat or to pay for my own pet/s vet bills.
14. I understand that in some extremely rare circumstances Gutter Kitties may decide that euthanasia is necessary for an animal that is seriously unwell or injured. This is only when all other possible options have been exhausted, discussions with vet experts have been had but it is apparent that treatment will not help and the animal will continue to suffer. I agree to abide by this decision.
15. I agree to not leave young children unsupervised with my foster animals.
16. I agree to return any food, supplies and equipment to Gutter Kitties on completion of fostering.
17. I understand that Gutter Kitties will provide equipment, food and litter where required but appreciate any contribution and support made by myself as a foster home. Any purchases made by me and associated with the foster animals can not be re-imbursed unless previously agreed to by a Gutter Kitties Manager and a receipt provided. Gutter Kitties will only refund for clay countdown or budget brand litter and whiskas biscuits, or whiskas or chef wet food (wet only for kittens 7 weeks and under or with health issues), or for those of similar size, quantity and price. This clause also refers to transport costs but I understand that a Gutter Kitties representative may be able to assist with physically transporting animals if necessary.
18. This contract will remain in force while I am fostering animals on behalf of the Gutter Kitties and it may be revoked at any time by either party.

I Agree to and will abide by these conditions for the Gutter Kitties Foster Programme.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature (if applicant is a minor) _____ Date _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. You will be contacted once we have had the opportunity to review the information you have provided.

Signed

Gutter Kitties Rep Signature