



## CHICAGO ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL



### Become a Foster Super Hero: Temporarily Open Your Heart and Home to a Homeless Animal!

Love animals, but don't want the long-term commitment? Have we got a suggestion for you! CACC works closely with our more than 190 Homeward Bound Approved rescue partners to transfer many animals out of the shelter as quickly as possible. This approach has many advantages: Being an open-admission shelter, CACC turns no animal away during our business hours; therefore, many stray, owner-surrendered, and abused animals come in on a daily basis. The more swiftly the animals are able to leave the shelter, the less likely the animals are to be exposed to shelter stress. In 2016, more than 7,000 animals were transferred to our rescue partners to find second chances for wonderful lives.

Many rescue partners are in need of people without pets (if you have pets, and a spare room, you can also help!) to foster animals while the rescue finds the animal a permanent home. Being a foster is a temporary commitment, and depending on the animal, the commitment can be for as little as a few weeks, to as long as a few months. To explore fostering opportunities, please view the list of CACC's rescue partners at:

[www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/cacc/PDFFiles/Homeward\\_Bound\\_Websites.pdf](http://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/cacc/PDFFiles/Homeward_Bound_Websites.pdf)

#### Questions to Ask

Once CACC transfers an animal to a rescue, the animal becomes the rescue's property. If you decide to foster with a rescue partner, it's important to do your research, as all rescues will have different policies. Here are a few questions you might ask:

1. How long should I expect to have the animal?
2. Do you pay for all medical expenses for the foster animal?
3. Who is responsible for taking the animal to the veterinarian?
4. Do you pay for food and supplies for the foster animal?
5. What can I expect as a foster?
6. What kind of support can I expect if I have questions?
7. Who do I contact in case of an emergency?

If you commit to fostering, the agreement will be between you and the rescue that you have chosen. Fostering can be very rewarding. We hope you can help!

### EVENTS

#### General CACC Volunteer Orientations

Friday, April 7, 2017  
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 8, 2017  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

CACC Auditorium  
2741 S. Western Ave.  
More info: <http://bit.ly/2dl6N7p>

#### CACC Low Cost Vaccine Microchip & Tag Clinic

Wednesday, April 19, 2017  
2741 S. Western Ave.  
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

#### Bottle Baby Workshops

Saturday, April 8, 2017  
4:30 – 6:00

Thursday, April 20, 2017  
5:00 – 6:30  
2741 S. Western Ave.

## Foundling Kittens – Know that Mom Could Be Nearby

Stop. Before you pick up those kittens under your porch, read this! By March, every fertile outside cat in Chicago is looking for a mate. Very soon, many kittens will be flowing into the city shelter without their moms because people assume they've been abandoned. Seeing kittens without their mother does not necessarily mean she has left town. More likely, mom is nearby looking for food or waiting for you to leave. The chance of survival for kittens less than six weeks old without their mom is greatly decreased. Kittens are better off with their mother (even outside) until they are weaned. So if you see kittens, please leave them alone for a few hours to give the mother a chance to return. Provide a plastic box and blanket if the kittens are in the elements, but don't move them unless necessary for their safety. If mom doesn't return after two to three hours, or the kittens are screaming loudly or cold to the touch, then please bring them to the city shelter or call 3-1-1 if you are unable to transport them.

