

FOSTER CARER APPLICATION FORM

Domestic Animals Act 1994

Name _____

Residential Address _____

Postal Address _____

Telephone AH _____ BH _____

Email _____

Are you the owner of the property? Yes No

Property owners' name _____

Address _____

Property Planning Zone _____

Land area (not covered by buildings or other erections) _____ m²

Number of owned animals kept at property Dogs _____ Cats _____

Are all owned animals currently registered with Council Yes No

List of owned animals at property

Type	Name	Breed	Colour	Age	Sex	Desexed

Please note: Owned animals are not entitled to receive a reduced foster care registration fee.

Do you have a Local Laws Excess Animal Permit? Yes No

If yes, what is the permit number? _____

If yes, what animal type and numbers is the permit for? _____

If no, will you require a Local Laws Animal Permit? Yes No

Greater Shepparton City Council

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Animals proposed to care for	Dogs	Cats
	Yes / No	Yes / No
How many do you propose to care for at any one time? Please note: Maximum of 5 animals		
Where are your foster animals being sourced from?		
Is there a specific age range you care for? ie, only bottle fed kittens		
Is there a specific size range you care for? ie. Only small dogs, only large dogs, all dog sizes		
Are you caring for specific breeds only? ie. Terriers, Labradors, Great Danes		

Details of how animals will be housed

Is the property secure? Please describe property fencing and gates (height, type of material, type of gates,)

Housing details for dogs (kennel, inside, patio, shelter, bedding)

Housing details for cats (enclosure, inside, shelter, bedding, litter)

Is the premises where you propose to house your foster animals registered as a Domestic Animal Business?

- Yes No

If yes, What type of domestic animal business is the premises registered as?

- Boarding Breeding Pet shop Shelter Training

Are you the proprietor of a domestic animal business at the location other than the premises where you house your foster animals?

- Yes No

Please note: If you answered yes to any of the above, you may be ineligible to register as a foster carer.

Do you understand that, if approved as a registered foster carer, you cannot house more than five foster animals at any given time? Yes No

PLEASE NOTE: This requirement also applies to foster carers that are not registered in the foster carer scheme. If you have more than five foster animals you are required to register as an animal shelter.

Are you affiliated with a Community Foster Care Network (CFCN) or Animal Shelter? Yes No

If you answered yes, please provide details of the CFCN or Animal Shelter (Name, Address, Contact Information)

Do you propose to sell foster care animals at pet shops? Yes No

List of pet shops used for sale of foster care animals

Have you been found guilty of:

- An offence against the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 or regulations made under that Act?

Yes

If yes, offence: _____ Date: _____

No

- An offence against the Domestic Animals Act 1994 or the Domestic Animals Regulations 2015?

Yes

If yes, offence: _____ Date: _____

No

- An offence against a law of another State or a Territory of the Commonwealth that corresponds with a law referred to in any legislation mentioned above?

Yes

If yes, offence: _____ Date: _____

No

- Council can revoke or deny foster care registration.
- I understand that all foster care animals over the age of 3 months must be registered with Council.
- **Written consent must be obtained from all adjoining neighbour's.**
A consent form for your neighbour's to sign is provided with this application form.
- If you are not the registered owner of the property, then written consent must be provided by the current registered owner and submitted with this application.
- An Authorised Officer will contact you to arrange a time to inspect your property for suitability.
- The Greater Shepparton City Council actively encourages responsible pet ownership.

I declare that the information contained on this form are true and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Does this application require a:	Local Laws Permit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	Planning Permit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Inspection arranged?	Date	Time	
Certificate Issued	Date	Initials	

Voluntary Foster Carer Registration Information

Under current Victorian law, foster carers must register all foster animals (over three months of age) housed at their premises with their local council, even if the animal is in their care for a short period of time.

What is foster care?

Under section 3 of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*, foster care means the care of a stray, abandoned or unwanted dog or cat (whether or not as part of a community foster care network) that is temporarily or for the purpose of finding a new home for the dog or cat and that takes place on premises on which the care is being provided to no more than

- five dogs or animal adult equivalent dogs
- five cats or animal equivalent cats, or
- a combination of five dogs and cats or animal adult equivalent dogs and cats.

What is the voluntary foster care scheme?

Individual foster carers may apply to their local council to be a registered foster carer as part of a voluntary scheme, with registration valid for one year. In accordance with section 68H of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*, Council may charge a fee to register foster carers in the scheme. Voluntarily registered foster carers will receive:

- a reduced registration rate of no more than \$7 for each dog they foster during the first 12 months the dog is in their care (rate valid from 10 April 2018 to 9 April 2019)
- a reduced registration rate of no more than \$4 for each cat they foster during the first 12 months the cat is in their care (rate valid from 10 April 2018 to 9 April 2019)
- the ability to supply dogs six months of age or older, and cats eight weeks of age or older to pet shops as of 1 July 2018 to enhance foster animal exposure and sale opportunities.

If approval is granted to join the scheme, your local council will issue you with a certificate that you will need to show pet shops to demonstrate that you are an approved source and are eligible to supply cats and dogs.

Are there other requirements for foster carers?

Maybe, some local councils set limitations on the number of animals you can house at your premises. You may need to apply with council for an excess/multiple animal permit and/or planning permit. In addition, if you have more than five foster animals you will need to apply to be an animal shelter, regardless of how many animals your council permits.

For further information, please see the State Government's [Guide for Victorian dog and cat community foster care networks and rescue groups](#) or visit <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/puppy-farm-legislation> for fact sheets about the voluntary scheme.

ADJOINING NEIGHBOUR CONSENT FORM
(Foster Carer Application Form)

I/We (neighbour's name) _____
of (neighbour's address) _____
telephone _____
have no objection to (applicant's name) _____ being a foster carer of
Total Number of dogs _____ and/or Total Number of cats _____ (no more than 5 animals in total)
at their property at _____
Signed _____ Dated _____

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