

Small Animal Fostering Information

Thank you for opening your home and your heart to a shelter pet in need! Here are some important ways that you can help your small critter stay safe while in foster care:

1. Prepare a safe space for them. House your small animal in the proper enclosure. Enclosures need to provide ample space, hay (if appropriate), appropriate food, water, enrichment, and at least a hiding option. Enclosures will be provided by HSWM.
2. Ensure that the enclosure cannot tip over, fall, or be accessed by other pets in your home.
3. Ensure that the enclosure is kept clean - frequent bedding changes may be needed.
4. Provide fresh hay daily if appropriate for your small critter.
5. Provide enrichment daily. HSWM will provide enrichment items as well as resources for making enrichment items upon request.
6. Rabbits need to spend time out of their cage every day. Exercise pens are perfect. HSWM can provide an exercise pen when available.
7. Provide a proper diet of hay, pellets, veggies. HSWM will provide hay and pellets. HSWM will also provide a food chart of safe veggies to offer upon request.
8. The rabbit may or may not be litter trained.
9. Your foster pet may need help building confidence.
10. Your small animal foster cannot go outdoors.
11. Commit to assisting in their adoption by providing photos and bio information throughout the foster pet's time with you.
14. Read over your Emergency Protocol and understand steps to take in the event of an emergency or urgent matter.
13. Enjoy much laughter and many smiles!

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