

Volunteer Opportunities

All volunteers must be a least 18 years old.

Fostering a Homeless Pet

The number of dogs and cats UAF can save is determined by the number of Foster Homes that are available. One of the most satisfying things you can do is to see your foster dog or cat find a wonderful permanent home. Many people feel that they could never give up an animal they were fostering, and many do adopt their first foster. But the realization that you must let them go to be able to save more critters is a powerful motivator.

UAF respects the bond that forms between the Foster and the critter, and always tries make sure that the Foster is happy with the Adoptive Home.

Volunteer Opportunities at Adoption Events

1. Transporter – Pick up animal from foster home and take to the adoption event or return the animal to the foster parent after the event. Always make sure the Adoption Packet stays with the critter. Transporters are also needed to take animals to and from Vet appointments.
2. Handler – Care for, supervise and promote the critter at adoption event.
3. Friend Finder – Visit with people at the event to see if they would like to receive a UAF Newsletter.

To assist at an adoption event:

To care for a dog at an adoption event please let the Contact person know that you will be available to help if needed. Make sure you have the adoption packet from the Foster Parents and have obtained any information about the dog, e.g. good with cats, kids, chews or not, etc. The responsibilities associated with this role are important to understand. Please review the procedures found in "General Policies." To summarize, watch your dog at all times, especially with other dogs and children. While well-meaning, many adults are unfamiliar with proper dog handling, especially in a high stress situation like this.

I Want to Foster a Homeless Animal!

Foster Care Information for Approved UAF Fosters

Goal: To provide temporary foster care for dogs or cats from Prescott Animal Control or Chino Valley Animal Control or pre-approved private parties:

1. To find a homeless animal:

Look on unitedanimalfriends.org (www.unitedanimalfriends.org) and select a critter with a kennel number you are interested in fostering, or contact your foster care coordinator for any private party rescues we might be supporting.

If you have questions about an animal at Prescott Animal Control, email Marlene at kohena@cableone.net

If you have questions about an animal at Chino Valley Animal Control, email Toby at kof465@cybertrails.com

The goal is to have a good match so you and the animal can have fun together until a forever home is found.

2. To take home your foster animal:

After picking up your foster care animal, contact Toby for a UAF I.D. number. You will need this number to have UAF pay for a rabies shot, spay, neuter or any pre-approved medical care. **IMPORTANT:** You must take the dog to a UAF participating Vet for a rabies shot. This must be done immediately after you take the dog out of Prescott or Chino Valley Animal Control. The only exceptions are cats, pups or extremely weak or sick dogs. Toby's business phone is: 443-5010 9am - 5pm. Home: 899-7269 not after 8:00 unless emergency. Cell: 899-3942. Email for Monday –Friday (business) kof465@cybertrails.com

When calling Toby for the I.D. number, be prepared to provide this information:

- The date and place the animal was rescued.
- Name of foster parent (your name)
- Name of animal
- Age and bred of animal
- Is animal already altered?

If the animal is in Prescott Animal Control, get a neuter voucher and a copy of the shot record. If the animal is in Chino Valley Animal Control, get the shot record only.

You will be given a Foster Care Folder to store all information for the adoptive parents. Please bring folder to adoption events to be given to the new parents.

Very important: When picking up your foster, have a collar with either your phone number written on it with a black marker or get a tag made at Wal-Mart, Petsmart or Petco with the foster parent's name, address and phone number on the tag. You can use this tag over and over again!

Vets that work with UAF:

Bradshaw Mountain Animal Hospital – 6227 E 2nd Street, Prescott Valley
772-7775

Chino Valley Animal Hospital- 3601 N Hwy 89. 636-4382

Granite Mountain- 2971 Willow Creek Rd, Prescott 771-1340

Kachina Animal Hospital – Dogs Only – Hwy 69 & Bradshaw Mtn Road,
Dewey-Humboldt 772-8225

Prescott Animal Hospital-1318 W. Iron Springs Rd. 445-2190

If you want UAF to pay for veterinary care expenses, the critter must have an I.D. number and any medical care must be pre-approved by Toby. If for some reason you cannot contact her, please call Andy (778-2033) or Nancy (777-8736).

Just a note, if any of the Vets and clinic staff or Animal Control Officers do something that you notice was really nice for your foster critter and helpful to you, please let them know with a compliment or by dropping off a plate of cookies, a thank you note, a cute little plant, etc... These folks really help the UAF critters and without their compassion, their willingness to take the animal in quickly and give discounts for these homeless little ones, we would not be able to help them as much.

To insure a more enjoyable foster care experience, free behavioral training classes are offered by Andy L. mydawgs@cableone.net to the UAF volunteers and their foster dogs.

3. To Find a Permanent Home for Your Foster:

A. To show your UAF Fosters at off-site adoption events:

Thanks to wonderful Volunteers, UAF adoption events are at these locations.

Prescott Petco every Sunday 11am-2pm
-Contact Person is Andy mydawgs@cableone.net

Prescott Farmer's Market, downtown on Cortez St. Every other Saturday 8am-12pm. May through mid-October.

-Contact person is Kathie 777-9042 kbell743@cableone.net

It is best for you to show your foster at Adoption Events. Your critter will be more comfortable with you, and you can best answer questions for prospective adopters. However not all Foster Parents can do this, and if you cannot, contact your Foster Coordinator to let them know that you need a Transporter and Handler to show your foster. Just as UAF needs fosters, whether or not they can go to Adoption Events, we need Handlers and Transporters, who may not be able to Foster. If you can show your foster critter, or would like to be a Handler, Transporter, or Friend Finder, please read, "Volunteer Opportunities at Adoption Events" above and "General Policies."

B. Put Your Foster's Picture on the Internet:

All Foster animals need to be on our www.unitedanimalfriends.org site so that folks from all around can see and read about your foster. If your **foster dog** is not listed on the website, please contact Linda at uafpetfinder@cableone.net. For **foster cats**, please contact Cheri at lambchop@cableone.net or Susan at suritelsue@cableone.net. Linda, Cheri or Susan will arrange to get a photograph and biography of your new foster. You can also print copies and post their photo at work, any stores you frequent and hand them out to interested folks at Adoption Events. If you make a poster, please use a copy of the website or have it reviewed by your Foster Coordinator.

Fostering and showing a critter is time consuming! The critters thank you to the tip of their tails!