



Adoption Ambassador FAQ

What is the Adoption Ambassador program?

Lawrence Humane Society's Adoption Ambassador program aims to mobilize supporters like you in our community to help find homes for homeless pets by placing adoptable animals into foster homes and empowering foster volunteers to process adoptions independently. Adoption Ambassadors care for an animal in their own home and receive training to find its new forever home.

Do I get to pick which animal I foster?

During the application process, you will be able to outline your personal preferences and restrictions, and the LHS staff will act as matchmakers to place the appropriate pet into your care.

How long will I foster for?

Adoption Ambassadors foster for as long as it takes to find their animal a forever home! Often, this will happen in a matter of days, but be prepared to care for your animal for several weeks if necessary. Frequently, this depends on how well the Ambassador utilizes their own resources and networks. See below for more information on promotion tips. If you are finding it difficult to find a home for your foster, we will work with you to develop new strategies and tools to get your animal adopted.

Which animals are eligible for the program?

The program focuses on animals that traditionally take longer to be adopted from animal shelters. This includes, but is not limited to, animals with mild timid or fearful behavior, less desirable breeds and colors, or senior animals. Just like all our other animals available for adoption, all Adoption Ambassador candidates are spayed/neutered, microchipped, and up to date on all vaccines.

How much does it cost?

The Lawrence Humane Society covers *all* costs for the animal during its stay in the program, including all supplies, medical expenses, and foster home licensing.

Can my business become an Adoption Ambassador?

Definitely! In fact, we find that placing cats in local stores and businesses is often one of the best ways to help felines find forever homes. If you are interested in a new mascot for your business, let us know!

What will I be asked to do after I become an Adoption Ambassador?

In addition to regular animal care, Adoption Ambassadors are expected to introduce their animal to as many people as possible! This is very important, as it's what separates the Adoption Ambassador program from other foster programs. If you take home a dog, you are expected to take it for frequent walks downtown during which the dog will wear its "ADOPT ME" vest. You are the spokesperson for your animal, so you will need to be ready to be friendly and answer questions! Training and supplies to help you with this part of the process will be provided.

As an Adoption Ambassador, you will be asked to bring your animal to any off-site LHS adoption event. These are not necessary, but they're a great way for your animal to get some exposure. We also encourage our Adoption Ambassadors to take advantage of social media as much as they are comfortable with in order to help get the word out about their animal. In addition to posting about the animal on our website and other online channels, we provide adoption ambassadors with social media strategies or assistance if they require it.

We will also train you to perform an adoption once your foster has met its match. This includes counseling with the adopters, completing paperwork, and collecting the adoption fee.

I have never had an animal before, can I still sign up?

Absolutely! Experience with animals is not a prerequisite to becoming an Adoption Ambassador. The only requirements are that you:

1. Are 18 years of age or older
2. Live in a home where pets are allowed, and
3. Are able and willing to regularly introduce your foster pet to the public.

Sounds great, how do I sign up?

You can apply for the program by visiting www.lawrencehumane.org/ambassador and clicking the "Apply Now" button near the bottom of the page. We'll be in touch soon after!