



Welcome to the BARC Foster Family!

We are so thrilled that you have taken home a foster! The first part of your foster experience is to carefully review this plan for important information regarding caring for, marketing, and adopting your foster pet!

Foster Office Hours: Daily, 9a.m.-5 p.m.

BARCFoster@houstontx.gov

832.395.9076

Medical questions & concerns

BARCMedical@houstontx.gov

832.395.9053

Medical emergencies:

Please view page 12 to view medical emergency details.

2700 Evella St., 9a.m.-5 p.m., no appointment needed for medical emergencies but highly encourage to avoid long wait times. All other services require appointments.





You Are the Future

BARC takes in more than 26,000 animals each year from the Houston community. To help as many pets as possible find loving homes, we need amazing volunteers like you to open your heart and your homes to BARC pets!

Our foster program has something for everyone. We firmly believe that nearly every pet in a shelter would do better in a foster home where they can have a snuggly bed and plenty of TLC! Whether you love to nurture the sick and injured puppies, get your kicks out of coaxing a shy cat out from under the bed, or love taking home big dogs to go running in the park, our foster program is so grateful for your contributions!

In 2021, we placed 2,836 pets into foster homes!

As our community's needs shift with the economy, the climate, and the health of our city, BARC is shifting with it! We are looking for even MORE foster homes for the pets who end up at our shelter and more ways to help pets never have to come in in the first place!

As you embark on your foster adventure, whether it's for the first or fortieth time, please know that we at BARC appreciate you and your individual heart of service! As you'll learn through this process, the world is full of other amazing humans who may want to adopt your foster pet but who may not look like you, think like you, or sound like you.

Fostering with BARC gives us a very special way to connect with a variety of people. As a foster for BARC, we will treat you with respect and expect others to do the same. We also hope that you will be kind and understanding with your fellow humans (even if you prefer your foster pet instead!).

Thank you for joining our team to help make Houston a better place for pets and their people!

