

*Where Rescued Pets
Find Forever Homes*



Foster Care Program

Our mission is to help pets find forever homes. Without foster parents, many rescued animals' lives would not be able to be saved. Please volunteer today and be the bridge to a permanent, loving home for our animals!

Foster care parents volunteer to provide a temporary home for our rescued animals. Depending on the particular need, our animals may require a home for a matter of days, weeks or even months. As a foster parent, all we ask is that you provide a safe, loving home until the animal is adopted or returned to its owner. We will supply all food, vaccinations and any required medical care. In addition, we will spay or neuter the pet if needed.

Animal emergency care fostering, 1-2 weeks

Rescued pets sometimes require immediate medical care. After Wishbone handles the veterinary emergency, a temporary home will be needed where the animal can recuperate in a loving atmosphere before moving to a longer-stay foster home or being adopted.

Hospital stay fostering, 1-4 weeks

Pet owners have medical emergencies too. When they do not have a family immediately available to care for their pet, it creates stress and anxiety for both the patient and the pet. Kennels may not be available – they may be too costly, or the owner may not want his or her beloved pet kenneled. Wishbone provides temporary homes for these pets in need. As a hospital stay foster parent, you will supply love and support for the pet while the patient recuperates.

Kitten and pups litter fostering, 2-4 weeks

Cats or dogs still nursing their kittens or puppies when they are rescued cannot be separated until the litter is old enough. Litter parents provide a temporary loving home for the mother and her litter until they are old enough to be placed in different foster homes or adopted.

Sylvia's Place (women's shelter) fostering, 4-8 weeks

Wishbone supports Sylvia's Place, a women's shelter in Allegan for victims of domestic abuse. When a woman is struggling with the decision to leave her home, beloved pets become a source of great concern, often delaying or preventing the decision to leave. Wishbone helps to alleviate the anxiety by providing an alternate home for pets while their owners transition through Sylvia's Place to a new life. As a Sylvia's Place foster parent, you will provide a temporary loving home for their pets until they are settled into their new life. Foster parents must sign a confidentiality statement and allow for visits by the pet's owner.

Extended-stay fostering, 1-6 months

Extended-stay foster parents are the backbone of the Wishbone foster program. They provide a long-term loving home for pets of all ages and breeds as Wishbone works to find them forever homes. The length of stay can vary depending on the adoption process. Although Wishbone is responsible for locating a permanent home for the pet, foster parents play an active role in selecting and approving the pet's forever family.

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Wishbone Pet Rescue Alliance, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, manages programs that shelter and care for rescued animals in West Michigan including the Wishbone House thrift shop and pet adoption center located at 165 Blue Star Hwy, Douglas, MI 49406, phone (269) 455-5247; and the Allegan County Animal Shelter located at 2933 33rd St., Allegan, MI 49010, phone (269) 686-5112.