2026-27 Application to Register as a Foster Carer

A foster carer is a person who undertakes temporary care of an individual or special group of animals for the purpose of giving the animals care until they can be rehomed.

Provisions of the Domestic Animals Amendment (Puppy Farm and Pet Shops) Act 2017 introduces a voluntary initiative where foster carers may register with their local council under a foster carer scheme.

Those individuals that choose to register as a foster carer are entitled to a reduced registration rate for the animals in their care, along with access to pet shops to rehome their dogs over six months of age, and cats over eight weeks of age. The reduced rate for animals in foster care will save foster carers money for the first 12 months that the animal is in their care.

FOSTER CARER DETAILS:		
First Name:	Middle Name:	Surname:
Street Address:		
Suburb:	Postcode:	Sex: M/ F
Phone No:	Mobile No:	D.O.B:
Email Address:		Pension Number:
Number of animals to foster (max 5):	Permit Number - More than 2 cats or dogs:	

Eligibility to register as a foster carer

1) Have you been found guilty of:

- An offence against the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986* or regulations made under the Act?

  ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, Offence _____

- An offence against the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* or the *Domestic Animals Regulations 2015?*

  ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, Offence _____

- An offence against a law of another State or a Territory of the Commonwealth that corresponds with a law referred to in any legislation mentioned above?

  ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, Offence _____

2)

- Is the premises where you house your foster animals registered as a domestic animal business?

  ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, domestic animal business details:

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3)

- Are you the proprietor of a domestic animal business at any location?

  ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, domestic animal business details:

  _____

- Are you affiliated with a shelter or pound?

  ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, Name of shelter/pound:

  Address: _____

  Email: _____

Register as a Foster Carer

- Every dog and cat over 3 months old must be registered with the Council in which they are located.
- Every dog and cat must be microchipped to be registered with Council.
- Every dog and cat must wear their Council registration tag when outside the property in which they are kept.
- Dogs must be adequately confined to the house/yard and must not be allowed to stray.
- Dogs and cats must not be allowed to cause nuisance (i.e. excess barking).
- Owners of dogs and cats must be over 18 years old.

Knox City Council Amenity Local Law 2020 states a permit is required to keep more than 2 cats or 2 dogs.
The Domestic Animals Amendment (Puppy Farm and Pet Shops) Act 2017 limits foster care to a maximum of five dogs or cats (with a litter under 16 weeks of age counting as a single animal) per premises. This does not include permanent pets owned by the foster carer that are registered with council.

Permanent Animals Kept at Address	**Animal 1** ☐ Dog ☐ Cat	**Animal 2** ☐ Dog ☐ Cat	**Animal 3** ☐ Dog ☐ Cat
Knox CC Registration Tag Numbers:			
	Animal 4 ☐ Dog ☐ Cat	**Animal 5** ☐ Dog ☐ Cat	
Knox CC Registration Tag Numbers:			

Your application must include:

- **$72.00** permit fee
- Documentation from the organisiation that you are fostering from
- Permit application to Keep Additional Animals if a permit is not currently in place and the total number of animals to be kept at your property is more than 2 cats or more than 2 dogs. (Please note that the accumulated total of cats and dogs that can be kept on your property can not exceed five (5) unless a planning permit issued under the provisions of the Knox Planning Scheme allows a greater number

DECLARATION:

- I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief all the above information is true and correct.
- I declare that I have read the *Guide for Victorian dog and cat community foster care networks and rescue groups*.
- I acknowledge that I am aware that every dog and cat over 3 months old must be registered with the Council in which they are located
- I declare that I am over 18 years of age.

Signature of owner:	Name:	Date: