

des moines county
HUMANE SOCIETY

FOSTER HOME REGULATIONS

Mandated under Iowa State Law Code 67.12:

- An application must be filled out by potential foster care home and be approved by the Des Moines County Humane Society. The potential foster care home must be inspected in person and approved by the Des Moines County Humane Society's appointed inspector.
- All adoptions and euthanasia of animals placed in a foster care home shall be the responsibility of the Des Moines County Humane Society and shall not be performed by the foster care home, unless an emergency euthanasia must be performed by a licensed veterinarian to prevent the needless suffering of the animal.
- All deaths, injuries, or emergency euthanasia occurring within a foster care home shall be reported to the Des Moines County Humane Society within 24 hours of the event.
- The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Management may choose to inspect a foster care home if the department determines that it would be in the best interests of the animals being maintained in the foster home. If the department determines that either serious or chronic problems exist in a foster care home, the department may order the Des Moines County Humane Society to suspend or rescind the authorization of the foster care home.
- The foster home operator must report to Des Moines County Humane Society if there are any sexually intact animals of the same species of the opposite sex in the home of the animal being fostered, unless the organization determines that the fostered animal is too young to breed.
- A person who has been found to have engaged in or participated in an act constituting animal abandonment, neglect, cruelty, or abuse shall not be authorized to operate a foster care home. In addition, if a person has had a license or permit issued under Iowa Code chapter 162 or under the United States Department of Agriculture's animal care program revoked or has surrendered that person's license in lieu of revocation, then that person shall not be authorized to operate a foster care home.
- The foster home must provide adequate care, exercise, feed, water, shelter, space and veterinary care when needed.
- Call Des Moines County Humane Society at 319.753.8389 with any questions or concerns that may arise.

Signature of Foster Care Operator

Date