

Purpose!

- 🐾 Your animal shelter, the ASCMV, has one of the highest rates of intake per capita in the country. This means that for a community this size, an inordinate number of animals are left at the doorsteps of the ASCMV shelter facility on a daily basis. Providing the care these animals need becomes more and more difficult as more animals are housed together in one facility. As space runs out, ASCMV staff members are left to make the tough decisions as to which animals must go in order to make room for the rest. Additionally, as space becomes more scarce, the chances of spreading and contracting illness becomes far greater for those animals.
- 🐾 With your help, this Program allows the ASCMV to provide the care needed for many of these animals while their new “fur-ever” home is found. This is made possible by keeping those animals out of the ASCMV facility, and in an environment where there is less potential for illness and a better chance of survival. Under this Program you, the Foster Parent, are helping to save lives by providing the temporary home needed by these animals.

The Mission of the Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley is to provide safe shelter for all lost, mistreated, and abandoned animals of the Mesilla Valley and surrounding communities. The Center utilizes all avenues available to it in placing each animal into a safe, loving, and permanent home whenever possible. We strive to meet the highest standards of humane animal care and husbandry, and to promote responsible pet ownership through public education and outreach.

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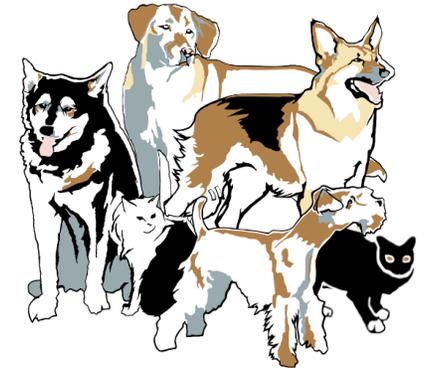
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How does it work?

- 🐾 When a citizen of Doña Ana County has an animal under his or her care that is in need of a new home, in many cases, the ASCMV is able to take ownership of that animal while keeping the animal at its current location, and therefore, out of the ASCMV's shelter facility.
- 🐾 The citizen then becomes a Foster Parent to the animal, volunteering on behalf of the ASCMV.
- 🐾 Because the ASCMV becomes the owner of the animal, it becomes the responsibility of the ASCMV to provide proper health care and nutrition for that animal.
- 🐾 The ASCMV works with the Foster Parent to schedule and provide necessary medical exams and treatment.
- 🐾 As the animal becomes healthy enough, and has built up the appropriate immunity, the ASCMV works with the Foster Parent to find the animal its new "Fur-ever" home.

What is YOUR responsibility?

- 🐾 In order to take part in this program and help the ASCMV save lives, you must be willing to first give ownership of the animal(s) to the ASCMV.
- 🐾 Second, you must agree to the conditions of the ASCMV's Foster Program, including signing the ASCMV Foster Parent Agreement.
- 🐾 You must be willing to transport the animal(s) to scheduled medical exams and treatments. (The ASCMV will work with you and your schedule as much as possible)
- 🐾 When an animal is entered into this program, it becomes the property of the ASCMV. The ASCMV is, therefore, held accountable for what happens to the animal, and will take any and all action necessary under the law to protect that property from theft and mistreatment.
- 🐾 You, the Foster Parent, therefore, must be willing to allow the ASCMV staff to make the crucial decisions regarding the health and wellbeing of that animal.

- 🐾 This also means, that such decisions may even include euthanizing the animal or "putting the animal to sleep" if ASCMV staff feel such action is appropriate due to severe illness or injury.
- 🐾 ASCMV staff shall also be responsible for the final approval of who will be allowed to adopt the animal and the conditions of such adoption.

If you would like to take part in this program and are willing to put in the effort required to save the life of an animal, please contact ASCMV staff at **(575) 382-0018**. Please, be sure to specify this program by name so that staff can more quickly understand the circumstances and better assist you.



For information regarding other programs offered by the ASCMV please feel free to ask our friendly office staff or visit ASCMV.org.