**BOOTE HOME FOR CATS**

Registered Charity No. 227795

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**FOSTERING APPLICATION FORM**

***Please fill this in completely and return to*** ***bootehomeapplications@outlook.com*** ***Answering yes or no to a question does not stop you fostering, it just helps us know how we can help you to help our cats.***

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| **PERSONAL DETAILS** |
| **Surname** |  |
| **Forename** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Postcode** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Telephone Number** |  |
| **Mobile Number** |  |
| **E-Mail Address** |  |
| **Date of Birth** | **xx / xx / xxxx** |
| **Next of Kin – *Name***  |  |
| **Next of Kin – *Tel No*** |  |
| **Do you drive / have access to a car?** |  |
| **Are you a smoker?**  | **Yes** |  | **No** |  |

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| **CURRENT HOME ENVIRONMENT / LIVING ARRANGEMENTS** |
| **Do you live with your parents / family?**  |
| **Are all at home happy with the idea of looking after a cat?** |
| **Do you live with children under 5?** |
| **Do you own / rent your home?**  |
| **Is your house secure? We do not allow our foster cats to have access to outdoors.** |
| **Do you have any building work scheduled in the next 3 months?** |
| **Do you have a secure room to keep a cat in?** |
| **EXPERIENCE WITH ANIMALS** |
| **Do you currently have pets in your home? Please describe what pets you have / age / living arrangements? (E.g. outdoor/indoor pets)? Are your cats neutered and fully vaccinated?** |
| **What experience do you have with cats? What experience do you have with kittens?** |

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| **THINKING AHEAD** |
| **Would you be willing to take photos of your foster cat?** |
| **Would you be willing to speak to potential adopters?** |
| **Would you be willing to allow potential adopters to visit you and your foster cat at home?** |

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| **Signature:** |  | **Date:** |  |
| **All information is confidential and will not be passed to anyone else – it is for internal records only. All data you provide is available upon request and is kept securely.** |
| **Please return this form (Pages 1-2) either by post to the Boote Home at the address overleaf or via Email to: bootehomeapplications@outlook.com** |

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| **For Office Use Only** |  |
| **Date Application Received** |  | **Initials:** |  |
| **Successful**  | **Yes**  |  | **No** |  | **Date Contacted**  |  |
| **Date of Home Check**  |  | **Home Checker**  |  |

**Information About Fostering**

The cats in Boote Home are very special to us and we expect them to be very special to you too. As a fosterer with Boote you will be expected to care for your foster cats as well as you would your own. Many of our cats and kittens have not been in a home environment before. Everything will be new and many will be overwhelmed. This is where you fit in. You are the halfway house for a cat, bridging the sanctuary of the cattery with a cat’s new forever home.

Cats who have been in Boote for some time may struggle with a new home life. They may hide, not eat or use the litter tray for the first few days. As foster parent you can take this in your stride, know when to worry and when to accept first day nerves.

After a week, you may see eyes peering out at you when you set out their food. Every day, every hour you spend with the foster cat will be helping start him on his journey to a new home. A new cat may not understand the rules of a home, he may flee hearing the vacuum, or mistake a foot as a threat. Curtains are new adventures, windows may be sang to at night. Helping a cat come out of his shell may take a day, or it may take a month.

**You agree to:**

* Providing a cat/kitten with a home on a temporary basis.
* Supplying the litter, food and a safe environment, the Boote Home pays the veterinary bills.
* Taking the cat/kitten to the vets for neutering / vaccination appointments.
* Keeping the cat indoors. Cats are not to leave the house at any time.
* Spending time playing and interacting with the cat/kitten at a level it is comfortable with.
* Speaking with members of Boote Home for cats if you are worried about the cat, or need help at all regarding its care.

**We agree to:**

* Pay appropriate veterinary fees for the foster cat.
* Look after the cat if you no longer wish to care for it.
* Advertise the cat to try to find its forever home when the cat is ready to go.
* Give help and advice regarding the care of the cat to the best of our ability.
* Provide flea and worm treatment.