# **Foster Capacity Worksheet**

## **Factors Affecting Foster Capacity**

#### **Foster Caregivers**

- Number available
- Knowledge and skill level
- Opportunities for training

#### **Shelter Resources**

- Current and anticipated shelter capacity
- Staff to coordinate and support the foster program
- Budget
- Volunteer/staff resources to meet the animal's needs

#### Outcomes

Anticipated adoption and/or transfer opportunities after foster return

# Planning Foster Capacity

Review last year's intake data. How many animals meet the inclusion criteria for the foster program?



Calculate the number of active foster caregivers. Do they meet the number defined above? If not, can you recruit more?



Review last year's adoption or transfer data. Ensure that anticipated foster intake does not exceed live outcome options.



Assess operations. Identify and address any anticipated bottlenecks, i.e. spay-neuter capacity.

## Foster Placement Capacity Checklist

Use this checklist to guide foster placement decisions for individual animals.

- ☐ Is a foster caregiver available?
  - ☐ Is the caregiver able to meet this animal's needs? If not, can the issue be resolved by training or resources that we can provide?
  - ☐ Is the caregiver available for the entire anticipated duration of foster care? If not, can we plan for transfer to a new foster caregiver when needed?
  - ☐ Can the foster caregiver pick up the animal within 24-48 hours?
- Do we have the volunteer/staff resources to care for this animal including:
  - Intake processing
  - ☐ Foster care coordination
  - Medical treatment
  - □ Behavioral treatment
  - ☐ Spay-neuter
- Are we likely to have the adopters or transfer partners to accommodate an efficient outcome upon return from foster care?