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**Open Your Heart and Home...
Volunteer to be a Pet Foster Parent!**



Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services (HCPHES) Veterinary Public Health is looking for animal lovers to join the Runt Rescue Foster Team. Volunteers are needed to help provide **temporary, in-home care** for animals in need until they can be adopted. The Runt Rescue program was designed to increase the number of animals adopted from the county animal shelter.

Orphaned puppies and kittens, mothers with new litters, treatable health conditions, shy and under-nourished animals can be temporarily placed in a caring Runt Rescue foster home. The Runt Rescue volunteers follow the instructions of our veterinary staff and work to rehabilitate these pets until they are ready for adoption.

Each Runt Rescue volunteer decides how much time they can give and what kind of animals or treatments they feel comfortable to handle. Shelter veterinary staff will supply the needed training and be available for Runt Rescue questions.

Runt Rescue volunteers are true life-savers! Their caring efforts and dedication make it possible for these loving pets to find happy, safe, forever homes.



To learn more about pet fostering or to sign up to be a Runt Rescue volunteer, please contact HCPHES Veterinary Public Health at 713-418-1809 or visit our website at www.hcphe.org/vph or www.countypets.com.

Fostering a pet is a richly rewarding experience!