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THE ARISTOPAWS

Becoming a Foster Family



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The **Aristopaws** is a non-profit organization founded in 2014 with a unique mission in Quebec: to help stray or abandoned animals that are injured or sick.

The animals in the organization's care usually don't find a place in normal shelters because their needs are too expensive, too numerous or too severe.

This is where we come in...



The cats and dogs in our care all have special medical and/or behavioural needs. We are the last resort for these animals.

We don't have any facilities at this time: our animals are hospitalized or placed in foster homes as soon as they are taken in. These foster families allow us to fulfill our mission, while giving our animals the chance to experience a real home, some of them for the first time.



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Being a foster family for our organization is an excellent way to:

- Contribute to the animal cause
- Learn about the responsibilities that come with an animal
- Get to know an animal before adopting it
- Develop your skills in animal health and behaviour

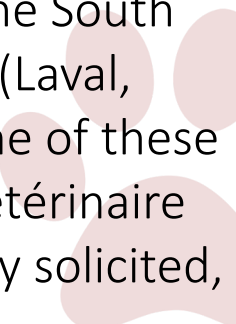
BECOMING A FOSTER FAMILY : WHAT WE LOOK FOR

How do you determine if you can contribute to our mission as a foster family? Here is some pertinent information to know before you start the process!

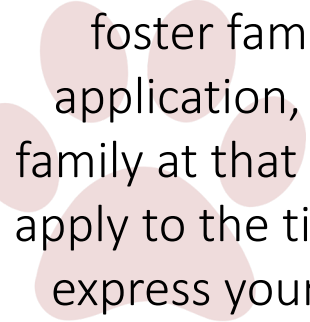


All our animals require medical care, some of which is easy to learn and some of which requires some experience. Depending on your situation, more or less complex cases will be offered.

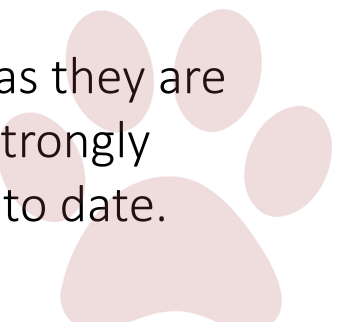
Our partner clinics are currently all located in Montreal, on the South Shore (Brossard, St-Jean-Sur-Richelieu) or the North Shore (Laval, Blainville, St-Eustache). You must be able to travel to at least one of these locations. Families living more than 50 km from the Centre Vétérinaire Laval or the Centre Vétérinaire Rive-Sud are accepted, but rarely solicited, due to the special needs of our animals.



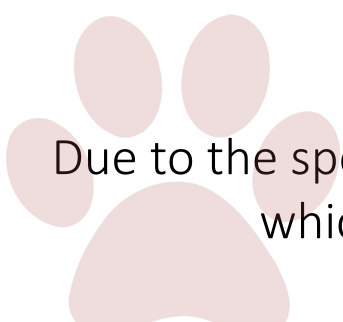
Since we do not have a facility to house the animals, they are placed in foster families as soon as they are taken in. When you submit your application, it is likely that there will be no animals looking for a foster family at that precise time – it can take several months from the time you apply to the time you welcome your first foster pet. We encourage you to express your interest when new animals are taken in via our Facebook page or at familles@aristopattes.ca!



We accept families who already have cats and/or dogs, as long as they are spayed or neutered (or will be when they come of age). We strongly encourage foster families to keep their pets' vaccinations up to date.



Due to the special conditions of our animals, we do not accept families in which there is one or more people who smoke inside.



BECOMING A FOSTER FAMILY : WHAT YOU SHOULD EXPECT

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THE ARRIVAL

Due to the special mission of the organization, we mostly take in emergencies. This means that we have an extremely short turnaround time to place animals in foster families, sometimes less than 24 hours. If you agree to take in an animal on an emergency basis, we may not know much about it yet (health status and character). We will provide you with all the necessary material to start (litter box, food, etc.) and you will have to carefully read and sign a contract.



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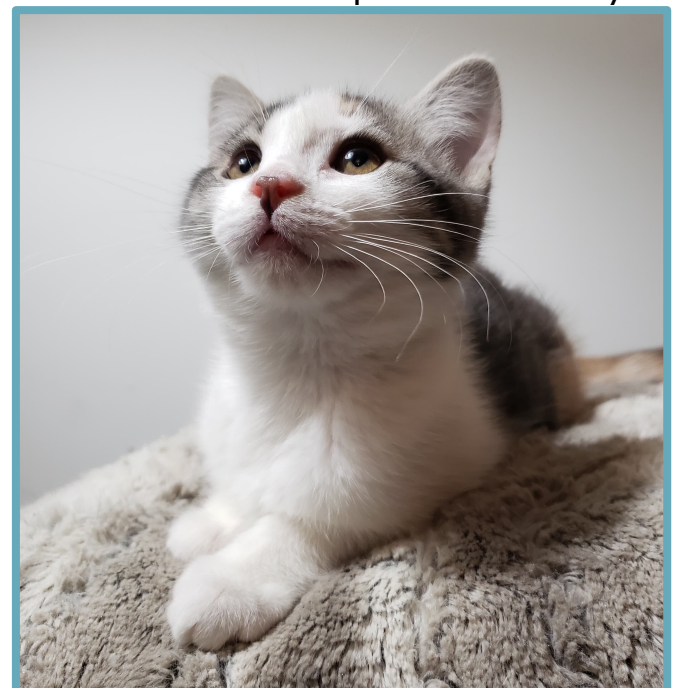
THE STAY

As soon as the animal arrives, a Foster Family Coordinator will be in contact with you. Depending on the complexity of the case you have been entrusted with, more or less frequent updates will be required. You will have to travel to medical appointments, and you will also have to take weekly pictures of the animal for our social networks. The organization assumes the medical and food expenses, under certain conditions.

Stephenie Meyer

THE DEPARTURE

Our team takes care of finding adoptive families for our animals - all you have to do is fill out an evaluation form so that we can select a family that matches the animal's needs and character. Typically, animals are fostered for a period of 3 months or less. Foster families have priority over adoption; adoption fees apply.



BECOMING A FOSTER FAMILY : SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Before you start the application process, please feel free to contact us via The Aristopaws Facebook page or at familles@aristopattes.ca if you have any questions about how we operate or the type of family we are looking for.

J.K. Rowling



FIRST STEP : FILL OUT THE FORM

The first step in becoming a foster family for the organization is to fill out our application [form](#); feel free to provide as much detail as possible about your environment, your motivations and the type of animal you wish to foster.

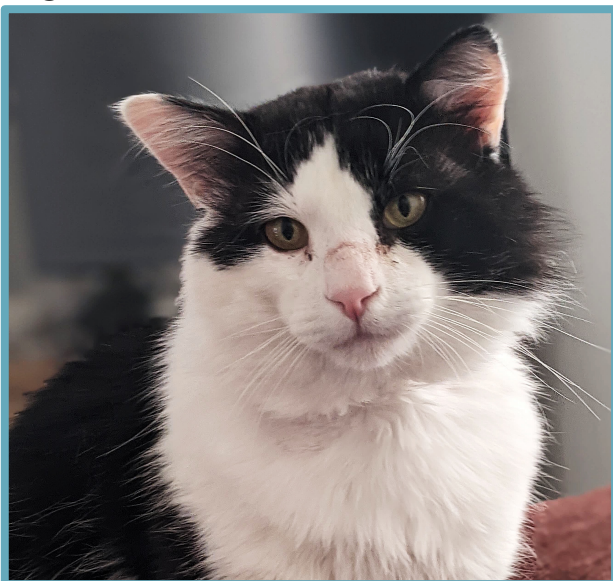
SECOND STEP : WATCH YOUR EMAIL

Once received, your application will be reviewed by one of our Foster Family Coordinators. If you meet the criteria we are looking for, you will receive an email welcoming you to The Aristopaws family. It may take a few days from the time you submit your application to the time our team gets back to you. Watch your spam and do not hesitate to contact us if you have not heard from us within 14 days.

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THIRD STEP : THE FACEBOOK GROUP

Do not hesitate to join our private Facebook group *Les Aristopattes - Familles d'accueil & adoptants*! You will be able to regularly share news about your foster pets, stay informed about our search for foster families and get exclusive news about our adopted animals.

BECOMING A FOSTER FAMILY : A COUPLE TIPS!

You have been accepted as a foster family for The Aristopaws, great!
Now what can you do to maximize your chances of fostering a pet quickly?



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Once your application is accepted, your name will be added to our foster family database. At any time, our team may try to contact you by phone or email (watch your spam!). It is very important that you follow up on our calls or emails; if we get no response from you, we may remove your name from our database without notice.

Do not hesitate to contact us by email at familles@aristopattes.ca to make changes to your file (e.g. change of address, availability, new pet, etc.) or to express your interest in an animal. If the animal in question already has a family, we may be able to offer you another one.

Do not be too selective in the animal you want to foster. The animals we take in are not chosen for their age, colour or breed, but because they are in poor health.

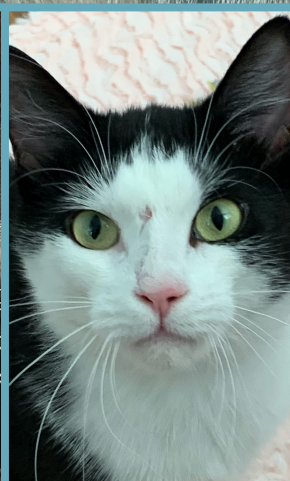
Watch our postings in *The Aristopaws - Familles d'accueil & adoptants* group and feel free to put yourself forward or ask for more information!



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FOR NEWS ABOUT OUR ANIMALS



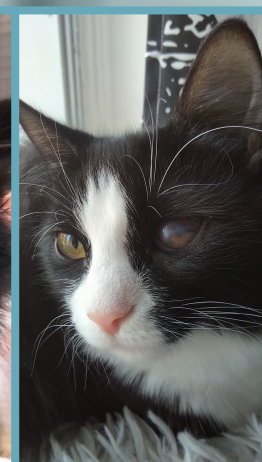
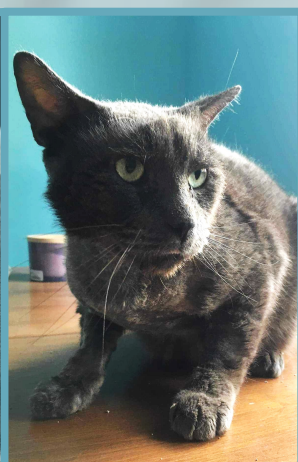
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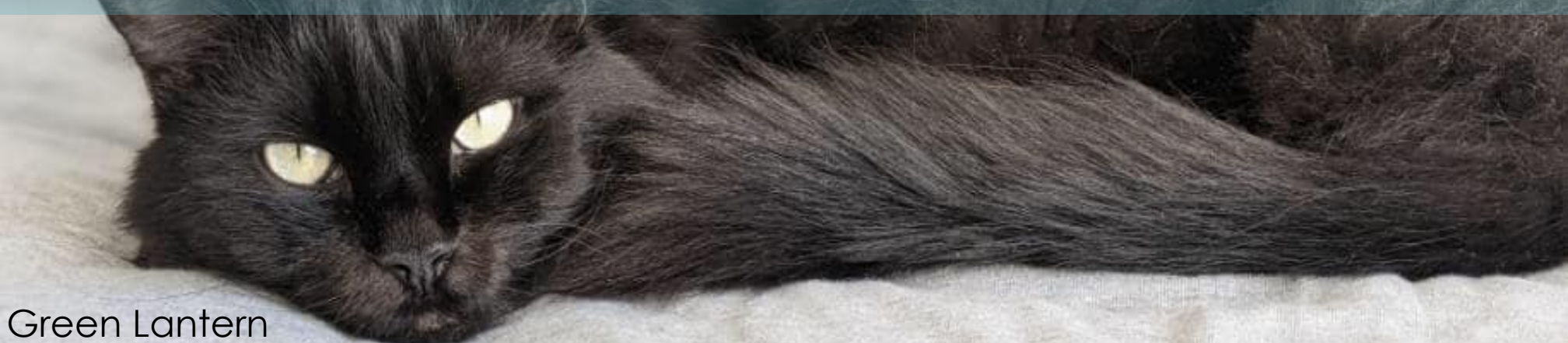
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