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Council teams up with Gladstone RSPCA to call for animal foster carers

Gladstone Regional Council has teamed up with Gladstone RSPCA to search for animal lovers who are keen to be a foster carer to homeless cats and dogs.

The animals will receive full vet services at the RSPCA's expense and pet food is supplied.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said residents who met eligibility requirements and were able to provide a temporary and secure loving home for orphaned animals were urged to apply.

"This joint effort aims to boost the number of foster carers available to assist the RSPCA until the group can find a permanent home for animals by way of adoption – this usually takes a few weeks," Councillor Burnett said.

"Council shares a common goal with the Gladstone RSPCA to re-home orphaned animals and there is an urgent need for cat and kitten foster carers in our region, as well as carers required for medium to large size dogs."

Cr Burnett said potential carers would need to meet certain requirements.

"Gladstone Region residents interested in being an animal foster carer require a secure yard for dogs with adequate shade and cats and kittens must be kept indoors or in an enclosure," he said.

"The RSPCA also has an agreement with Council to enable carers to foster an animal in addition to Council approved pet numbers."

Councillor Rick Hansen said residents interested in becoming an animal foster carer must be able to provide transport if required for vet appointments or monthly adoption days and be flexible for adoption appointments.

Current animals owned by potential carers must also be healthy and cared for.

Cr Hansen said the RSPCA offered support and assistance.

"There are no long-term commitments expected of foster carers and the carer is able to choose the animals cared for," he said.

Residents interested in becoming an animal foster carer can contact Gladstone RSPCA via their Facebook page and request an information pack or email teamrspca.gladstone@rspcaql.org.au for more information.