**Section 25.140 Foster Homes**

The licensed animal shelter shall be responsible for submission of the application and payment of the required fee prior to utilizing a designee as a foster home. The following requirements shall be complied with and will be the shelter's obligation:

a) No more than four animals (dogs or cats) shall be maintained at a foster home location at any one time.

b) The animals held at the foster home shall be afforded a clean environment and the home shall comply with all provisions of the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act [510 ILCS 70].

c) The animals held for adoption shall be segregated from any personally owned pets.

d) Records for the animals shall be available for review by Department personnel upon request and shall be retained at the animal shelter for two years.

e) The foster home shall be accessible for general observation by Department personnel for compliance with sanitation and the quality of care being afforded the animals.

f) Any dog over four months of age shall be vaccinated for rabies and the certificate of vaccination will be transferred to the person adopting the dog.

g) No animals shall be released to an adoptive owner until provisions have been completed for spaying of females or neutering of males.

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