7 Seven Guiding Principles for Foster Programs

1. Foster care is a humane, cost-effective and safe alternative to the confinement and stress of kennel housing.

2. Foster care is a preferable alternative to in-shelter care for the vast majority of pets.

3. Each pet is treated as an individual with its own unique set of physical and emotional needs.

4. Foster care is a priority function of the organization.

5. Foster caregivers are celebrated and given tools they need to be successful.

6. Fostering a pet is simple, easy and accessible.

7. Shelter/Rescue leadership sets measurable goals for the foster program and tracks data associated with those goals.