



# Noah's Ark Bayou Sanctuary Animal Rescue

## N.A.B.S. Volunteer Information

**Cold weather is coming! We need more foster homes!**

### **Why do N.A.B.S. Animals need Foster Homes?**

Primarily because they are slated to be euthanized at local shelters. Some animals are perfectly fit for a loving family while others need a little help getting back on their feet. Below are some common issues that animals rescued from shelters face. Often times, an animal will be euthanized before it has a chance because shelters don't have the time/resources to deal with "less than perfect" pets.

### **Fixable/Treatable problems of shelter animals**

- They are too young for a permanent home
- A mother has an unweaned litter
- An animal is malnourished
- Socialization—animals that need socialization should go to foster homes with previous experience working with animals.
- Minor infectious disease—animals that need extra time before they can be adopted so they can get well. (i.e. The most common infectious disease is coccidiosis, which may need fostering for up to 4 weeks. Ringworm requires 4-6 weeks. Upper respiratory infections require 7 days of treatment but will need to be kept in a foster home for an additional 2-3 weeks.)

### **How can I help with a Mobile Adoption?**

Volunteering to come to the mobile adoption site is an easier way to become actively involved in the lives and needs of these wonderful animals. We need people who are interested in working as an adoption counselor, keeping the animals in their best shape possible to find their "forever families" (i.e. grooming, cage cleaning, walking, etc.), and setting up/breaking down the mobile adoption equipment such as cages, signs, etc. This is a great way for our younger children to get involved as well.