

## Fostering Love

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In shelters crowded, hearts yearning for love,

Furry souls wait for a chance from above.

Foster care, a bridge to forever homes,

Where healing begins and kindness roams.

Tiny kittens, weak and small,

Puppies scared, needing a gentle call.

Injured strays and senior pets too,

All in need of care, both old and new.

Volunteers open homes and hearts,

Nurturing spirits as new life starts.

Feeding, cleaning, and giving affection,

Providing safety and warm protection.

Why does it matter? Lives are at stake,

Each foster home, a difference they make.

In foster care, they learn to trust,

Shedding fears that time has thrust.

Basic commands and social skills grow,

Preparing for the forever homes they'll know.

Sometimes the need stems from neglect,

Or owners who could no longer protect.

Natural disasters and life's cruel turns,

Create the need for which foster care yearns.

So take this mission, should you choose,

To foster an animal, you cannot lose.

For in saving one, you save two indeed,

The love they give you, and the love they need.

Join Hawaiian Humane's noble cause,

Extend your love through caring paws.

In fostering, we all have a part,

To mend a broken animal's heart.