

## INFORMATION FOR MILITARY OWNED PETS

**Develop a Plan** – research your options as soon as your deployment is scheduled. The sooner you start researching, more options may be available. Decide if your pet will stay with family, friends, in a foster home or be relinquished for adoption. If relocation of your pet is an option, a pet relocation expert can be contracted for a fee to assist with moving your pet such as Happy Tails Travel ([happytailstravel.com/pcs-military-pet-relocation.php](http://happytailstravel.com/pcs-military-pet-relocation.php)).

**Medical Records** (vaccinations and spay/neuter) – before leaving your pet in the care of someone else, it should be current on vaccinations, and be spayed or neutered to remove chances of it breeding while in your absence. Also, the foster should receive contact information of your personal veterinarian in case of emergency.

**Identification** - your pet should be tagged with required rabies and license tags. If your pet is placed in a foster home the foster's contact information should also be tagged on your pet. Micro-chipping is strongly encouraged.

**Pet Resume** – should be created and include your pet's health history, medications, temperament, eating/sleeping habits and training to assist the foster in caring for your pet.

**Foster Agreement** – if fostering is an option, a foster agreement should be created between the two parties.

**Daily Routine and Expenses** – create an agreement outlining preferences of handling expenses for medical treatment, food, toys, and grooming. Other options include pet insurance which can be obtained through your personal veterinarian.

## RESOURCE WEBSITES

### FOR TIPS:

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ([aspc.org/site/DocServer/military\\_dogprof.pdf?docID=542](http://aspc.org/site/DocServer/military_dogprof.pdf?docID=542)) offers tips for military pet owners.

4MilitaryFamilies ([4militaryfamilies.com/pets.htm](http://4militaryfamilies.com/pets.htm)) provides tips for taking care of military pets during foster care or moves.

The military offers suggestions for those moving with their pets at [military.com/money/content/pcs-dity-move/moving-with-pets.html](http://military.com/money/content/pcs-dity-move/moving-with-pets.html). The military also offers suggestions for transporting pets at [military.com/money/content/pcs-dity-move/transporting-pets-military-options.html](http://military.com/money/content/pcs-dity-move/transporting-pets-military-options.html).

The Humane Society of the United States ([hsus.org/ace/11822](https://hsus.org/ace/11822)) has a checklist and a sample contract form for foster care.

Additional pet tips for military being deployed can be found at [paw-rescue.org/PAW/PETTIPS/DogTip\\_MilitaryPetOwnersBeingDeployed.php](https://paw-rescue.org/PAW/PETTIPS/DogTip_MilitaryPetOwnersBeingDeployed.php).

### **FOSTER CARE INFORMATION:**

Net Pet's [Military Pets FOSTER Project](https://netpets.org/militarypet/foster.php) ([netpets.org/militarypet/foster.php](https://netpets.org/militarypet/foster.php)) is a foster-matching service for military owned pets.

Operation Noble Foster ([operationnoblefoster.org/](https://operationnoblefoster.org/)) has feline fostering information and a sample contract form. It is a non-profit staffed by Purebred Cat Breed Rescue. They help U.S. military and paramilitary personnel retain ownership of their cats through fostering.

Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet (GASP) ([guardianangelsforsoldierspet.org/](https://guardianangelsforsoldierspet.org/)) is a nationwide foster program with over 2,500 potential foster homes. After applying for foster care, a GASP volunteer will verify the pet's health, match a foster home, then arrange a meeting between the soldier and foster parents.

Pennsylvania-based [PACT](https://pactforanimals.org/voice.php) ([pactforanimals.org/voice.php](https://pactforanimals.org/voice.php)) matches foster homes with military. They strongly encourage soldiers to keep in touch with their pet's foster family while deployed.