

Letter Requesting Grant Information

October 11, 2004

Edward C. Smith, Jr. & Christopher B. Smith Foundation
P.O. Box 1527
Greenville, NC 27835

Dear Mr. Smith,

I understand that you are not accepting unsolicited applications at this time. I am writing in hopes that you will consider inviting an application from us. Given the Edward C. Smith, Jr. & Christopher B. Smith Foundation's focus on social services, the Pet Foster Network provides a suitable match.

The Pet Foster Network helps seventeen animal rescue groups and county shelters to recruit as many foster homes as possible by promoting the joys and needs of pet fostering in Durham, Chatham, Orange, and Wake counties in North Carolina. It is the first and only organization unifying the efforts of local animal welfare groups in recruiting more foster homes. In 2003:

- 14,606 animals were euthanized in Wake, Orange, Durham, and Chatham county shelters in North Carolina.
- In Tompkins County, N.Y. (pop. 101,411), 36 percent of the animals maintained in shelters were placed in foster homes.
- In the Triangle¹ (pop. 1,050,645), only 9 percent of animals maintained in shelters were placed in foster homes.

The Pet Foster Network:

- Encourages residents to provide temporary in-home care for animals in need
- Supports, not duplicates, the work of animal shelters and rescue organizations
- Aims to reduce the euthanasia of adoptable animals
- Promotes a unified approach to saving animals
- Educates the community about a wonderful opportunity to volunteer.

I was pleased to see that we have the same goals at heart. Please let me know if the Edward C. Smith, Jr. & Christopher B. Smith Foundation is interested in soliciting a proposal from our organization. I can be reached at (919) 425-2330 or barbara@petfoster.org to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

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¹ Wake, Orange, and Durham counties in North Carolina form an area called the Triangle.