



Fostering Guidelines

Thank you for considering fostering an animal that was most likely scheduled to be euthanized. Fostering allows rescues to pull and thus save a life. Fostering has been one of the most rewarding experiences a person can have to see where they have come from and to their forever homes. They are the “go between” to their forever families. Fostering has its highs and lows. The animals can get sick. We do not know their medical histories or behaviors in most cases. Food aggression can be addressed fairly easily, but people or other animal aggression cannot take place. It is a liability and someone can get hurt in the process.

Guidelines

- Make sure the animal is safe at all times.
- Please do not leave the dog outside unless you are home.
- All cats will be inside 100% of the time.
- The animal will be taken to Events when held. Almost every Saturday we are at Petco from noon until 4p. Please make sure your dog has a martingale collar or a proper fitting harness. We do not want them to have their collars too loose that they get them over their heads and have a running free dog. Cats must also be in cat carriers when transporting. We can set you up with leashes, collars or carriers.
- The foster will take an active role in helping to locate their foster a forever home.
- Pictures will need to be updated. Pictures are what capture people's hearts. Usually, we can get photos at the events or we can schedule a time to get some photos.
- An Animal Profile will be filled out for your foster animal by Kimber Hopkins.
- All vet appointments will be met. You should be given a PETS form filled out with the vetting requirements they need based on their age when we get the animal (if possible).

- Copies of your personal vet records will be needed for your file. (All personal pets will need to be current on all their shots – rabies, booster shots, Bordetella, etc.)
- Food and kitty litter will be provided by the rescue if needed and available.
- If your animal becomes sick, please contact the appropriate Foster Coordinator to get approval to take to Animal Hospital. Animal Hospital hours are Monday-Friday 8:00a-11:30a and 2:00p-4:30p. They take their last patients at 11:30a and 4:30p. They are closed Thursday afternoons after 11:30a.
- If we pulled a dog from the city, they should have their first set of shots (dav2ppv+cv) along with Bordetella. We are trying to get vetting sheets at the time we pull so that the foster has them for the follow up shots. The follow up shots should be done at PETS unless otherwise specified. PETS hours are Monday-Friday 10a-2p. Please have your filled out forms with you. If you do not have them, get with your Foster Coordinator.
- You will be notified of any Adoption Applications that come in to set up meet and greets. Once the meet and greet is done, the approval of the Application will be started. We would like for the adoptions to happen on Saturdays at the Adoption Events. All animal paperwork must be given to the adopter at the time the adoption occurs which includes any follow up vetting. The Adoption Application and Adoption Agreement will be put in the animal vetting sheet protector in the available animal's binder. You cannot adopt out your foster on your own unless approved by the appropriate Foster Coordinator.
- We will post your fosters when they have had their proper vetting to advertise on our Facebook page. We do not want to post them until they are properly available for adoption.
- There is no time line on when your foster gets adopted. We hope that it will be a quick occurrence, but some take longer than others to be adopted. We ask that you keep the foster until they get adopted.
- If there are any behavior issues, please get with your Foster Coordinator.
- When going to Petco, please remember to bring a chair. We need to also leave room for shoppers to be able to get to the merchandise.
- If your foster gets out, please contact your Foster Coordinator immediately.
- We have heart worm prevention for dogs at the kennels and we need to ensure your foster dog is getting the monthly pill.
- Please work on housebreaking and any basic behavior issues. If there are some behavior issues arising that you are concerned about, please notify your Foster Coordinator.
- The kennels for are animals that we do not have a foster or fosters are on vacation.
- If you see an animal at the city you want to foster, please get with the appropriate Foster Coordinator. Only certain people are allowed to pull animals from the city.

Also if a friend or someone notifies you of an animal they want to rehome or found, please get with a Foster Coordinator to accept the animal in. If a stray, the animal will need to go to the city to have a chance to be reclaimed. If it is not reclaimed, we would need a foster to pull the animal.

- Dogs 5-6 months old must be fixed before they can come to an event. Dogs will get 4 way heart worm testing (if over 6 months), dav2ppv+cv+rabies, Bordetella, microchip, dewormed, heart worm prevention and altered. Puppies (less than a year old) will get three puppy boosters (dav2ppv+cv), Bordetella, microchip, dewormed, heart worm prevention, and altered. If you need capstar or Nexgard, please let the Foster Coordinator know and they can approve it. You should have vetting sheets if shots, testing or altering needs to be done. Puppies cannot be at an adoption event until they have had their second set of shots. The puppy boosters are given 3 weeks between shots. Conni Marshall will schedule with PETS the altering dates.
- Cats 18 weeks or older will be fixed and have vetting before they can come to an event. The vetting required for cats over 18 weeks, FELV/FIV testing, FELV Vaccine, FVRP-C+rabies, microchip, dewormer and altered. Kittens can get first set of shots at 6 weeks old (FVRP-C) and dewormed. At 7 weeks old (if over a pound), they can be tested for FELV/FIV. They cannot receive the FELV Vaccine until 9 weeks old. The series of shots is 3 weeks in between shots. Kittens cannot go to events unless they have had their first set of shots and been tested for FELV/FIV and negative. Kittens will need two kitten boosters, FELV/FIV testing, FELV Vaccine, dewormed, microchip and rabies. Kimber Hopkins or Kem Wilson will schedule the altering with PETS.

When you first meet your new foster, please introduce them to your personal pets in a neutral area. Take them to the park and walk them together (if dogs). Once they have gotten to know each other, then bring to your residence.

Cats

Cats are usually easy to train for the litter box. It is almost instinct. They may hide at first, because they usually take a little more time to adjust to new surroundings and environment. Just give them time and space. They will come around. If you keep the litter box cleaned, there should not be a problem. Please do not let them outside at all. They could get attacked by another animal, get run over, get pregnant (if before they get altered) or get a disease. Helping to socialize kitties helps to make them find a forever home quicker.

Dogs

Please feed your foster dog in a separate room at first to see if there may be possible food aggression. We do not know if they are housebroken as well. You might need to help with training them. The best rule of thumb is to feed them in the morning and then take them out 30 minutes later. Watch to see if they do all their business and praise them when they do. Do not leave food out for them to free feed. Feed them in the morning and evening. If you want to crate them when you are not home to ensure they do not chew or destroy your property, it would be perfectly fine. Some families want them crate trained or if there is an emergency like fire or weather related.

Please be careful to watch the door when it is opened. They can dart out the door and they can get harmed in the process. Please be watchful with new people coming in your home as they may become protective. Please note any quirks they may seem to have and let's work on them. Playing with them helps them to become more social and daily walks as well.

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