

FREQUENTLY ASKED FOSTER QUESTIONS

CAN I CHOOSE MY FOSTER DOG?

Yes! People foster small dogs, big dogs, calm dogs, rowdy dogs, puppies, senior dogs, and dogs recovering from illness or injury.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH MY FOSTER DOG?

We will provide you with an email address and a phone number to reach us in case your dog experiences any medical or behavioral problems. If it does not work out, you can bring the dog back to the shelter.

WILL I BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY MEDICAL EXPENSES?

We provide you with a list of steps to take if there are any medical problems, such as calling us first and then taking the dog to our approved veterinary hospital. If you follow these steps, we will cover any approved medical costs.

HOW LONG BEFORE MY FOSTER DOG BECOMES AVAILABLE TO ADOPT?

Unless your dog is recovering from a medical condition or has another special circumstance, most dogs become available after 3 days.

WHAT HAPPENS IF AN OWNER COMES FORWARD WHILE I HAVE THE DOG?

Unfortunately, most dogs are never claimed by their owner at the shelter. However, if someone believes the dog belongs to him/her, we will verify ownership through pictures and/or vet records. If everything checks out, we will contact you and you will need to return the dog to the shelter so the dog can be reunited with its family.

HOW LONG DO I NEED TO FOSTER?

Ideally, we hope you will foster the dog until the dog finds a home, whether that's with you or a new family. Depending on the age and breed of the dog, this could take as little as a day or as much as a couple months, though most dogs are adopted within a couple of weeks.

DO I GET TO CHOOSE THE ADOPTER OF THE DOG?

If you do not already have an adopter lined up, we will create a waitlist for your dog and send you contact info of the interested parties so you can ask them questions and ensure the home will be a good fit.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I HAVE A PET(S) OF MY OWN?

Most dogs can be fostered with other pets without a problem. Because dogs are new to our shelter, we often do not know much about their personality, such as whether they are good with other dogs or cats. If we notice any concerning behaviors, we will let you know before you take the dog home.

DO I HAVE TO BE HOME ALL OF THE TIME?

Most dogs do not require constant care. Many of our foster providers leave their dogs at home when they go to work, just like any other pet.