



Foster Handbook

This Foster Handbook is your essential guide to providing temporary homes and loving care for dogs in need. This handbook is your go-to resource for making a positive impact on these furry friends' lives while they await their forever homes. Whether you're a first-time foster or an experienced caregiver, this handbook is your trusted companion in the world of dog fostering.

If you feel something is wrong with your foster, please call or message us so we can help:

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Our Vets

Please call us before calling them unless it's a life or death matter.

Dr. Rydberg - Lake Geneva - (262) 248-6400

Dr. Donna - Libertyville - (847) 549-3616

Animal Care Center - Buffalo Grove - (847) 796-2420

Animal Care Center - Barrington, IL - (847) 381-4100

Pets At Home

In order to Foster for TCPDR, all current pets must be up to date on vaccines, heartworm and flea & tick preventative. Current pets must also be spayed or neutered.

Introductions

Fostering pets can be a rewarding experience, but it's essential to consider the harmony of your current furry family members when bringing a new foster pet into your home. A successful introduction can set the stage for a peaceful coexistence and ensure a positive experience for everyone involved.

Things to remember:

- These dogs are frightened and don't know how to tell you how they're feeling, that they need to go to the bathroom, etc.
- Please treat them kindly as they have been hurt and let down by humans before.
- A slow introduction must be used to acclimate pets together. Pets should never be alone together unsupervised.
- Expect accidents and allow decompression.
- Remember to read up on the 3-3-3 rule. (See end of handbook)

Introducing a new foster pet to your resident animals requires patience, understanding, and careful observation. With the right approach, your furry family members can coexist harmoniously, and you can provide a safe and loving environment for all the pets in your care. By following these steps, you can set the stage for a successful fostering experience and, ultimately, help more animals find their forever homes.

Keeping a Watchful Eye: Common Illnesses in Your Foster Dog

Our dogs come from many different areas and may have common illnesses.

We may need you to administer common vetting and be able to take your dog to appointments. Please call us if this is a problem.

Fostering a dog can be a rewarding experience, but it comes with responsibilities, one of which is monitoring the health of your furry temporary family member. Being vigilant and

recognizing common illnesses is crucial to ensuring your foster dog's well-being. Here are just a few things to watch for:

Respiratory Infections:

Respiratory illnesses, like kennel cough, are highly contagious and can spread quickly in a shelter or foster environment. Keep an eye out for coughing, sneezing, nasal discharge, or lethargy. If your foster dog exhibits any of these symptoms, please contact us.

Gastrointestinal Upset:

Changes in diet or stress can lead to digestive issues in foster dogs. Diarrhea, vomiting, or a sudden lack of appetite are red flags. Make sure your foster dog has a consistent diet and consult a vet if these symptoms persist.

Prompt Communication:

If you notice any concerning signs or symptoms, don't hesitate to contact us. Early detection and treatment can make a significant difference in your foster dog's health and happiness. Fostering a dog is an act of compassion, and your vigilant care plays a vital role in their journey towards a forever home. By being aware of these common illnesses and acting promptly, you're providing the best possible care for your foster dog, helping them recover and thrive on their path to a loving family.

Important Info You Should Know:

You are valuable and so is your time! We are all Volunteers. Thank you for being a foster!

- TCPDR will supply you with basic comforts if needed for you to foster your animal. Please do not be afraid to ask for something.
- All puppies and Dogs are property of TCPDR. Please notify us if you need to relinquish your foster and give us 48 hours to find a new foster home.
- We do give fosters first rights to adopt until the animals are publicly up for adoption. *Please notify us as soon as possible* if you are interested in adopting your Foster.

- If you know someone who is interested in your foster, great! They must apply and be approved. Please be prepared, however, that as much as we try to accommodate, they may not be approved or a better match for the dog may be required.
- We do not allow any meet and greets without an approved application. This avoids taking up your valuable family time if the applicant isn't serious or qualified. This will also prevent any hurt feelings or attachments if someone is not approved.

Foster to Adopt

You will have one week to decide if you would like to adopt your foster. After a week, then we must put dogs up for adoption. We obtain a health certificate on every animal that is good for 30 days. After 30 days, we must take the dog to the Vet to purchase another.

If you decide you're a match, terrific! Let us know! If not, we ask that you continue fostering until that perfect home is found.

Spay and Neuter

We believe in Spay and Neutering.

All dogs over 6 months in foster will need to be altered before adoption. If you need help making it to the vet, please let us know. We will try our best to help facilitate this.