Thank you for choosing to foster a Stray Rescue dog. Your commitment to care for, nurture, and further the development of a companion animal in need truly appreciated. It is so critical for rescued dogs to experience life in a loving home as part of a “family pack” and it helps them to be al the more prepared for placement in a forever home when that happy day finally arrives.

**Week 1:**

- Contact our vet clinic within 24 hours to set up any future medical appointments at 314.771.6121 ext. 221

- Contact our training department, training@strayrescue.org, and sign up for training classes. The doggies look forward to this bonding and learning time with you.

- Keep staff members’ email addresses & phone numbers handy. (See Foster Parent Handbook for contact info).

- Begin basic training such as refining potty training, teaching sit, begin crate training.

- Keep in touch with the Foster team to commitee how your foster is settling in. We love to hear from you!

- Review the following sections in the foster handbook:
  - Bringing Your Foster Home
  - Feeding Your Foster
  - Stray Rescue Vet Clinic
  - Contacting Stray Rescue

**Week 2:**

- Sign up for adoption events via Cassady Caldwell (cassady@strayrescue.org) or Tami Zahmdt (tzahrmdt@gmail.com). This is a great way to promote your foster dog and network with other foster parents. Look at your schedule and commit to 2 events a month.

- Send a bio and 2 photos to Donna Lochmann (donna@strayrescue.org), as soon as possible (within a week of having the dog in your home).

- Continue working on basic training, sit, stay, crate training and start training loose leash walking.

- Review the following sections in the foster handbook:
  - Monthly Heartworm/Flea Preventative
  - Marketing your foster dog
  - Adoption Events
  - Adoption Process
  - Training Resources for Your Foster

**Week 3:**

- Continue to work on mastering basic training, and add additional skills such as come, leave it, quiet and down.

**Week 4:**

- Send updates to the Foster Team communicating the health and well-being of your foster dog.

- Review your foster’s bio and photo and see if they need to be updated. Does your foster know more tricks than when you originally wrote his/her bio?

**Welcome to Fostering!**

*Remember to take things slow, get to know your foster doggy and most importantly enjoy your fostering experience together!*