

Foster FAQs

What is Fostering? Fostering is where you provide a loving home for a dog/cat in need until they find their forever homes. This can be several days to several months. While in your care, the dog/cat will learn about living in a home and be treated as your own. We have 2 types of fostering, Long term and Short term. Long term is where you would have the foster dog in your home until they are adopted. Short term is where you would have a dog for a short amount of time, usually a weekend or a week at a time.

What does Stray Rescue cover? Stray Rescue will pay all medical care while the dog/cat is in a foster home. We will provide supplies as needed and as available. Stray Rescue will place the dog/cat on the website. Stray Rescue will also provide training and support.

What is the Foster parent responsible for? The foster parent will schedule and take their foster dog to any vet appointments. The foster parent is also expected to attend at least one adoption event a month. The foster parent is also responsible for all care of the dog/cat while in foster care. The foster will work on basic training and house manners. Fosters are expected to keep in communication with the foster and adoption team at Stray Rescue. Fosters will also contact applications that come in within 24 hours and report back to the adoption team.

How do I become a Foster parent? To become a foster parent, you just need to [fill out a foster application](#) and someone from the Foster/Adoption Team will contact you. Fostering is a commitment. We do ask that you give the foster dog/cat time to adjust in your home and exhaust all resources available to be able to keep the foster in your home until they are adopted. Once a dog leaves the shelter for foster, that space is taken by another dog in need. Stray Rescue will work with you to find the right dog/cat for your home to minimize issues that may arise. It's important to remember that these dogs/cats have come from a variety of backgrounds and may have issues that need to be worked on. We are there to support our fosters, but need our fosters to be willing to make the commitment and work through any issues that may arise with their new foster dog/cat.

What issues/problems can I expect from my new foster dog? Many of our dogs have not had a good start to life. They may need help with housebreaking, chewing, separation anxiety, socialization, crate training, or other behavioral concerns. Many times we are unsure of how a dog will be once in a home. This is where fostering is important. As a foster, it is your job to teach them the skills necessary to be able to successfully live in a home.

Fostering is a rewarding experience for both the foster and the dog/cat. Stray Rescue dogs are appreciative of the time, love and care that is provided to them and will repay you with much love in return. The joy of working with these dogs and seeing them develop into happy, healthy, normal dogs is worth it all! You will get to see where the dog/cat will be living, know that you helped a dog in need, and make a lot of friends in the process.