

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN FOSTERING A DALLAS DOG!

## HERE ARE SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOU FOSTER

### ***Is my home appropriate for fostering?***

Many people think that because they live in an apartment or don't have a yard, their home will not accommodate a foster dog. This could not be further from the truth. The perfect foster home is a home with loving, attentive foster who can provide exercise and potty time to the foster dog. Whether that takes place in a yard or on a walk around a downtown city block - it's all good!

***Will the new foster get along with my pets?*** We can help you choose the right foster pet and also help with introductions. Most dogs can learn to get along, if properly matched and introduced. We would suggest fostering a dog with the same energy level as your current dog, to see how your dog reacts, and keeping separated unless supervised, until you know for sure how they will get along.

### ***Is my schedule a good fit for fostering?***

We encourage fosters to make sure that a dog is not crated for more than 4-5 hours at a time. While we realize this is not always possible, the more time you spend with your foster, the better. If your work schedule does not allow for that mid-day break, we encourage you to find a buddy who can walk your foster dog at some point during the day. Your foster dog will be happier during the day and will be thrilled to see you when you get home that evening!

### ***What is the time commitment involved in fostering?***

Foster dogs are like any other pet in your home. They need the same amount of time, love and attention you would give your own dog. Some dogs will require extra help - leash training, or potty training for example - and will take some time to learn basic dog manners. The more time you can spend with your foster, the better equipped he or she will be to thrive in a new forever home.

### ***What sort of financial arrangements are made for fostering a dog?***

Your foster dog will be vetted, vaccinated and will either be spayed or neutered or scheduled for spay/neuter when they come into your home. This is at no cost to you. DAWG can provide crates, food and some other supplies if needed. Medical expenses will be covered as well, in collaboration with DAS.

### ***How long can I expect to keep a foster dog?***

Foster commitments vary greatly. Sometimes, a highly adoptable dog who is not doing well in the shelter needs a short-term foster to decompress and acclimate to life as a family member. This commitment could be anywhere from a week to a couple of months. Dogs who are being transported to another state could be in your home for 10 days to two weeks. For harder-to-adopt dogs or dogs dog with a medical condition, the commitment might be longer. DAWG will help you learn to network your foster dog and will be hosting DAS adoption events your foster can attend.

### ***What happens if I want to adopt my foster dog?***

Go ahead and "foster fail!" Our goal is to help every homeless dog find the perfect forever family. If that's you, go **for it!**

### ***What happens if my foster arrangement doesn't work out?***

DAWG will make every effort to support a successful foster experience. This includes helping you know how to introduce a foster into your home, training tips and other support. If a fostering situation just doesn't work out, we will network your foster into another foster situation as soon as it can be arranged.

Thank you again for your willingness to foster!! The DAWGs of Dallas are grateful!!

