

MYSTERY DOG RESCUE FOSTER EXPECTATIONS



Congratulations on becoming a Foster Parent for Mystery Dog Rescue. Your involvement is crucial to the success of our organization, and we want to let you know what you can expect from being a Foster Parent.

FOSTER ENVIRONMENT

If we have not done so already, we will be arranging for a visit to your home to meet your family and other pets. The purpose for this is to ensure that the animal being placed in your care will have a safe and caring environment, and so we will have a better idea of the size, age and energy level that would work with your family.

We believe that pets should be part of the family. Unless previously discussed with a Mystery Dog Rescue Board Member, cats should remain indoors at all times, and dogs should be indoor pets, with outside time to potty, exercise, and play.

MEDICAL

We will cover all medical expenses for the animal. We work with a number of local veterinary clinics and will work with you, if needed, should your foster pet require medical care. We will inform you of any known medical issues with the animal, and provide you with a complete set of medical records in case you need them in an emergency.

Except in the case of an emergency, all vet visits must be arranged through a Mystery Dog Rescue Board Member. In case of an emergency, you must call your Foster Coordinator as soon as possible, preferably on the way to the emergency clinic, so they can authorize the visit in the emergency room.

In an emergency, we use:

Animal Emergency Room
4315 Fredericksburg Road
210-737-7380

FEEDING

We will advise you of the type of food the animal should be eating. We can provide the food, if needed. If you wish to feed the same food you use for your other animals, please clear it with a Mystery Dog Rescue Board Member. In most cases, this will be permitted. Please note that changes in food and environment may result in temporary digestive issues. Let us know if this should happen, and we will give you tips to get it cleared up.

Please do not feed human food to the animal unless previously discussed with Mystery Dog Rescue.

BEHAVIORAL

We will make every effort to match a foster animal that fits in with your family and lifestyle. You will need to give the animal behavioral and socialization support, with the goal of making a highly adoptable pet. For the first few weeks of staying in your home, we recommend interactions with other pets, children and visitors be supervised. The animal will need some time to settle in and find its role in your house.

While we know that most foster families do not have training backgrounds, we do expect that you work on basic skills needed to help the dog adapt to home life. Please discourage jumping, biting, pawing, scratching and excessive barking. Should any of these be an issue, please let us know and we can work with you on correcting the behavior. Any training for good traits that can be done is welcome, as it helps make the animal more easily adoptable. The basic Sit command is easiest, and helps them show well at events.

We rely on you to give us feedback on the personality and temperament of the animal. We need to be aware of any potential issues, but we also need to know any tricks or endearing qualities they may have that make them more adoptable.

ADOPTION EVENTS

We schedule many adoption events at various locations in and around San Antonio, so that we provide as many opportunities as possible for our pets to find their new homes. Your foster pet needs to attend as many of these events as possible to give them the best chance of being adopted.

Dogs should be clean, bathed if necessary, and be wearing their collar (with tags) and leash. Cats should be clean and transported in a kennel. If you do not have one available, we can provide one for you.

You will be contacted by one of our Foster Coordinators to make sure you know when and where to show up with the animal. We know you may not be able to drop off and pick up your foster from every event, and we can work with you to coordinate transport if necessary.

We also greatly appreciate it if you are able to volunteer at events every now and again. Potential adopters appreciate it when they can speak with actual foster parent to learn more about the animal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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