

Dog Foster (DF) KEY DOS AND DON'TS OF BEING AN FOS! FOSTER PARENT



DOS

- DO carefully read each email that you receive from us.
- DO follow all instructions that we provide, especially if you received a medical and/or behavior consult.
- DO make sure your resident animals are fully vaccinated before taking a foster dog.
- DO keep your foster dog separated from any resident animal for at least the first week.
- DO send us pictures, videos, bio information for your foster dog pursuant to the adoption protocol that you receive.
- DO give our staff as much advance notice as possible if you need to rehome your foster dog (at least 4 days' notice) or if you need a sitter (at least 7 days' notice).
- DO respond to ALL adoption inquiries within 24 hours even if your foster dog is getting adopted.
- DO always let potential adopters know there is other adoption interest in your foster dog.
- DO tell us as soon as possible if you plan on adopting your foster dog.
- DO tell us immediately if you are experiencing any issue with your foster dog.
- DO immediately report any foster dog bite pursuant to our Dog Foster Bite Protocol.
- DO shower your foster dog with love!

DON'TS

- DON'T bring your foster dog to any off-leash area or let your foster dog off leash.
- DON'T leave your foster dog unattended in your yard, whether it is fenced or not.
- DON'T travel out of the area with your foster dog (contact our staff first if you need a sitter).
- DON'T introduce your foster dog to any other animals except your resident animal(s) and any potential adopter's animal(s) (unless FOS advises against any such introduction).
- DON'T hand off your foster dog to a sitter or another foster without first discussing it with Friends of Strays.
- DON'T hand off your foster dog to a potential adopter or let them take your foster dog on a trial basis, field trip, or sleepover; potential adopters must apply, attend an in-person adoption interview, and pay the adoption fee.
- DON'T allow your foster puppy(ies) to touch the ground in any public area; this includes at Friends of Strays. For Clinic visits; bring your puppy in a crate or carry them.