



August 2020 Newsletter



August

We hope August has been good to you and your organization so far! We know COVID is still a real thing and is still affecting the ins-and-outs of day-to-day life, but this month has given us many sunny (and HOT!) days for us to enjoy. So keep enjoying the little things and check out some of the fun things we've been doing this month!

# Don't forget to join us for #AdoptionAugust!

Join us as we dedicate August as "Adoption August" by sharing wonderful adoption stories and encourage others to share their adoption stories all over social media in an effort to raise more awareness of animal adoption.

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# New members-only resources!

We've added some new and updated resources to our members-only area on our website. Log in and check them out!

[CHECK IT OUT](#)

### WHAT TYPE OF FOSTERS ARE AVAILABLE AT [organization]

**All types of animals are available for foster (organization) for any length of time!**

We are a 100% foster-based rescue. Our foster homes essentially replace the need for kennels. Rescues kept in foster homes rather than shelters are usually more friendly and much less stressed than those kept in a shelter facility.

**Behavior Fostering:**  
These animals need a little more help in learning to become the perfect house guest. This can range from basic house-training to basic obedience training to helping a dog learn appropriate behaviors around people and other animals. **[organization name] does not accept rescues with aggression issues.**

**Medical Fostering:**  
Animals with medical needs. These animals may be critically ill, injured, recovering from surgery, or have a variety of other needs. If you are interested in becoming a medical foster caregiver, please email [\[organization email here\]](#).

**Examples of medical needs would be:**

- Ringworm (usually a 4-6 week commitment. As a foster, you would be asked to bathe pet(s) twice weekly with Lim Sulfur dip, give daily oral medication, and come back to the shelter weekly for re-checks. After fostering a pet with ringworm, you will only be able to foster other ringworm positive pet(s) until given clearance from our medical team.
- Mange (non-contagious) (usually a 2-3 month commitment. As a foster, you would be asked to give daily medications, bathe pet 1-2 times per week, and bring to shelter for re-checks every several weeks.
- Broken bones are usually a 4-6 week commitment. These pets usually need to come in weekly for re-checks and may or may not need daily medications. Most have exercise restrictions and/or need strict crate rest.
- Heartworm (non-contagious) (usually a 2-3 month commitment. These pets need daily medication initially, then they come to the shelter monthly for heartworm treatment. They require crate rest/electroce restriction for the duration of treatment.
- Extensive wounds. The time commitment varies from pet to pet, but most will need several weeks to several months in foster care. These pets need frequent bandage changes, sometimes under sedation, so they may need to come to the shelter multiple times per week initially, then they may be able to go a week between bandage changes until cleared. They also may need medications given daily.
- Post-operative care is usually a 2-2 week commitment. These pets may need daily medications, warm and cold compressing of surgery site, suture/staple removal, etc.
- Upper respiratory infections (severe cough) (usually a 2-3 week commitment. These pets need daily medication(s), and depending on the severity, may require other supportive care (such as subcutaneous - sub Q - fluids, special diet, etc.).
- Pets in need of special monitoring for medical conditions, appetite, weight loss/gain, etc. The time/medical commitment will vary from pet to pet; this will be discussed on a case-by-case basis.
- Bottle Babies and Pregnant Moms are usually a 4-6 week commitment. Bottle babies need around the clock care and to be kept warm and fed at all hours. They start to become independent at around 4 weeks old. They become available for adoption at 8 weeks old or 2 lbs.

**Short Term Fostering:**  
This type of foster care often expedite adoption faster than any other! Short term foster is a low time commitment with an emphasis on getting to know the dog and gathering marketing material. Other short-term foster dogs are adopted within **days or weeks** after their return because of the information we learn about their needs and personality, and because of the great photos and video we use to market them on social media.

### TAKING HOME A FOSTER PET

**Foster Returns Schedule**  
If for any reason you and your foster pet are not working out, please email [\[organization email here\]](#) to schedule for your foster pet to be transferred to a different foster home.

### RECOMMENDED SUPPLY CHECKLIST

Supplies: We will provide you with all medical care and medical supplies needed for your foster pet. When possible, we will **also** provide other supplies.

We will do our best to provide as donations allow, but we cannot guarantee to provide these supplies. Please remember: any money spent on foster care may be tax-deductible as donations.

**Strongly Recommended**

- Food
- Water Bowl
- Food Storage Bin
- Food Scoop
- Collar
- Leash
- ID Tag (w/Phone #)
- Crate
- Bed
- Toys (hard & soft)
- Poop Baggies
- Chews
- Treats
- Kong
- Animal First Aid Kit

**FEEDING**  
[organization] provides daily food for your foster's weight chart feeding cue.

If you have a pet together with protective or the hard to separate du be available over a mile, I

**HOUSING**  
We require resident and incident on premises dog and proper pets as man Bathroom, when work

**HOW ARE WE DOING?**

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