



## FOSTER CARER INFORMATION HANDOUT

There are a couple of things we like to explain to our carers before they receive their first foster animal, and they are as follows. Please read, and if you have any concerns or questions, please contact Susan or Karla. You can email us at [pyreneesanimalrescue@gmail.com](mailto:pyreneesanimalrescue@gmail.com).

All foster animals are ours, right up until their adoption papers are signed; we make all decisions about their care, vet needs and rehoming decisions. We prefer our puppies and kittens to be adopted to suitable homes with another well matched and desexed. We work with the carers to choose the right home, but we make the final decision.

Please do not make promises to friends or family about being able to adopt any fosters; they must apply like everyone else. When the animals are ready for adoption, they will only be considered if they fit the requirements we have for each individual animal. We sometimes have people already in mind for some animals, so they may not always be available for other people to adopt.

If you the carer are thinking you would like to adopt the animal in your care (foster fail – we don't promote or encourage this), we have the right to approve or deny depending on the animal's suitability to your lifestyle. We do not accept payment plans, so please do not ask. If you can't afford to pay the adoption fee in full, we strongly urge you to consider if taking on the financial responsibility of a new pet permanently is right for you at this time. Please only enquire if you can pay the adoption fee immediately.

If the animal has been in your care for more than 2 weeks when the adoption fee gets paid, that time is considered to be the 2 weeks trial we offer all our adopted animals. At the time of payment, the animal is considered to be owned by you, and we will get forms and paperwork sent to you promptly. The animal legally remains ours until the adoption fee is paid. Its best to clearly communicate with us during the foster process so we know your full intentions.

No vet care or treatment is to be booked without our approval and only at one of the clinics we work with. We will send flea and worm treatment to you, if at any time your foster animal needs these treatments please ask and we will send it to you. Please don't get it from the vet and expect us to pay for it, unless you have prior approval from us. If the vet asks you, please say "No", and then ask us if you think your foster animal is due for these treatments.

Foster dogs must not leave your property until 2 weeks after their final vaccination, unless they are being socialised in specific safe situations that we have approved. Please contact us to confirm the vaccination status of all your fosters.

**Fosters dogs must be always kept on lead** when off premises unless in a secure fenced area. If your foster dog doesn't have a yellow or purple ID tag on its collar, one will be mailed to you soon. Yellow tags must stay on foster dogs at all times, even when adopted the tag goes with the dog.

**Foster cats must remain inside the house at all times** unless you have a cat safe outdoor enclosure. They must not be allowed in your backyard as they can jump fences and then are at risk of being injured by cars and dogs. They will only be adopted into home that intend to keep them as inside cats.

Most carers supply suitable food for their fosters, but we can help if needed. Take care when feeding dogs near each other especially with high value treats and raw bones, these things can encourage resource guarding which can lead to serious fights.

Please let us know immediately if you have any issues, or if the animal shows any signs of health concerns or behaviour issues.

We recommend that all gates have a lock of some sort to ensure it isn't easily opened from the outside by unwanted peoples.

Thank you for becoming a foster carer, its only with volunteer carers that we save the lives that we do.

*Susan and Karla*

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