

FOSTERING FAQ

(NOT Foster to Adopt)

What am I financially responsible for?

As a foster, you are not responsible for any costs related to the animal. Sammie's Friends provides food, medical care, and essential supplies like crates, beds, bowls, leashes, collars, and harnesses.

What if I have other pets at home?

We work closely with you to find the right fit for your home. A meet-and-greet with your dog is required, and we'll support you with integration strategies to ensure a smooth transition.

Can I foster short-term?

Yes! Even fostering for a day or two can make a significant difference in a dog's well-being. Every little bit helps.

How long do I need to foster? What if I go on vacation or it's not working out?

You can return the dog to Sammie's Friends at any time if it's not a good fit or if you need to take a break. Just let us know! Studies show that even short-term foster care provides immense benefits for a dog's mental, physical, and emotional health.

What set-up do I need?

We'll guide you through setting up your home for success. Each foster situation is unique, and we'll work with you

individually and with the guidance of our behaviorist to ensure the best environment for both you and the dog.

Can I choose a dog?

While we'll match you with a dog that fits your home and lifestyle, we'll do our best to accommodate any preferences you have in terms of size, temperament, and energy level.

What's my role in the adoption process?

Your involvement in the adoption process can vary. Some fosters like to be actively involved in marketing and meeting potential adopters, while others prefer a more hands-off role. We just ask that we can reach you if a potential adopter is interested in the dog.

What am I responsible for?

You are responsible for communicating any medical or behavioral issues that arise while fostering. You may be asked to transport the dog to appointments. If you're unable to do so, please let us know so we can assist with transportation.

Can I take the dog to public places?

While fostering, we recommend avoiding crowded areas such as dog parks or large public events. These environments can be stressful for some dogs and may hinder their progress, which could impact their adoptability. Additionally, there are liability concerns. We'll provide guidance on the best places to safely socialize and exercise your foster dog.