

FOSTERING A DOG

Sometimes people don't find the right dog or lost a dog recently to old age or illness and then find they are not ready to adopt or you're a first time dog owner and not sure if a dog is right for your lifestyle, or you can't afford a dog, maybe you have a dog or adopted one from us or elsewhere and want a variety of dogs to play with yours...?

Fostering is a great way to give to another dog without commitment for too long.

We give you food, take care of expenses (there usually are none with our food) www.ForTheLoveOfDogWellnessCentre.ca but of course appreciate your donations to buy our food for the dog or use yours.

We do not have the resources though to give you a crate or one of our Good Dog Collars. We will sell you a collar at 10% off (you'll use it on future dogs you own or other fosters) and we can get you 15% off on a crate from a local Global Pet Foods out here. All our dogs are crate trained and we'd appreciate you continuing that training.

You do not get to foster the dog you want to adopt or could want to adopt (*see we don't do trials*) nor do you pick a dog to foster.

We match you with a dog but it is a dog who NEEDS YOU, to be in a home environment as it's been here a long time (this is dog party land but not a home), is older and is stressed with all the chaos here or we need them to have some manners or we need to know what they are like in a home or they are shy and we need someone to work one on one with them. If you already have a dog in the home we match the dog's ENERGY to your dog. We match the dog to your dog and your abilities.

Fostering is 4-6 weeks max and we don't encourage our foster people to adopt or we lose a foster but it happens.

If you want to adopt the foster dog please don't wait til the end of the foster period letting us pay for everything and THEN tell us you want to keep the dog or wait till someone wants to adopt the dog to tell us you want him.

This kind of game playing guarantees you WON'T get the dog.
When you know you tell us. Our money can go to another dog that needs us.

Fostering is hard and can be hard emotionally so we expect MATURITY FROM YOU. With kids involved you need to tell them from the start that it

is temporary, that you and the family are taking in a dog to help it find its own Forever Home or whatever you need to tell them.

When you foster you need to send us pics and an updates for the website. Pics with kids, action pics and 'home style' pics go a long way to helping a dog get an application.

You also need to bring the dog here for appointments to meet people, usually on weekends (we work around your schedule too) – so that people can see the dog. There is a Karmic thing that happens too when a dog is fostered somehow we get apps for them all of a sudden.

People will not be sent to your house to meet the dog. It's here always. Your safety and security is a priority for us too.

We ask that you take our cards and tell everyone you meet that this dog needs a home. We ask that you give out the cards and **tell people to go to the WEBSITE and NOT GIVE OUT OUR PHONE NUMBER OR ADDRESS PLEASE.**

You are a partner in finding a home for these dogs.

If you still want to foster then please go to <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/ON258.html> and read up on us and fill out an application form and MARK IT FOSTER APPLICATION and send it in.

Thank you very much for considering fostering a rescue dog!