

K9 Foster Cheat Sheet/FAQs

- Typically, veterinarian hours are 3pm – 4pm, 7 days a week (please contact Lori or the foster-rescue email to make an appointment.)
- **NO DOG PARKS** for foster dogs.
- When bringing a foster dog home, we recommend keeping resident dog(s) separated from foster dog(s) 7 – 10 days.
- Never leave your foster unattended with other dogs.
- Foster dogs must always remain in your care, do not leave a foster dog with an interested party to ‘try it out’.
- Separate foster dog(s) during feeding.
- Use positive crate training methods.
- Front Street works hard to find no charge basic training classes for our foster dogs, please take advantage of these classes for your foster dog whenever possible.
- K9 fostering comes with commitments, some of these include:
 - bringing foster dogs and puppies for boosters.
 - Puppies need to come in for boosters every 2-3 weeks, they also need flea and heartworm prevention once a month.
 - Adult dogs need their heartworm and flea prevention once a month as well.
- You will receive an email letting you know when your foster will be due for vaccines and it will have a due date. **This is not an appointment, you will need to contact Lori or the foster-rescue email to set up an appointment.**
- If you have an unaltered foster dog, and the dog gets adopted, the foster dog will stay with you until you drop your foster off at the shelter for the surgery.
- Sometimes, we have pre-altering available at the SPCA on Wednesday’s. Contact Lori to make arrangements.
Foster dogs are provided socializing and offsite adoption opportunities.
- Contact the adoption team to make the arrangements for your foster’s adoption process. Email: animalsupport@cityofsacramento.org. Mobile: 916-208-053
- The foster team has foster t-shirts available for \$20, sweatshirts available for \$30, zip up hoodies \$40, and tank tops are available for \$10.
- Please know that fostering is not for everyone and that’s okay, there are other ways to help our animals.
- Contact Lori if you have questions or concerns.

Lori typically works 8:30-5:30pm Monday through Friday. If you need to reach her or a member of the K9 Foster team email dogfoster@cityofsacramento.org. lrhoades@cityofsacramento.org. They can also be reached by phone 916-709-7991(C) or 916-808-7823(O)

The Dos and Don'ts of being a Front Street 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.
- DO give our Dog Foster Team as much 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 without prior approval (contact our Dog Foster Team 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 otherwise approved).
- DON'T hand off your foster dog to a sitter or another foster without first discussing it with the Dog Foster Team, especially if your foster dog requires a behavior consult.
- 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 complete adoption process before taking possession of your foster dog.
- DON'T allow your foster puppy(ies) to touch the ground in any public area; this includes The Front Street Shelter for clinic visits; bring your puppy in a crate or carry them.