
Fostering Policy

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all needs of the Foster Homes and foster dogs are met during the fostering process and prior to the dogs being adopted.

Scope:

Foster Homes and Intake, Adoption, Medical, and Foster Home Coordinators, and Behavioral Specialist

POLICY

I. Policy Statement

The Foster Coordinator, a behavioral specialist, and the Medical Coordinator will work together with the Foster Home to ensure that all of the needs are met.

II. Procedure

- A. Once the foster dog has been transferred into the Foster Home, it will be given 7-10 days to acclimate to the new environment. During this time, the Foster Home can evaluate the foster dog's behavior and medical needs.
- B. The transfer and medical paperwork will be given to the Medical Coordinator within 7 days. The Medical Coordinator will communicate the vetting needs of the foster dog to the Foster Home and help facilitate the appointment, if needed.
- C. Within ten days after intake, the Foster Home will complete the Foster Information Form that is located on CCR's website.
 1. The Foster Coordinator will review the Information Form and determine if the dog is ready to be available for adoption or if there are additional needs.
 - a) If there are any abnormal behavioral issues indicated on the Information Form, it will be forwarded to a behavioral specialist for review. The behavioral specialist will investigate the behavior and, together with the Foster Home and Foster

Home Coordinator, will determine if the dog is ready to be adopted.

- b) If there are any abnormal medical issues indicated on the Information Form, the Form will be forwarded to the Medical Coordinator for review. The Medical Coordinator will investigate the medical condition and needs and, together with the Foster Home and Foster Home Coordinator, will determine if the dog is ready to be adopted.
 - c) If there are any disagreements on the status or needs of the dog, the situation will be brought before the Board for a vote.
 - d) Within 2 weeks of intake, unless otherwise arranged, the foster dog will receive a wellness exam and receive the standard vetting. The dog will be spayed or neutered prior to being adopted, as per the Spay and Neuter Policy.
- D. Once the foster dog has been approved for adoption by the Foster Home Coordinator, it can be posted online as available.
- 1. The Foster Home is welcome to write the bio and submit it to the social media volunteers for posting.
 - 2. If the Foster Home does not want to write the bio, a CCR volunteer can write it using the information off the Information Form.
 - 3. Pictures need to be submitted via email to a designated CCR volunteer.
- E. The Foster Home will complete the Update Information Form and submit it to the Foster Coordinator who will keep CCR coordinators updated on the foster dog's status.
- 1. The Update Form is located on the CCR website.
 - 2. It will be completed within the first five days of each month or immediately if there are any changes in the foster dog's condition.

III. Regulations

- A. Foster dogs must be in CCR's program for at least 14 days prior to being adopted.
- B. The Foster Coordinator will be responsible for providing supplies for the Foster Homes, if needed.
- C. The Foster Coordinator will be responsible for communicating with the Foster Homes after the foster dogs have arrived.