



DOG FOSTER PROGRAM FOSTER COMMUNICATIONS

DOG FOSTER MATCH EMAIL

Subject: Thank You for Fostering with Austin Pets Alive!

Hello, APA! Foster Parent,

Thank you so much for fostering **[DOG]**! We sincerely appreciate APA! Foster Parents, and we are here to ensure that your experience is both rewarding and enjoyable. For this reason we ask that you thoroughly read the information below and respond to this email confirming that you understand and are willing to meet the requirements discussed.

Your foster dog currently **[needs OR does not need]** a mandatory behavior consult BEFORE moving to an adopter, new foster, or foster sitter.

If your dog currently needs a mandatory behavior consult, all new fosters and sitters must receive the behavior consult from our Behavior Team, at dogbehaviorfollowup@austinpetsalive.org, before the dog can go into their care. Adopters will receive the behavior consult at the time of adoption

If your dog does not currently need a mandatory behavior consult, that may change as we learn more about your dog in your home! Please check in with us before moving your dog!

Commitment

We ask that you keep your foster dog for at least **[TIMEFRAME]** after placement, but preferably until adoption. If you are planning on being out of town inside of this window, please let us know *prior* to fostering.

We ask for this minimum time commitment because the adjustment to a new home can be challenging for both the foster dog and the foster parent, but most problems will resolve before the end of this commitment. In addition, when a foster parent wants to return a foster dog early, finding a new foster home can take time and puts a strain both on the foster dog, having to move from home to home, and our resources.

If you can no longer keep your foster dog, we will try to find a new foster home for him/her, but we ask that you keep your foster dog until a new placement is found, if possible. We want to avoid your foster dog going back to the shelter at all cost, because we need any open kennels to save the lives of other dogs at risk of euthanasia. **If you must surrender your foster dog to the shelter, we need as much advance notice as possible, but a minimum of 4 days notice. Please do not bring your foster dog to the shelter without confirmation; we cannot accept same day surrenders.** Please tell us immediately if you are experiencing any issue with your foster dog so that we can provide help before it becomes a serious problem! We have amazing behavioral and medical teams that are happy to assist with any issue that may arise.

Please remember that APA!'s goal is always to get a dog adopted, not just find temporary placement. You are your foster dog's biggest advocate, and we need your help to find your foster dog a forever home by sending us pictures, videos, and information about your foster dog in your home environment and by engaging in other marketing opportunities that we will regularly bring to your attention.

Next Steps

Please respond to this email and let us know you understand these fostering requirements. Once we get this, you will receive an email from the Dog Foster Placement Team Lead providing detailed instructions on when and how to pick up your foster dog, along with other important information about fostering.

Again, thank you so much for helping us save a life! Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any further questions, and we look forward to hearing back from you.