



## Foster Tips

Thank you for volunteering to foster with Life is Better Rescue. Our animals have a chance at a better life because of you! We hope your experience will be positive and will make you realize just how wonderful animal rescue can be. Here are a few tips to help you along in your foster experience, here are a few tips for you to consider.

The most important thing to remember is that these dogs are coming from an unstable environment and need both love and structure to help them transition into adoptable pets. Your top priorities as the foster are to provide a safe and loving home, to provide safe and reasonable opportunities for socialization, and to teach these dogs that humans are good and can be trusted. To keep your dog and house safe, we suggest always kenneling them when you are not around, especially during the first few days when everyone is getting to know each other. This is to keep both your home and the dog safe.

**Medical:** Depending on the circumstances, your dog may require immunizations or alterations. If this is the case, we will contact you directly to let you know what is required. We work with Cherrilyn Animal Hospital and our own internal vet primarily. We also use Spay Today, Planned Pethood and other clinics depending on the issue for veterinary needs. Please contact our fostering coordinator to setup any appointments for basic or emergent medical attention. For general issues like Spay/Neuter, we will let you know when our next clinic will be held and make arrangements to have you drop the animal off at our Care Center for the procedure. As we cover all these expenses directly and have discounts based through our relationships, we ask that you attempt to get prior authorization before taking an animal to the vet. Please be aware that if authorization is not obtained, you may be required to assist with vet costs if they are determined to have been unnecessary.

**Adoptions:** Our mission is to find each dog their forever home as soon as the animal is ready. We have partnered with PetSmart on Wadsworth in Littleton for all of our adoptions. When someone has completed an application for your foster, you will be contacted to bring your foster to PetSmart for a meet and greet and hopefully an adoption. Someone from Life is Better Rescue will be there to complete the paperwork and assist with the process.

There are also adoption events where we will ask for you to drop your foster off in the hope that they find a home via a general audience.

If you decide to adopt your animal, please notify the rescue as soon as possible. An application is still required. Adoption fees can be found on our website. Although we would like to give discounts, our rates are based on veterinary care and as such we are unable to negotiate price.

**Feeding guidelines:** To ensure puppies and dogs grow into or maintain their ideal body weight please consider these feeding guidelines: puppies to be fed 3 times a day and adult dogs to be fed twice a day. The amount of food will depend on the size of the dog.

**Other issues you may encounter with your foster:** We have resources available for the variety of other issues that you may encounter fostering your dog. Please see the More Information section at the bottom of this page. If you have any questions, or are seeing issues with your dog that aren't addressed, please contact us so we may help you.

Feel free to call or e-mail the adoption coordinator if you have questions or concerns. You are helping Life is Better Rescue with our mission of saving animals and making their lives better.

Thank you again!

### MORE INFORMATION:

To help with issues that may come up with your dog please refer to: [www.LifelsBetterRescue.org](http://www.LifelsBetterRescue.org) click on Education tab.

### IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

#### Life Is Better Office

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#### PetSmart

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#### Planned Pethood

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