

### Main Responsibilities:

- Provide a warm, safe and nurturing environment for the animal until its new forever home is found.
- All animals must have outside access but will NOT live only outside (a separate room/shelter from the house will work also well)
- If required, you will call a vet prior approval from AAP. AAP will cover the cost of vet care.
- If you're foster animal needs emergency veterinary care, you agree to contact our designated vet. As with routine care, emergency veterinary care must be approved in advance.
- Provide the animal quality food and water every day will be at your expenses.
- Spend time daily with the animal in order to develop as much as possible human trust and socialization skills.
- Have a good arrangement for the animal care, while you are away from home or in holiday.

### Expectations:

All new fosters must understand that in most cases we do not know the history of the animal in question. We will have an idea of their temperament and how they interact with people and other animals as they will USUALLY be assessed.

The first few days a foster animal is in its new temporary home can be stressful for both the animal and the foster. Keep in mind the animal is now living in a new situation. It may have an accident-it probably WILL have an accident. The animal may have lived its whole life outside or it does not know where exactly it should go. The bottom line is that every foster animal needs at least a week, maybe more to become acclimated to their new surroundings (the average dog takes 3 weeks to relax in a new environment.)

We ask that new fosters keep an animal for a minimum of two months before deciding to return a foster back to us unless urgent. As stated above, some animals need time to adjust to new surroundings.

If, however, the foster is not working out, AAP will ALWAYS take the animal back, but it may take our volunteers a week and sometimes longer to make alternate arrangements for the foster animal.

We ask for your patience during these times

AAP's goal is to place the animal into the BEST possible home. You may have a foster for a week

or you might have the foster for several months, depending on the animal. This also means that at times, we disappoint potential adopters who very much wanted the dog/cat because we decided the adopter was not suitable for the dog/cat or vice versa. If you cannot commit the time please do not apply to foster a dog.

You will get to know your foster animal better than anyone. In order for us to promote each animal and to find them the best home, we require regular updates on your foster.

That will include any changes such as weight, personality, likes and dislikes, and behaviors.

Getting updated pictures of your foster is SO IMPORTANT (a picture is worth a thousand words and goes very far in the animal getting noticed on our page). If you cannot provide pictures and updates please let us know and we can work something out.

You will have to cooperate with any potential adopters who has been screened by AAP and hand over the animal, once the adopter has been confirmed, in clean conditions.