



FOSTER CHECKLIST

Before You Get Your First Foster

_____ Sign into the Placements Platform at fosters.angelsrescue.org where you can see dogs who need a foster, as well as on our internal AAU Foster Facebook page. You will be asked to set your preferences, which will filter the dogs you see. At any time, you can change or remove filters. Instructions are provided in the Foster Welcome Packet.

_____ Check out the AAUPR Foster Forms & Information Drive at www.angelsrescue.org/fosterinfo. Here you will find a lot of resources to help you.

_____ Make sure you have dog food, bowls, bedding, a leash, and a secure collar or harness. We strongly encourage a crate. Pee Pads can also protect floors. If you need to borrow a crate or other supplies (as available), please e-mail supplies@angelsrescue.org at least 24 hours in advance of when you need the items.

_____ Know where you will quarantine your foster for decompression time and medical quarantine if needed. Bathroom, spare bedroom, an area with a baby gate or crate?

_____ Dog proof your home. Pick up items lying around so they aren't chewed. Look for wires that a dog can reach. If you have dogs, be sure to pick up any toys or treats lying around until you are sure all dogs are able to share. We recommend feeding, treating, & giving toys separately.

_____ E-mail foster@angelsrescue.org if you see a dog you want to foster. You can also let them know your preferences on size, age range, and any restrictions you may have so they can help look for the right first foster for you.

_____ Program these numbers into your phone in case of emergency:

Vet (Medical) Emergency Line 470-239-5502

Lost Dog Hotline - 678-792-8774

Foster Hotline – 470-705-7870

Once You Have Been Confirmed as the Foster of a Dog

_____ You will be informed when and where your foster dog is to be picked up by our intake vetting team. intakevetting@angelsrescue.org They will let you know any updated medical information. Be sure to ask any questions you have about medical treatment or medication, as well as the dog's size.

_____ At pickup, bring a secure collar (martingale is a good option) or harness that is the right size for your foster. You can also double leash a collar and harness. Double check the dog cannot escape before leaving the building. For maximum safety, transport in a crate. If the vet does not have an Angels tag, please email prevents@angelsrescue.org to find one nearby at a regional prevents distributor location.

_____ Email moves@angelsrescue.org after you've picked up your new foster & also let them know if he goes to a temp foster, new foster, or boarding and when you get him back.

The First Week

_____ Limit introductions to people and pets while your foster dog decompresses. We recommend 10 – 14 days of quarantine on new intake dogs but at minimum, they should have time to adjust to the new home. Get to know them during this time.

_____ If you do not have a fence, securely leash walk your foster dog. If you do have a fence, stay outside with your foster dog. Some dogs can dig or climb quickly when left unattended.

_____ E-mail vets@angelsrescue.org if you see any new medical issues or have questions about existing ones. For Heartworm Positive dogs, email heartworm@angelsrescue.org instead.

_____ Within 3 - 5 days, we ask that you fill out a form to update your foster's information on the adoption sites: www.angelsrescue.org/petbio and also send 3 clear pictures of your foster to petfinder@angelsrescue.org for the profile. You can also include a brief video. This will help to ensure you receive the right adoption applications for your foster dog's needs by including must haves and must have nots for your foster so that you don't receive applications that are definitely not a match. If you are fostering with the intent to Foster Fail, we ask that you submit payment to pre-adopt right away so that adopters are not disappointed once the dog is made public on Day 7.

_____ If your foster dog is not already spayed or neutered or if you are unsure, on or after Day 5, email spayneuter@angelsrescue.org to set this up for the coming week.

Every Month

_____ All AAUPR dogs must have monthly Heartworm prevents and seasonal flea prevents. Please e-mail prevents@angelsrescue.org to find a volunteer distributor near you. Once you've given them to your foster, please email the date and brand to this team. This must be done each month!

_____ We ask that fosters attend at least 1 adoption event per month once their foster is through quarantine (and healthy). Dogs over 4 months must be spayed or (as available) neutered first. Find and RSVP for events at www.facebook.com/angelsrescue.events.

_____ If, after a month, your foster hasn't gotten any interest, their bio may need an update www.angelsrescue.org/petbio and you can also send updated pictures and info to petfinder@angelsrescue.org

_____ You can also send pictures to socialmedia@angelsrescue.org to have your foster featured on our main Facebook page. If you need help getting great photos, email photography@angelsrescue.org

_____ Please be sure to contact approved applicants within 24-48 hours. Even if it isn't a great fit for your foster, communication may make the difference in another dog being adopted. Before the dog can go to his or her new home they must be past quarantine, be at least 8 weeks of age, be spayed/neutered if over 4 months and you need to have done the meet and greet, home check, and have both the contract and fee (or proof of fee if paid online).

_____ Don't forget to e-mail imadopted@angelsrescue.org when your foster is adopted, pre-adopted, or you Foster Fail to ensure the adopter receives paperwork quickly. Please include a "Happy Tails" adoption picture for our Social Media. Please obtain permission for us to use, especially if the picture includes minors.

For detailed adoption information, please see the Step-by-Step Adoption Guide.

Every Six Months

_____ Fosters need an updated Foster Home Recheck every 6 months. Mark your calendar & ask your mentor or make a post on your regional page for someone available to do your recheck. If you need forms or help, e-mail rechecks@angelsrescue.org

When You Need Help or Support

- If your foster has behavioral issues you can get handouts, advice and when more serious, assistance from professional trainers by emailing training@angelsrescue.org.
- Ask your mentor for help, email the foster team foster@angelsrescue.org or call the foster hotline 470-705-7870.
- Refer to the AAUPR Foster Forms & Info Drive for information and handouts on a variety of topics, including medical, behavioral, marketing, and more.
- If you are going out of town and need a Temp be sure to email tempfoster@angelsrescue.org at least 2 weeks in advance, if possible.
- We encourage you to work through minor issues but there are cases where serious issues require dogs to be moved. Please e-mail foster@angelsrescue.org to seek a new placement if necessary.