



Foster Job Description

Sleepovers and Weekend Getaways Foster Volunteer- Dogs Only

Position Description:

Studies show that even just a night away from the shelter can be beneficial for shelter dogs! Since most dogs in our shelter come in as strays, we often don't know anything about them. Sleepover, and weekend foster volunteers provide 1-3 days of foster care to allow us to learn more about our dogs personalities so we can help them find their forever homes!

Due to the short-term nature of these fosters, we typically recommend keeping them fully separate from household pets.

Meeting the PRC Mission:

Volunteers in this role help support the PRC mission, goals, and strategic initiatives by giving dogs a short break from the shelter and providing key information about each animal that helps shelter staff and the Foster Department develop accurate and detailed pet descriptions for potential adopters.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Meet Mission & Vision of PRC.
- Comply with all PRC policies and procedures, including a high standard of dependability for promptness and attendance.
- Provide a safe and comfortable home for the dog to live in.
- Feed, socialize, groom, train, and provide medication as directed by PRC staff.
- Bring to PRC for all scheduled medical appointments.
- Promote your foster pet for adoption on social media, neighborhood sites, etc.
- Provide PRC with regular updates and photos to help promote our pets for adoption.
- Provide positive reinforcement techniques.
- Provide positive human interaction – petting, brushing, love.
- Observe animal's health and behavior and communicate any changes or concerns to the foster team.
- Report on animal's condition to Foster Staff.
- Monitor and respond to emails and communication from Foster Staff.

Qualifications:

- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Able to provide a safe, loving and stable environment, away from household pets.
- Ability to provide care to an animal.

- Able to transport the animal to and from the shelter as needed.
- Self-motivated and able to make appropriate judgment calls.
- Willing to maintain communication with the Foster Staff and ask questions when needed.
- Possesses good communication skills.
- Able to have open conversations with prospective adopters to facilitate adoptions and to be honest about the animal's behavior and needs.
- Provide compassionate guidance in a non-judgmental way.
- Basic knowledge of computers including e-mail, printing, and video communication.

Expected Hours of Service:

This position is an off-site/remote position. Hours will be based on type of animal, age, and training required.

Reports to:

Foster Coordinators, Volunteer Manager

Benefits:

- Remote and in your own home
- Assisting in keeping pets out of the shelter's population
- Helping to find pets a new forever home by providing updated notes and photos
- Short term and flexible to your schedule