

Destructive Chewing & Getting Into Things



What is it:

Many fosters come to us with an unknown background and without any manners. They have not learned to respect boundaries or what is socially acceptable. Because of this, many foster dogs can become destructive when left alone or unsupervised.

How to correct:

Utilize The Crate

Make sure that your foster is in a sturdy crate and that you are using it whenever you are not home or unable to focus your attention on your foster dog. This includes when you are asleep at night. They may hate it at first but luring in with a treat and praise will help them to see crating as a good thing, not punishment.

Leash Them

You must keep the leash on your foster until they can be trusted completely. When home, and the dog is out, be sure to have them leashed to you (preferable) or within range of you so that you can reach for the leash to redirect any destructive behavior. If caught in the act, redirect to something that they are allowed to chew.

Provide Distractions

A bored dog is a destructive dog. Make sure that your foster is entertained with squeaky toys, bones to chew or other distractions that you allow. Exercise is also crucial. Not only does it provide healthy benefits for your foster dog to go on walks/jogs but it will also tire them out and prevent them from chewing on anything that they shouldn't. You can do this by going on structured walks/jogs in the AM and PM or playing fetch or tug in a backyard or field.

Additional Resources: