



Foster Adoption Guide

As the foster parent, you know your foster animal best! We are encouraging foster parents to go over information with their foster pets' future family. We have made this document to help you know some information that should be covered.

You can go over this information over the phone, during the meet and greet, at the time of hand-off or whenever is most convenient for everyone! Most of this info you might already be saying to the adopter's when you discuss your foster with them.

What to go over with your foster pets' new adopter:

Encourage them to read over the adoption contract in detail. If they have any questions you are unable to answer, have them email the foster coordinators. Below are a key points from the adoption contract that may be helpful to review:

1. Animal appears to be healthy and friendly. BARCS cannot guarantee health or temperament though.
 2. Any medical fees after adoption are the adopter's responsibility.
 3. We cannot guarantee the behavior of the animal and BARCS is not responsible for any incidents or damage that might occur.
 4. We do not do genetic testing or breed labeling of animals.
 5. If adopted less than 12 weeks old they must get a rabies vaccine/city license by 16 weeks at the adopters new vet.
 6. The animal must be spayed/neutered before they can go to their forever homes.
 7. BARCS does not do heartworm testing for dogs. We recommend getting this done at the first vet appointment post adoption.
 8. Adopters agree to abide by all local and state animal control laws.
 9. The adopter is responsible for the animal for its entire life. Adopters are encouraged to privately & safely rehome the animal if need be or can surrender back to BARCS.
 10. The animal will not be sold, abandoned, used for experimentation, or fighting.
 11. The animal **MUST** go home in a carrier (cat/small dog) or have a leash and collar (dogs). BARCS has this for sale if needed.
 12. BARCS offers adoption packages if they are interested in buying cat carriers or a leash/collar.
 13. Adopters can send photos post-adoption that BARCS can use on social media
- ★ If they have never owned cats/dogs before you may need to go over some basic care with them. The cat/dog adoption packet included in the adoption paperwork email is a very detailed and great resource to guide them towards.
 - ★ Go over the 2-week acclimation period (keeping their new pet in a smaller room before introducing them to the entire house, don't introduce to resident animals until after 2 weeks, limit stressors etc.) You can go over what you did when you brought your foster home and how you got them settled!
 - ★ Go over any behavior quirks or personality traits about your foster animal that their new family should know. If the animal needs an actual behavior or medical addendum BARCS staff will still go over this, but it is always helpful to reiterate.
 - ★ Make sure they know all veterinary care is their responsibility once the animal has been adopted.

Resources available to adopters:

- Metlife pet insurance: 30 days of free pet insurance. Have them call when they sign the contract (it takes 5 minutes!)
- GoodPup training (dogs)
- Coupons & complimentary VCA vet visit with 2 weeks of adoption.(See adoption paperwork email)

If you are not comfortable going over all/some of this information and/or need some assistance with anything please email your foster coordinators and we will be glad to help!

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