



Foster Care Information

Do you:

- Have a keen interest in the staffy breed
- Have room in your home and heart for a foster dog
- Have the time to provide hands on training and attention
- Want to make a difference one staffy at a time

You may just have what it takes to be a foster carer for Staffies United Rescue. Foster carers are very unique people and the experience of foster caring is incredibly rewarding.

Foster carers give rescued staffies a temporary home full of love and support and in return you will receive the unconditional love that only a staffy can give.

To become a foster carer with Staffies United Rescue you will be required to commit to providing a safe home for the foster dog until a permanent home is found.

Staffies United Rescue will endeavour to match your capabilities, environment, and circumstance with the foster dogs' requirements.

What do I provide and what does SUR provide for the foster dog?

You: A safe home where you treat the foster dog as part of your family.
A willingness to provide some basic training if required.
An understanding that not all dogs are the same and each foster dog may have different requirements.
Frequent exercise for the foster dog.
Regular bathing and grooming.
Updates on the foster dogs progress, including photos.

SUR: A starter kit for all our carer's which will include a collar, lead, bowl, bed, food.
All veterinary care including desexing, vaccinations, microchipping and any other treatment/care SUR deem necessary. (SUR will not pay for injuries sustained to the foster dog or other animals if there is an altercation whilst the foster dog is off lead outside your property.)
Flea, tick (depending on situation)
Worm prevention
Assist with training where necessary
Crates when available
Towels, sheets etc for puppies
Support and guidance

We are a volunteer based organization which relies on donations so anything you can provide would be very much appreciated.

How long will I have a foster dog in my care?

It varies depending on many factors and it's something we cannot predict but expect to have a foster from 1 week to as long as 12 months.

Can I foster for short periods?

Yes. Let us know and we can put you down as a temporary carer. A temporary carer can be someone who can temp care when another carer goes on holidays or if there's an emergency situation and a dog has to come into care immediately. You could temp care that dog until a more permanent foster carer is available. Temporary carer's are just as important as permanent carer's.

Can I foster care with SUR if I already foster for another organization?

Yes. You will be required to let us know on your application. We do not mind if you are a foster carer elsewhere but we would not give you one of our dogs while you have another animal from another organization in your care. This alleviates liability discrepancies for either organization should there be an altercation between the animals.

What are the requirements my home needs to meet?

You will need 5'-6' secure fencing around your property or a large secure enclosure with plenty of shade. Easy access for the foster dog to inside and outside your home is preferred. For small puppies they will need to be kept inside in a puppy-proof environment.

As part of the application process an inspection of your home will be completed to ensure that your home is appropriately set up and secure for foster caring.

How much time do I need to spend with the foster dog?

The amount of time will vary based on the needs of the foster dog but the more time you spend with your foster the better. We do expect the foster dog in your care to be walked on a regular basis. Stimulating your foster dog will alleviate bad behaviour associated with boredom.

Can I take my foster dog to an off leash dog park or beach?

No. Your foster dog will need to be on a lead at all times when outside your property. No matter how well you think you know your foster dog you do not know other dogs. Should you allow your foster off lead you will be held liable for any vet or other costs involved should any mishap occur.

What happens if my foster dog needs emergency veterinary treatment?

Contact SUR immediately as the cost of veterinary treatment is covered by SUR provided you contact us before seeking treatment. You will be required to take the dog to an approved SUR veterinarian. If you take it upon yourself to take the dog to a veterinarian without the approval of SUR you will be liable for all costs.

Do I need my own transport?

Ideally yes, so you can take your foster dog to and from appointments. We recommend meet and greets with potential adoption families be conducted on neutral territory so unless you have somewhere close to your home you will need to transport your foster dog. We may be able to help in some cases with transport so let us know if you have difficulty.

What happens if I go on holidays?

We will have emergency carers in place to take care of your foster dog while you are on holidays. The foster dog will go to their home for the duration of your holidays and be returned to you upon your return.

If you have other animals and would like a house/pet sitter while you are away please discuss this with one of our Coordinators. We may be able to recommend someone to house/pet sit for you.

Is it ok if I take a break from fostering?

Of course it's ok to take a break. We expect and even recommend our foster carers take breaks from fostering. Having a break not only helps you recharge but is good for your other animals. It allows them to have break from re-establishing their pack order when a new foster comes into your home.

How do I get started?

Firstly discuss it with your family as it's important all family members are on board. Then email us or private message our Facebook page for a Foster Carers Application. Complete the application and return it to us, along with the supporting documents required. One of our Coordinators will be in contact to discuss your application and organize a home check. Once your application has been approved we will match you up with a foster dog.

Who do I keep in contact with while fostering?

We will allocate a buddy or Area Coordinator to assist you with everything you'll need to know and any assistance you may need. We also require updates and photos of your foster dog which you can post on our Volunteers Facebook page once you have been added.

Contact Information:

The phones are manned on a roster system therefore you may not always speak to the same person but please feel free to ask for the person you originally spoke to and they will call you back.

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