LAST CHANCE
ANIMAL RESCUE

Foster Care Guidelines

Welcome and thank you for participating in our Foster Program.

Thank you for considering the life-saving act of becoming a foster! A foster home is a temporary living situation for animals while they are awaiting placement in a permanent home. Foster families provide shelter, care, love, and guidance.

The number of animals we can save depends entirely on the number of people who will open their homes and hearts to foster them. You are their salvation and you should never underestimate the important role you are playing in their lives! We will provide you with support and guidance in every way we can, to make your fostering experience a rewarding one.

Website - www.LCARescue.org

Ownership of Foster Animals

All foster animals are the sole property of LCAR and shall be returned to LCAR upon request, or if the foster parent/family is not able to adequately care for the animal.

Should you want to adopt the foster dog yourself, you must submit an Adoption Application for approval. Your application is given preference to any other applications submitted at the time, BUT must be approved by an LCAR Adoption Coordinator. You will also be required to pay the Adoption Fee. Until such time, the foster dog is considered available for adoption.

Transition Tips

- Please review the *Transition Tips* document, prior to bringing a foster home.
- Transition tips are crucial to follow when bringing a new dog into the home.
- Most important thing to remember is to give them time to DECOMPRESS.

Foster Care Goals

A rescued animal in our Foster Care Program enters your life for a few days or weeks, usually for 2-4 weeks, although some dogs have been in foster care for shorter or longer periods of time.

As a foster parent/family, you are responsible for providing structure and working on basic training and socialization, which is crucial for a successful adoption. This can include: housebreaking, walking on a leash, providing medications, appropriate behavior indoors and outdoors, proper interaction with other pets, proper play techniques with adults and children.

Supplies: Crates, food, and other necessary supplies can be made available if needed. Dogs will always come with a martingale collar and leash.

Vetting/Medicals

- All of our dogs are: spayed/neutered, up to date on required vaccines for their age, micro chipped, heartworm negative, and on flea/tick and HW preventative.
- Do not administer any over the counter or otherwise obtained medications to the foster animal, unless approved or given to you by our Medical Coordinator.
- Weekly a list will be posted for which dogs are due for preventatives. If your foster dog is listed, please ensure these are picked up timely to ensure the dog stays on a schedule for their meds. There are several options for pick up that will be listed on the post.
- Any medical concerns with your foster, please contact your Foster Coordinator

If there is a life/death situation and your contacts can't be reached, make a post to the Foster Facebook Page and just go to the closest Animal Hospital.

Picking a Dog to Foster

- You will be added to our Foster Page on Facebook.
- Our Foster Coordinator will post dogs that are available to be fostered, along with as much information that we have about the dog.
- To see available dogs: Go to Albums, select an album with a future date, then click on the photos to see if still available or already has a committed foster. Review comments/description to see if anyone stepped up or if still in need of a foster.
- Please comment if you are willing to take a specific dog to foster.
- It is never an obligation to take a dog, but we may tag you in some that need help or that we think will be a good fit in your home.

Transport

Once we have a committed foster for a dog, they will travel to NY on a transport van or flight, which is usually weekly or bi-weekly.

Events

- Dogs must be in NY for 7 days, before they can start attending adoption events or go to any public places. This is their "quarantine" period.
- Event Roll call will be posted on the Foster page, where we ask for you to let us know if your foster will be attending and if you will be staying with your foster.
    - It is not necessary for you to stay for the event. Drop-off and pick-up arrangements can be made, but please confirm in advance if you plan to drop off your foster so we can ensure enough volunteers are available to help handle the dogs.
- If you need help with transport to/from events, you can post to the Foster page for help.

Coverage for your Foster:

- Permanent: If you need to move your foster dog permanently, please remember we do not have a facility here. Please be prepared to hold onto them for at least 48 hours, while we work to find a new spot. In the meantime, please discuss how to handle with your Foster Support Point of Contact (POC) or the Foster Coordinator while a new spot is secured.

- Temporary/Vacation: In the event that you are leaving town for any period of time or need temporary coverage, please contact your Foster Support POC or the Foster Coordinator, as early as possible. We will find a foster to provide vacation coverage for you.

Training Foster Animals

- Animals are very responsive to no force, positive reinforcement methods of training. You should never hit a foster or any animal. Fosters respond better and learn more quickly through the use of positive reinforcement, when they have done something right.

Social Media

- Please get lots of pictures and videos of your foster dog. This is what helps get them adopted, as we share this on our website, Facebook, and Instagram Pages.
- LCAR Facebook/Instagram Page: @LCARescue

Help With the Placement/Adoption Process

- You play a very important role in the placement and adoption process.
- You may be asked to be available for Meet-n-Greets, talk to prospective families, and drop off or pick up dogs from LCAR Adoption Events.
- Meet-n-Greets are for approved applicants only. We will have a more experienced volunteer go along with you on any meet-n-greets to help you with the process, if needed.

Foster with the Intent to Adopt (FIA)

- Dogs traveling from out of state, must be in NY for 7 days before being able to be officially adopted.
- If there is an approved applicant , that would like to adopt prior to the 7 day quarantine period, they can foster with the intent to adopt (FIA).
    - This means they will fill out FIA paperwork and pay the adoption fee.
    - After 7 days:
        - If they want to proceed with adoption, they will complete the adoption contracts.
        - If they do not want to proceed with adoption, we will refund the adoption fee, minus $50 that will remain with LCAR.
- If you decide to FIA your own foster dog, but decide not to adopt after 7 days, we ask that you still continue to foster that dog until adoption, as previously committed.

Dog Parks

We ask that you refrain from bringing your foster dog to dog parks while they are in your care, as these environments can present unpredictable situations and potential safety risks. This helps minimize the risk of injury, exposure to illness, or negative interactions with other dogs, while ensuring the safety and well-being of your foster dog and others.

St. Francis Farm & Animal Sanctuary

Established by Last Chance Animal rescue in 2013, the "Farm" is a sanctuary situated on 50 acres in Carlisle, SC. There are many circumstances that may call on us to provide a safe haven when a traditional home cannot meet an animal's needs; whether medical or behavioral. We believe that every animal has a right to life. This enables us to keep our lifelong commitment to those that we have rescued.

Remember: We are only a phone call away if you have any questions or need advice!

Fostering is one of THE MOST IMPORTANT steps in the process of rescue. Don't ever forget that you have participated in saving the life of an animal!