

## Rules and Guidelines of being a foster for Tired Dog Rescue

A foster home is an extension of Tired Dog Rescue and the foster's job is basically to care for the dog the same as if they were at the main rescue. You are responsible for the dog(s) in your possession.

- ♥ The dogs will hopefully be fully vetted prior to going to the foster home but that is not always the case. It is the foster's responsibility along with the rescue to ensure the dogs receive ALL necessary vetting before adoption. Please keep in mind that all dogs need to be fully vaccinated, spay/neutered, hw tested and microchipped. If your dog has not had one or more of these done please make sure an appointment has been made and that you notify the coordinator of the date. This helps avoid rushing around the day before adoption getting something taken care of that should have already been done. It is hard for one person to keep track of all dogs so we ask that the fosters also be aware of needed services.
- ♥ All new dogs need to be separated from other animals in the house for the first couple of weeks. Even though a dog does not show signs of illness such as kennel cough it is possible with the stress of change for them to "break out" with it. Clean up immediately when the dog defecates to ensure nothing is transmitted to other pets. TDR is not responsible for vet care of other animals who may come down with an illness caught from a foster dog. Since your dogs are required to be vaccinated this should rarely be an issue.
- ♥ If you are fostering a dog with an injury, post-surgical or heartworm positive you will need to follow the instructions of the vet carefully. No running, jumping, etc. The last thing we need is to re-injure or to cause a new issue by not following instructions. If the dog requires medication make sure it is given on time every time.
- ♥ Heartworm and flea prevention will need to be picked up once a month from Lakeview Animal Hospital. This is not an option. Dogs should **NEVER** be late on heartworm prevention PERIOD. If for some reason you cannot make it there or live far away we can have someone pick up or we can mail to you but we need to know this PRIOR to the date needed. Dogs should not even be 1 day late for prevention. We prefer that flea prevention given only if needed. The less toxins we can give the better but if needed please make sure it is given on time. Dogs should never have fleas or dermatitis due to fleas.
- ♥ The dogs need to be bathed/groomed regularly. If they need grooming and you are unable to groom them yourself please contact Terry to see if she has time or to have the dog approved to go to a grooming salon. This includes nail trims. If that is the case Terry will call in payment to the groomer and you are responsible for getting the receipt to both Terry and the Treasurer.
- ♥ You are responsible for "selling" your dog. You know your dog best. You know likes and dislikes, his habits etc. We require you to write a biography about your dog. If you are not comfortable with writing you can provide the necessary information about your dog to the website

coordinators. Please have something written within a week of having your foster dog. This information can be altered as you find out more info about personality etc. Please reread the dog's bio every month and update necessary information. Such as in the original the dog was having surgery. Now the dog has had surgery or you weren't sure if the dog liked cats but have since found out they do or do not the bio should be updated to reflect this.

- ♥ You are required to post pictures of the dogs in your home. Just simple snapshots with the family or playing with a toy or standing in the yard. Doesn't have to be professional but we want to keep the dogs on the FB page to give them exposure. People like to envision the dogs in their own home and by posting photos like that it helps their chances of adoption greatly. They should also have a few good shots as well. If you need help with that please contact Terry and she will arrange to have good ones taken.
- ♥ You will be responsible for emailing/speaking with potential adopters either via computer or phone. You are the best one to discuss your dog since you know them best. You are always to be polite and courteous even if the potential adopter says something you don't like. Always be honest with the potential adopter/applicant. IF the dog is still having issues with marking, chewing, digging or isn't good with kids the family MUST be told so they can make an educated decision if this is the right dog for them. We do not want to set the dog up to fail. If you have questions about whether this is a good fit, contact your coordinator to let them know your fears or concerns.
- ♥ You will be expected to bring your foster dog to scheduled events and meet and greets. We understand that you may not be able to make everyone but we do hope you try. If you cannot make the event you will need to post in the group asking if another volunteer can bring your dog for you. Do not wait until the night before unless an emergency comes up. Please don't make this a habit as you are responsible for getting your dog out to showcase. The dogs must arrive on time, bathed and flea free.
- ♥ Many times the dogs in foster care are not trained. If you are unable to help train a dog please make sure that the coordinator is aware before placing a dog with you. We do hope to have the foster's help in preparing the dogs for their forever homes. This includes potty-training and preferable some basic command training. If you need help learning to command train contact Terry and she can help you. The better trained the dog is the better chance of their next home being their forever home. We do not want to set the dogs up to fail by allowing them to go to their new homes with issues. If you are unable to "train out" issues like chewing, barking, pottying in the house please contact the coordinator for help.
- ♥ If you decide you can no longer foster for any other reason than aggression or emergency you must give the rescue notice. The rescue stays overfull and it puts a lot of pressure and causes a lot of grief to have to take back a foster immediately . We absolutely don't mind taking them back but you have to give us time to make room.

♥ If you ask TDR to take in a dog that dog MUST be fostered by you until that dog is ADOPTED. We cannot be responsible for finding fosters for dogs that we did not bring into the rescue. If the dog ends up needing to be transported to another rescue then the foster will be responsible for repaying the rescue for the vetting incurred.

♥ If you are planning a vacation you must make arrangements for your foster dog as if it were your own. Either boarding the dog at a reputable clinic (preferably Lakeview) or by posting in the group to see if another foster can watch the dog for you while out of town. Please do not contact the rescue itself to take the dog. Again we stay over capacity and it is putting an undue burden on us. If you have an emergency we will definitely take care of this for you.

♥ If you are having issues with other members of the rescue please contact Terry to resolve.

♥ Please remember this is all about the dogs

I have read and understand all of the rules and guidelines above and have read the Foster Manual. I understand that if at any time I do not follow guidelines I may be asked to leave the rescue.

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Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_