

RESCUE PAC

FOSTER
HANDBOOK

WELCOME MESSAGE

Thank you so much for your interest in fostering pets for Rescue PAC-Texas. By opening up your home to foster pets, you're not only helping to save lives, you're providing the individual attention and love these dogs desperately need.

Our dog foster program is designed to help our rescue dogs get a second chance at finding a home — a chance they may not have received at a shelter. Many of the dogs who need foster homes require extra care and attention, which shelters often don't have the staff or resources to provide. But in a loving foster home, every dog can get the individual attention he or she needs to find a forever family.

Foster homes are asked to provide care for the dogs, as well as transportation to and from veterinary appointments & to and from meet & greets as needed. Care for foster dogs includes feeding according to size and needs, exercise according to energy levels, and lots of play time and positive socialization. It is extremely important to get your foster dog out there so that the public can see their unique and amazing qualities. Good quality pictures and videos are also very important.

Although fostering is a lot of work, it is a very rewarding experience. By participating in this program, you are saving lives and helping many different types of dogs find the families they've been longing for. Through fostering, we can work together to Save Them All.




Ashley Clements
Founder of Rescue Pac



MISSION

Rescue PAC holds the belief that dogs help remind people of invaluable life practices such as presence, forgiveness and unconditional love. In gratitude, we work to provide stray, abandoned and injured canines the opportunity to a greater quality of life as well as a loving family. To empower our community, we also offer pet care education as well as financial assistance for essential preventive care to qualifying pet owners.

Rescue PAC maintains a kind, non-judgemental approach to our work because "What you pay attention to, grows." -Deepak Chopra.



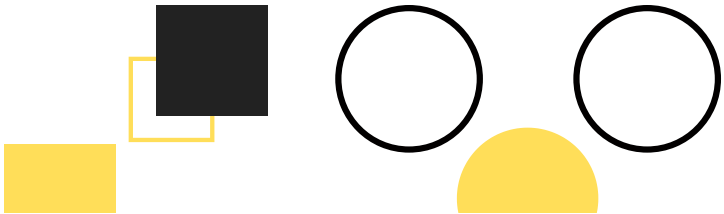
OUR HISTORY

2020

Rescue PAC was established in 2020.



Sean and Ashley naturally share a love for animals and their well being. Years of volunteering to help stray canines left the two acutely aware of the tragic circumstances that so many domesticated animals face in the state of Texas. Rescue PAC was formed in an effort to increase awareness and multiply their efforts so that more dogs could find their happily ever after with a deserving family.



WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU



SAFETY

Your foster pet is a household companion that should be treated humanely and kept safe from any form of abuse and neglect.



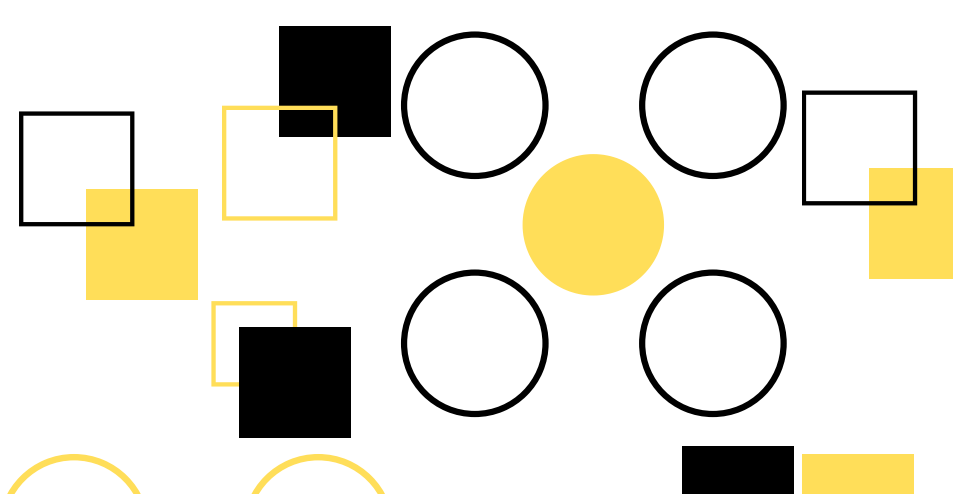
LOVE

Your foster pet is expected to be nurtured and given appropriate guidance so that it may successfully learn how to be a family pet.



GIVE THE BEST

While we provide you with basic living essentials such as a crate, food, blankets and toys, we ask that you show your foster pet kindness, consistency and patience.



COMMUNICATION WITH THE PAC



Rescue PAC assigned volunteer

Each foster will be assigned a Rescue PAC volunteer. You will use that volunteer as your point of contact for anything you may need. If you can not get a hold of your assigned volunteer then please contact anyone on the contact list. Your assigned volunteer will conduct weekly check ins either by phone, email, or in person. This is just to ensure everything is going well. Also this helps when we create social media post and make updates to our website.

Foster dog publicity

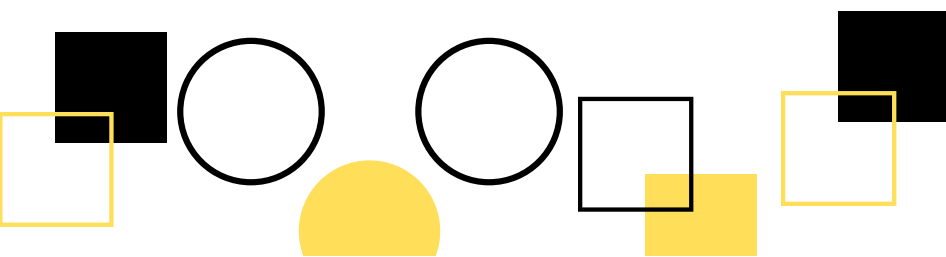
There are key things that help get rescues adopted. *PICTURES & VIDEOS...* The publicity coordinator will need good quality photos and videos of your rescue dog. It is *important* that you send the publicity coordinator photos and videos. You will be asked to provide pictures and videos at least once a week. The publicity coordinator will also arrange some meet ups to take pictures and videos as well. We will work around your schedule. If you have social media then please, feel free to post about your foster dog.

Events for your rescue

We try to host events within our community and at times we are asked to be apart of events. This is another import part in the fostering program. The more eyes we can get on your rescue the better opportunity they will have at finding a forever home. The events coordinator will communicate with you and provide you event dates. We are limited on volunteers and ask that you make arrangements to transport and be apart of these events as well. You will have a better understanding of the rescue when it comes to speaking with potential adopters.

Training

If the dog is having any behavioral issues then please reach out to our trainer. Keep a log of your dogs behavior and the troubles it maybe having while in your care. We will do our best to address those issues.



RESCUE PAC

CONTACT INFO



512-809-3126/ 512-644-0931



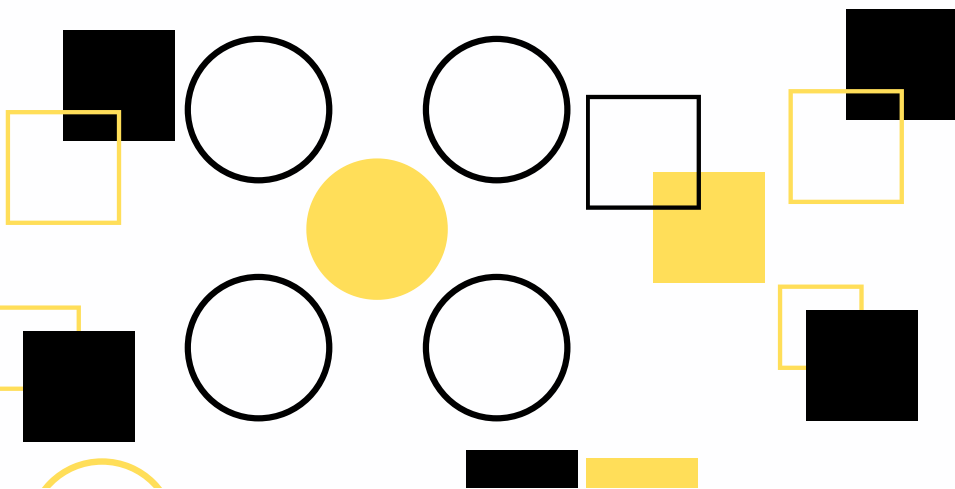
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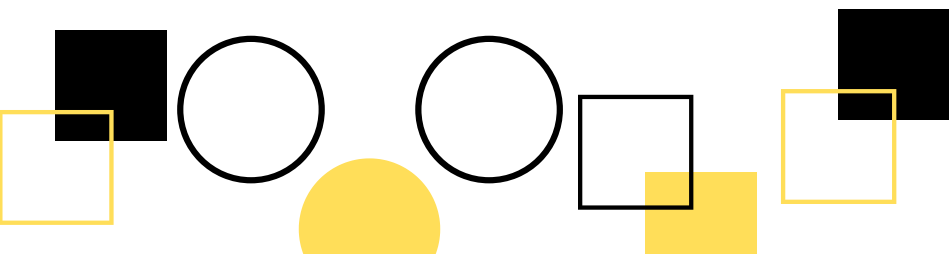


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LEADERSHIP CONTACTS

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Cierra	Events Coord.	(979)549-2918
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Christina	Expert Volunteer	(915)383-6766
Jill	Expert Volunteer	(512)999-8890



RESCUE PAC FOSTER

TERMS, CONDITIONS & OBLIGATIONS

- 1.** Foster shall accept and consider the pet as a household companion, not as an outside pet, and will provide the pet with a safe environment, humane treatment and provide proper food, fresh water, shelter and exercise. Foster shall not alter the pet's appearance in any way, shape or form (e.g. cropping, docking).
- 2.** Foster shall not abuse or neglect the pet and under no circumstances will physically punish the pet. The pet will not be chained at any time, nor will it be permitted off the property of the foster unless accompanied by an individual approved by Rescue PAC.
- 3.** The pet shall be allowed to sleep indoors and protected from the elements or adverse conditions, pet shall not be kept outside or in a yard. The pet shall not be allowed to roam free or unsupervised outside.

Foster will not permit the pet to run at large or become a public nuisance. Foster will keep means of identification on the pet at all times as well as a tracking device if deemed necessary by Rescue PAC. In the event that the pet becomes lost, foster shall make immediate and serious efforts to locate and claim the pet. Foster will retrieve the pet from any pound or shelter if notified that the pet is being held at any such location. Foster will also notify Rescue PAC in the event the pet goes missing.

- 4.** Foster shall not under any circumstances give away or sell the pet. Foster permits Rescue PAC to visit at reasonable convenient times to check on the well being of the pet. Foster consents to the examination of the pet by Rescue PAC at any time and acknowledges that Rescue PAC has the right to reclaim this pet, in Rescue PAC's sole and absolute discretion, at any time for failure to comply with the terms of this contract or for any misrepresentation of fact made on the adoption/foster application or in this contract.

Foster represents and warrants that all information provided to Rescue PAC and/or memorialized in this contract is correct, complete and accurate.

The foster home understands and agrees to adhere to all relevant zoning and animal control codes and ordinances, whether local, county or state.

_____ will be Foster's point of contact and Foster agrees to communicate to its designated Rescue PAC representative in the care and fostering of the pet.

I, _____, agree and accept to terms, conditions and obligations
on _____ (Date)

I, _____, agree and accept to terms, conditions and obligations
on _____ (Date)



FOSTER AGREEMENT & WAIVER

This contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto concerning the matters covered herein and supersedes all prior agreements and/or understandings between the parties, whether written or oral, concerning the matters covered herein; and there are no understandings, agreements, representations or warrants, express or implied, which are not specified in writing and signed by the parties hereto. In the event that any of the terms of this contract are or become illegal or unenforceable, such terms shall be null ad void and shall be deemed deleted from t his contract and all the remaining terms of this contract shall remain in full force and effect. The parties may only amend this contract in a writing signed by the parties. No waiver of any provision of this contract, nor consent to shall be in writing and signed by the party to be charged with the waiver or consent, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given.

The enforcement and interpretation of this contract shall be goverened by the laws of the state of Texas. Any and all disputes arising under or related to this contract which cannot be resolved through discussions between the parties shall be submitted to binding arbitration, by a single arbitrator through any arbitration provider mutually agreed upon by the parties. The arbitrator shall be selected by mutural agreement of the parties. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final, non appealable and binding upon the parties and it may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction. The arbitrator shall be bound by the laws of the State of Texas. In the event that Rescue PAC is required to commence an arbitration concerning the contract, Rescue PAC shall be entitled to recover its attorneys' fees, witness fees, costs and expenses, court costs and other reasonable expenses whether or not such controversy, claim or action is persecuted to final award and judgement.

This contract is valid and binding and shall govern all current and future pets under Foster's care on behalf of Rescue PAC.

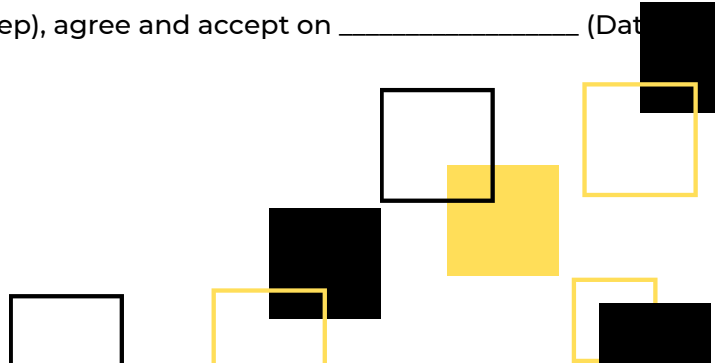
The undersigned parties hereby certify that they have read this entire contract and fully understand all the terms and consequences of this contract and, based upon such, execute it.

By signing, I acknowledge I have fully reviewed and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of Rescue PAC's Foster Contract.

I, _____, agree and accept on _____ (Date)

I, _____, agree and accept on _____ (Date)

I, _____, (Rescue PAC Rep), agree and accept on _____ (Date)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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

As much time as you can. With that said, the amount of time will vary depending on the energy level and needs of the dog you are fostering. It is ideal to spend around two hours a day exercising and playing with your foster dog to ensure that he or she receives adequate socialization and stimulation.

Can I foster dogs even if I have a full-time job?

Yes. The foster application is designed as a survey to help the foster coordinator match you with the best animal for your needs and your current schedule. If you have a full-time job, the foster coordinator will match you with a dog who may be OK alone during the workday. You would then just need to provide ample exercise before or after you go to work.

Can I foster a dog if I don't have a fenced yard?

Yes. Even if you do have a fenced yard, we request that you supervise all outdoor activities with the foster dog. And we ask that you always keep him or her on a leash when you're on walks.

How long will the dog need to be in foster care?

Ideally, foster dogs stay in their assigned foster homes until they get adopted. We do not have a boarding location so these dogs rely on foster homes as their home between homes.

Can I let my foster dog play with my personal pets?

There are a few guidelines that we ask foster families to adhere to regarding their personal pets. While foster dogs playing with other pets is often fine, we advise that you consult with your veterinarian before fostering to ensure that all of your personal pets are healthy and up-to-date on all vaccines. Rescue dogs are very susceptible to illness and can carry or catch different diseases. If, for any reason, your personal pet becomes ill while you are fostering a Best Friends pet, we cannot provide medical care for your personal pet.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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What if I want to adopt my foster dog?

Our fosters do get priority in the adoption process. If you want to adopt a foster dog, you will need to complete an adoption application and follow the full adoption process. If you do decide to adopt your foster dog, please contact your assigned Rescue PAC foster volunteer.

Who will take care of my foster dog if I need to go out of town?

If you have travel plans while you are fostering a dog, you will need to contact the foster coordinator to find a temporary foster until you return. Please provide at least two week's notice to ensure that we can find a home for our rescue. If your trip is over a holiday, please provide a minimum of 1 month notice. If adequate notice is not given, you may be asked to provide payment for your foster dog's boarding. You cannot leave your foster dog with an unauthorized person or pet sitter. We have specific training for foster parents, and pet sitters have not undergone that training or signed the release waivers for the foster program. We do understand that emergencies come up so we just ask that we work together in this process to avoid any issues.

What if my foster dog bites me?

If any of your foster pets bite you and break skin, causing you to bleed, you need to report the bite to the foster coordinator within 24 hours of when the bite occurred. The law requires that we report all bites. The teeth of the animal, not the nails, must have broken the skin. If you are unsure, then please report the bite anyway.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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What if my foster dog is not working out?

You are not required to continue to foster a dog if you feel it's not working out. However, we may not have an immediate alternate foster home for the dog. As mentioned above, we don't have an overnight boarding facility.. We will work on moving your foster dog out as soon as possible, but ask for your understanding and patience. Please call your assigned Rescue PAC volunteer.

What if my foster dog gets lost?

What if my foster dog gets sick?



PREPARING FOR YOUR FOSTER DOG



When you take your foster dog home, they may be frightened or unsure about what's happening, so it's important not to overwhelm them. Prepare a special area for the foster dog to help ease their adjustment into a new home environment. Sometimes it is better to confine the foster dog to a small room or area at first, to let them adjust before giving them free rein in your home. This area should be large enough for an appropriately sized crate for the dog and should allow the dog access to his food and water dishes and toys.

We request that all foster dogs be housed indoors only. A garage, backyard or outdoor run is not a suitable accommodation for a foster dog.

During the first couple of weeks, minimize the people and pet introductions to your foster dog, so that they are only meeting immediate family and your personal pets. If you have other pets at home, it is especially important to give your foster dog a space of their own where they can stay while getting used to all the new sounds and smells. Do not leave your foster dog unattended in your home with your personal pets.



SUPPLYS FOR YOUR FOSTER DOG



Rescue PAC will provide you with any supplies that you need for your foster. We rely heavily on donations so if you choose to buy anything for your foster then we would appreciate it. However, Rescue PAC will provide you be the following:

- Crate/bedding
- Food with bowls
- Treats
- Toys
- Leash
- Collar w/tags(Collar may have airtag attached)**DO NOT TAKE COLLAR OR TAGS OFF FOR ANY REASON**
- Nutritional items for preventative care (If we have in stock)
- Flea/Tick and Heartworm

Once your foster is adopted we will collect any items left over. If there is any special accommodations your rescue needs then let us know and we will provide it depended on funds.



DOG PROOFING YOUR HOME



Foster dogs come from a shelter environment or the great outdoors. Even if they have previously lived in a home, we don't always know how they will react in a new home. So, before bringing home a new foster dog, you'll want to survey the area where you are going to keep your foster dog. Remove anything that would be unsafe or undesirable for the dog to chew on, and latch securely any cupboards and doors that the foster dog could get into. People food and chemicals can be very harmful if consumed by dogs, so please store them in a place that the foster dog cannot access.

Never underestimate your foster dog's abilities. Here are some additional tips for dog-proofing your home:

- Make sure that all trash cans are covered or latched and keep them inside a closet. (Don't forget the bathroom trash bins.)
- Keep the toilet lids closed.
- Keep both people and pet food out of reach and off all counter tops.
- Move house plants or secure them. Some dogs like to play with them and may knock them over.
- Make sure aquariums or cages that house small animals, like hamsters or fish, are securely out of reach of your foster dog.
- Remove medications, lotions or cosmetics from any accessible surfaces.
- Move and secure all electrical and phone wires out of reach. Dogs may chew on or get tangled in them.
- Pick up any clothing items that have buttons or strings, which can be harmful to your foster dog if consumed.
- Relocate knickknacks or valuables that your foster dog could knock down.



BRINGING YOUR FOSTER DOG HOME



Taking care of a foster dog requires a commitment from you to make sure the dog is happy and healthy. Thank you so much for opening your heart and your home to these dogs who desperately need your help. Without you, we could not save as many as we do.

Choosing a foster dog.

The foster coordinator will work with you to select a foster dog who meets your specific requirements. We will always do our best to match you with a dog who fits with your lifestyle and schedule.

When you and the foster coordinator have decided on a foster dog, we will make arrangements so drop off the dog and any supplies that you will need. You will also meet your assigned foster volunteer.

Be honest: If you aren't comfortable with anything about the animal you may be fostering, please tell the foster coordinator before you take the animal home.



FOSTER DOG INTRODUCTIONS



Dog introductions

If you have personal pets who are dogs, you'll want to introduce them to your foster dog one at a time and supervise their interactions at first. It's a good idea to introduce them outside in a large yard or on a walk, keeping all the dogs on leash and allowing them enough space to get adjusted to one another. If you can, it works best to schedule a time for your personal dogs to meet the foster dog before you take the foster dog home.

*In addition, make sure that high-value items (food, chew toys, plush toys, Kongs, rawhides or anything else that your dogs hold in high regard) are put away whenever the dogs are interacting. You don't want to allow the possibility of a fight. Those high-value items are best placed in the dogs' personal areas. **Finally, never feed your dogs in the same room as the foster dog; always separate them at feeding time.***

Cat introductions

We can't ensure that a foster dog has been "cat-tested," so if you have personal pets who are cats, you'll need to make the introduction to the foster dog carefully and safely. Start by keeping them separated at first. You can either keep your cats in a separate room (equipped with food, water, litter boxes and beds) or confine your foster dog to a room. Over a one- to two-week period, let the dog and cats smell each other through the door, but don't allow them contact with one another. Exchanging blankets or towels between the dog's area and the cats' area will help them get used to each other's smells.

After a week or two, do the face-to-face introduction. Keeping your foster dog on leash, allow your cat out in the same area. (If you have more than one cat, introduce one cat at a time.) Do not allow the foster dog to charge or run directly up to the cat. Try to distract the dog as best you can so that the cat has the chance to approach without fear. Watch the body language of each animal closely and don't continue the interaction if either pet becomes over-stimulated or aggressive. The idea is to keep the interactions positive, safe and controlled.



FOSTER DOG INTRODUCTIONS

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Children and dogs

Since we don't always know a foster dog's history or tolerance level for different types of people and activities, please teach your children how to act responsibly and respectfully around your foster dog. We will do our best to place you with an appropriate animal for your home situation, but you should still supervise all interactions between children and your foster dog. Key things to remind your children:

- Always leave the foster dog alone when he/she is eating, chewing or sleeping. Some dogs may nip or bite if bothered while eating or startled while sleeping.*
 - Do not take away a toy or prized possession from the foster dog.*
 - Do not tease the foster dog.*
 - Don't chase the foster dog around the house or run quickly around the foster dog; it may scare him.*
 - Pick up all your toys. Some dogs may not be able to tell the difference between what is theirs and what belongs to the kids.*
- Do not allow young children to walk the foster dog because they may not be strong enough or experienced enough to handle encounters with other dogs or cats who cross their path.*



