

# Foster Home Requirements and Policies

Rocky Mountain Lab Rescue is solely dependent on their foster homes. We truly appreciate them and could not exist without them. This is what we ask of our foster homes. We can negotiate from time to time on these requirements to enable all parties involved to benefit.

From the time the dog comes to your home, they are a true addition to your home. We wish that you could and be able to do anything and everything as if this dog were your own, but we know that as this isn't your dog we cannot expect this of you all the time. Whatever you can do yourself truly helps us and helps the dog. Some of the things that we need, but are not required includes taking and picking up the dog to any vet appointment needed, any home visits set up for that particular dog, picking up any items the dog may need while in your care (including food or medication) and in case of an Adoption Event, taking to and from, as well as handling the foster dog at the Adoption Event.

Our rescue vet is in Westminster. This is the vet the dog will be required to be taken to. This is because we have worked out a particular deal with our vet to save money on any vetting done in the rescue.

As far as expenses, we will cover the vet bills at the rescue vet and an adequate amount of dog food for that particular foster dog. (Varies per dog) We will supply our foster home with a crate, if they need one, as well as bowls, blankets, collar and leash for each foster dog. Anything

above and beyond that is at the expense and discretion of the foster home.

We recommend a crate so that the dog does not chew or have accidents in your house. If you do choose to let them sleep loose at night or while you are not home it is at discretion of the foster home. It is important that a dog gets use to a crate so we highly encourage crate training while the dog is in your possession. This is not only to ensure that wherever they are adopted to can continue on with this without a huge transition, but also to ensure that dog's safety, while they are getting used to the new home. If a particular dog is having issues with catching on, we can suggest techniques and ways to handle it.

We don't require, but encourage the foster homes to work with the basic commands with the dogs. Most dogs come to you without any training at all, and by the time they are adopted out, we aim for them to be housebroken at least. Any commands above and beyond that (Sit, Stay, Come.. etc) are not expected, but appreciated.

After a major surgery, your foster dog **MUST** be kept quiet for the required amount of time. Even if they seem fine after 2-3 days, they are still healing internally and they need to be kept quiet. This means, **NO** dog park time, leash walks only and very limited play time in the house. We have had a few dogs take a while to recover from a surgery and its harder than we think on them. We want to ensure they are in the best shape as we can, when adopted out, so this is very important in their healing process. Whatever the vet recommends, you will be expected to

do, whether that's them wearing an E-collar, keeping their incision clean and dry or anything else. We appreciate the time you take to care for them!!!!

Another minor thing we ask of the foster homes is that once they have had their foster dog for a few days, to write up a short summary of your foster dog as well as take some pictures, so the website can be updated. Potential adopters love to read personal things about the dogs as well as see lots of pictures. We appreciate if you could do this for every dog that comes in. As we grow, it gets harder and harder for one rescue director to keep track of it all.

We take great pride in our reputation and because our foster homes mean so much to us, we do everything to ensure that they are involved in the entire adoption process for their foster dogs. We do want our foster homes to be as involved in the adoption process as they want to be and will have 50% decision making in where their foster dog goes. If the foster home is not happy with the potential adopter we will accept that and see that we find another adopter.