

PUPPY/DOG FOSTER FACT SHEET



Enjoying the unconditional love of a dog and/or puppy is extremely gratifying and rewarding. Foster homes are a vital part of the shelter's operation. The decision to become a foster home should be undertaken thoughtfully. Fostering is time consuming and a substantial responsibility. The foster family is expected to provide a safe and healthy environment, lots of socialization and most importantly, love.



Why do we need fosters? There are small puppies that need extra care, heartworm positive dogs undergoing treatment, and socializing.



Foster puppies or heartworm positive dogs will need to be brought to the shelter for weighing, medication and/or treatments. The Georgetown Animal Shelter will make all medical and adoption decisions.



You will be provided with the information you need, to be a successful foster parent, including information on illness, disease and personal safety precautions. Fosters must be 18 years or older.



Should you decide to adopt the animal you are fostering, you will be required to submit an application for adoption.



Foster puppies will need to be kept isolated from you household pets in some cases.

THINGS TO CONSIDER



Will you have enough time to spend with your foster(s)? Socializing is very important, the more time you spend with your foster, the better the chance they have for a successful and permanent adoption to a forever home.



Will you be able to keep a close watch on the foster's health? Can you cope with the possibility that the puppy or dog you are fostering may die of complications that may not be your fault?



Will you be emotionally able to return the puppy(s) or dog to the Georgetown Animal Shelter after the foster period is completed? For some, this is the hardest thing to do. It's easy to become attached to your foster animal. Letting go becomes easier over time. The more you foster, the more you help save lives!



As a foster, you will be expected to provide toys, bedding and some food. (Dry puppy/dog food will be provided) If the shelter has donated items available, you may be able to obtain these from the shelter. The shelter will handle all medical care.



Do you have time to potty train a puppy(s)? Are you able to take a heartworm positive dog on short leash walks? Would you feel comfortable in giving daily medications orally to a heartworm positive dog? These are some of the important things that will help keep your foster pet healthy and happy!

We would love to have you as a foster parent. Your efforts will help prepare the puppy(s) or dog for adoption into a forever home!