

# Afraid of Long Term Commitment?????



**Volunteers needed to provide short-term in-home care for friendly rescue dogs, until they are adopted. All veterinary care and food is paid by the rescue organization. Fostering can last from a few days to several months.**

## **What do pet foster parents do?**

Pet foster parents are very much like child foster parents. They care for a homeless pet as if he was their own until he is adopted. Shelter environments can be extremely stressful for dogs. It is much more comfortable for them to stay in a home environment. They are able to get more individualized care in someone's home. It also gives them better socialization skills, which makes them a more well-adjusted pet. Also, the foster parent is able to learn about the pet's personality, likes, and dislikes so that he can be better matched to the right forever home. Most importantly, **pet foster parents save lives!**

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We will match you with a suitable pet to foster. For example, if you have a female dog who does not get along with other females, we will only have you foster male dogs. If you work full time and cannot care for young puppies, we will only have you foster adults. We train you to screen potential adopters to determine if they are a suitable match for your foster pet. You will then get to experience the joy of helping a homeless animal find a loving family of his own.

All Veterinary care is paid for .Any trip to the Vet must first be approved by the APe Action Inc. Foster parents provide shelter, food, transportation to and from Vet appointments, training, and plenty of love!

### **How long will I keep a pet?**

It's impossible to predict how long an animal will remain in foster care. Some pets are adopted within 24 hours of becoming available. Others wait years for a home. APe Action does not euthanize an animal for taking too long to be adopted. Our animals stay with us for as long as it takes. If you cannot commit to this kind of unpredictable long-term care, you might wish to help in other ways. We expect our adopters to never give up on their pets, so we expect the same from our foster parents.

### **What if I get attached?**

Getting attached to your foster pet is normal. After all, we do this because we love pets! The most common question we as foster parents are asked is how we can give them up. The answer is simple. It saves lives. It is hard to say goodbye to a pet we've fallen in love with, but the alternative is even sadder. We get the satisfaction of helping a previously lost and unwanted animal find a loving forever home. That makes it all worth it. The trick is to get attached with velcro and not glue.

If you do decide that you can't give up an animal, that's ok, too. Foster parents get first right of refusal and can adopt through the adoption process and pay the adoption fee just like any other adopter. The important thing is to think about what is in the animal's best interest. Sometimes, even if we love them, the best thing for the pet is to let them go.

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