



FOSTERING 101

Help us save lives by opening your home to a rescue in need!

PREPARE YOUR HOME

- Designate an area for the new pup to decompress and adjust to their new environment.
- Let NWR know if you need a kennel, bed, food dishes, etc. We send all pups home with a goodie bag including at least tracking collar, leash, food, Adopt Me bandana/leash sleeve, and a toy.
- Consider puppy-proofing any spaces the new pup will spend any unsupervised time in!



ACTIVITIES & ADVERTISING

- Feel free to bring your foster to pet-friendly parks, restaurants, and businesses! Use the Adopt Me bandana/leash sleeves to help advertise your pup!
- Post to social media, tagging @northwestwagrescue and/or email us pictures and videos to get your pup seen as much as possible!
- We will be asking your input to write up a bio for your foster, please refer to our social media and marketing resources!
- Please reach out if you feel you need additional resources, or have any concerns about your foster!



QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS

Email or text us!

Please allow 24-48 hours for response unless there is a safety or life-threatening issue. We are a small group of volunteers and generally not available by phone unless scheduled ahead of time!



FOSTER ARRIVAL & FIRST DAYS

- Be sure you make arrangements for the pup's arrival!
- Take it slow! Give them time to decompress in a safe space without directly engaging with your in-home humans and pets.
- Please see our resources for potty training, even if they have prior experience living in a home, all pups will need to be shown where the new appropriate place to potty is located!
- Day 3 is almost always the hardest, the pup starts to feel safe and may show new undesired behaviors.



POTENTIAL ADOPTIONS

- The NWR Team will screen applications and pass you contact information to discuss specific needs and set up meet and greets.
- Prepare their go-bag prior to meet and greet, if all goes well they can take the pup home!
- Notify NWR of scheduled meet and greets, and if the pup goes home with a new family
- If you have concerns about the adopter's response to anything, feel free to reach out to NWR to discuss further

