

## OUR MISSION:

Our mission is to rescue, re-home, or otherwise save as many dogs & puppies as possible from the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Statistical Area (11 parishes).

Since starting in 2010, FOTA has found fur-ever homes for more than 7,500 animals from the EBR Parish shelter, other area shelters, and the FASS program.

## WHY DO WE NEED FOSTERS?

No dogs stay overnight at the FOTA house. The house is essentially a daycare for dogs in need of adoption. At the FOTA house, they can be seen & visited with by potential adopters. At the end of the day, everyone has to have a place to go – foster home, shelter, or boarding paid by FOTA.

## HOW DOES FOSTERING HELP?

Fostering helps the dogs and helps FOTA continue saving animals. Fostering:

- Gets dogs out of kennels & into homes; Photos of the dogs in homes & out playing provide a fuller, richer, picture of who the dogs are outside of kennels.
- Provides FOTA with invaluable information that makes adoptions easier & more successful, things like:
  - Gets along with other dogs
  - Good with cats
  - Great with children
  - Loves outdoors
  - Understands commands
  - Is a cuddler
- Saves FOTA money that may otherwise be spent on boarding

## OUR LOCATION:

8476 Highland Rd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70808

## HOURS:

Mon. - Fri.: 11:30 am - 5:00 pm

Sat. & Sun.: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

## CONTACT US:

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Friends of the Animals Baton Rouge

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**PLEASE FILL OUT A FOSTER APPLICATION TODAY!**

They are available at the FOTA house, or online at:

[www.fotabr.org/foster-1](http://www.fotabr.org/foster-1)

# FOSTERING



## WHO CAN FOSTER?

Anyone who is at least 19 years old, completes a foster application, and passes a landlord & vet check.

## 3 TYPES OF FOSTERING:

### 1. WEEKEND FOSTERING

(Friday pm - Monday am)

#### HOW IT WORKS:

**Friday:** Pickup by 5:00 pm

We'll have the dog & a bag of everything you need ready to go!

(Bag includes: food, treats, bowls, blanket or bed, toys, leash, & collar. A kennel is also available if you need one.)

**Saturday:**

Drop-off 10:30- 11:00 am

Pickup 3:00 pm

**Sunday:**

Drop-off 10:30- 11:00 am

Pickup 3:00 pm

**Monday:**

Drop-off 7:30-9:00 am or at 11:30 am when we open to the public  
(NOT OPEN 9:00 am - 11:30 am weekdays)

Return bag & kennel

Weekend fostering done

If you cannot foster Sunday night, please let us know on your application.

### 2. FULL-TIME FOSTERING

(7 days per week)

#### HOW IT WORKS:

**Monday – Friday:**

Drop-off 7:30 – 9:00 am or at 11:30 am  
(NOT OPEN 9:00 am - 11:30 am weekdays)

Pickup by 5:00 pm

**Saturday & Sunday:**

Drop-off 10:30- 11:00 am

Pickup 3:00 pm

We recognize how much time & love goes into full-time fostering. Therefore it is the full-time foster who selects the adopter of their foster dog from the approved adoption applications!

### 3. CUSTOM FOSTERING

#### HOW IT WORKS:

We can work with you to create a plan that works for you. We may have fosters who can only foster on Tuesday nights, who will be available for a few random days, or someone who needs some other creative plan to make fostering work for them!

#### OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW:

- **WE APPRECIATE YOU!** As a foster, you are giving a dog a "leg-up" in getting adopted. Having feedback from you really makes a difference to potential adopters. **THANK YOU!**
- You don't get to choose the dog you foster, but we will give you one who closely matches the size & age preferences you list on your application.

- **NEVER FEEL BAD ABOUT SAYING "NO".** Sometimes you just can't. We understand. You love animals and do what you can when you can. We appreciate whatever you can do whenever you can do it!
- Weekend drop-off is at the back door of the FOTA House
- We do have a few things that we need from you in order for things to go smoothly:
  - **Dogs need to be at the FOTA house daily if possible.** This is especially true on weekends. They need to be seen to get adopted; so the more hours at the house, the better..
  - If you have an emergency & cannot bring the dog on a given day, **please call the FOTA house to let us know asap.**
  - The FOTA house closes at 5:00 pm on weekdays and at 3:00 pm on weekends. **It is imperative that you pick up your foster before closing time.**
- **We've got your back!** Ask for our help with any problems you encounter. Contact us in case of a medical emergency with your foster dog. We find respite fosters when our full-time fosters need a break. We are here to help make fostering as easy and as enjoyable as possible for you!