

# FACT SHEET: FOSTERING

## Could you help to save a dog's life by fostering?

### Why Foster?

As we currently do not have any facilities such as a shelter to home our rescue dogs, everything we do is done by fostering dogs in our own homes. Providing a foster home for a rescue dog means that they get consistent care. Any medications can be given regularly, they get regular meals to help build up their strength but above all they get love and attention and learn how to fit in to family life.



### What do I have to do?

All you need to is provide a safe, secure and loving home. Any costs such as medication and food is provided by us and any vet visits/treatment are also arranged and covered by us.

The main benefit of having you foster our dogs is that they get used to living in a loving family and if you are able to discipline them and teach them basic commands then that's great!



### Will I be able to choose what I foster?

We will never place a dog with you that you are not comfortable with. We will always consider your home situation and any preference you have, eg Only puppies/old/small dogs etc



### What is it like to foster?

We have already been fostering for years. Chris and Joe started fostering in 2021. They share their experiences of fostering rescue dogs:-

*Like many people I'm sure, we wondered if we would be any good at fostering! We didn't know how we would cope with giving up the dog once their adoption had gone through. And yes, it was bittersweet, but seeing them thrive with their new forever families made up for any sadness in seeing them leave. And it meant that we had space to then go on and provide the same help for another dog in need. We have now fostered 7 dogs and just want to do more and help as many dogs as possible!*



Fostering is an absolutely critical part of the treatment we can provide to the dogs we rescue. Even when we are able to set up a shelter, fostering will still be our preference as it ensures the dogs get more love, attention, comfort and care than they can possible get in a shelter. If we can build a network of foster homes, we will then have the ability to place the most vulnerable of dogs with one of our fosters. If you are interested in fostering then please complete our **Foster Application Form**. If your application is successful you will then need to have a home check completed before you can be accepted. If you change your mind you can decline to foster at any time. **Please, please consider fostering** and being part of our team saving a dogs life! If you want to know anything more please contact us, we'd be happy to talk to you about it! Email us [admin@elysiumanimalrescue.org](mailto:admin@elysiumanimalrescue.org)

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