



Fostering 101

Arf-Anage Dog Rescue



# The History of Arf-Anage Dog Rescue

- Arf-Anage was founded in 2014 by Cathy Roe
- Became a 501c3 in June 2015
- Current Board of Directors
  - Cathy Roe, Founder
  - Andrea Andrews
  - Brandy Scheffler
  - Tina Morrison
  - Wendy Gage
- Foster Based
- Ranch located in Maricopa
- In 2020 – adopted out over 900 animals

**EVEN  
SUPERMAN  
HAD  
FOSTER  
PARENTS**



## Where to Begin

- Complete this training and ask any and all questions you can think of.
- Complete a foster contract and read through the **ENTIRE DOCUMENT** to ensure you, and everyone in your household, understand the commitment you are making to both the pet and Arf-Anage Dog Rescue.
- Send in pictures of your home and yard to ensure a safe environment for your foster.
- Attend a foster intake event or watch the Arf-Anage Facebook page for dogs that need a foster.
- Be sure to have a valid AZ driver's license or state ID that has a current address; a picture of your ID will be taken to be included in your foster file.
- Make sure all other animals in the house are current on vaccinations.



# Creating a Safe Space

- Give them time to decompress
  - The dog(s) you are fostering have been through a lot in a very short period. As such, it's important that you give them time to decompress and adjust. We recommend a bathroom or spare bedroom be set up for the dog(s) for the first few days.
- You will not expose them to any illness
  - The majority of pups will receive their first vaccine at intake and do not have immunity. Therefore, is it incredibly important that they are **not** put in an area where any unvaccinated animal could have been (e.g. sidewalks, parks, pet stores, etc.).
- Protect them and other members of your family
  - Never allow the foster dog(s) to interact with other animals or children unsupervised. We do not know the temperament of these animals, and trust that you will exercise good judgment.

# What To Expect

- Your foster may be in rough shape
  - itchy, gas, bad breath, etc. is normal - don't panic! As your foster's body adjusts to new food and a new living situation, things will stabilize.
- Your foster may have fleas and/or ticks
  - We will treat them, but you may still find them. **Do NOT give them a bath or another flea/tick treatment.** Instead, simply remove the fleas/ticks as you find them. Make sure any pets in your home have had a flea/tick treatment
- Your foster may not be very active
  - They will probably be sleepy for the first 24 hours - they have been through a lot. They should be much more active after a day or two
- Your foster may have diarrhea
  - Please feed them chicken and rice or boiled beef and rice. If it doesn't clear up after a couple of days please let your foster mentor know.
- If your foster stops eating, please let your foster mentor know immediately!





## Items Needed

- Arf will provide any items you need to successfully foster. The rescue will provide food, puppy pads, and medications.
- We have a limited number of crates and pens available to borrow. If you have a small room or an area you can enclose, that will work fine. Make sure the pups are not in an area that is cold or drafty.
- Please let us know what items you need and feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

# How Long Do I Foster

- The commitment for fostering is typically 2-3 weeks. Sometimes longer depending on the age of the puppy.
- If your puppy is not adopted during an adoption event, we would love to have you continue fostering.
- Younger puppies will need to be fostered in pairs or small groups. Older pups may be fostered as singles, the rescue will determine which pups can go as singles.
- We have a lot of young adults at the ranch that would love to be in a foster home.





# Vaccines & Meds

- The majority of pups will receive their first vaccine at intake and do not have immunity. Therefore, is it incredibly important that they are **not** put in an area where any unvaccinated animal could have been (e.g. sidewalks, parks, pet stores, etc.).
- Almost all dogs will be sent to their first foster with deworming medicine.
- If your foster needs meds those will be provided by the rescue.
- Do not take your foster to the vet without permission.
- Call your Foster Mentor if you have concerns



# Spay/Neuter

- Our goal is to get all fosters spayed/neutered before an adoption event.
- 90% of our spay/neuter appointments are at Altered Tails in Phoenix on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We have limited appointments in Mesa.
- Drop off is at 7 am (sharp) and pick up is between 2 – 4 pm.
- Please let your foster mentor know if you need help with transportation.



# Adoption Options – You Can



- Adopt the dog yourself - Foster Fails are the best! Please note, we do not provide discounts for fosters who adopt.
- Adopt the dog to someone you know – adopter will complete the required paperwork and submit payment.
- Post the dog on social media, including Arf FB and Instagram pages, and conduct meet and greet sessions with potential adopters. Once you have selected someone you think is a good fit let us know.
- Bring the dog to adoption events at the Paw Wash. Typically these events are held every Saturday from 3 pm – 6 pm. Drop off is at 2:30 pm, and you do not need to stay at the event with your dog the entire time. If your foster is not adopted, you will need to pick them up at 6 pm.

# Adoption Events

- You are required to bring your foster to adoption events (if not adopting yourself).
- Fosters are typically ready to attend an adoption event 10 – 13 days after they go in to foster.
- Check with your foster mentor to see when your foster is ready to start attending events.
- Events are held at the Paw Wash – 7101 E. Thunderbird Rd on Saturdays from 3 – 6 pm.
- Your foster will need to be dropped off between 2 – 3 pm, early drop offs will not be accommodated.
- You are more than welcomed to stay for the event – you get to talk with the potential adopters and make sure it's the right fit.





# Foster Mentor

- You will be assigned a foster mentor within 24 hours of picking up your foster.
- If you don't hear from someone, please message the Arf-Anage FB page.
- Your foster mentor will be the first person you contact with any questions or concerns.
- Please note – all of us working with the rescue are volunteers, so it is possible your foster mentor may not be able to respond to you immediately. Please be patient.



# When to Contact Support

- If your foster stops eating.
  - If your foster develops a rash.
  - If your foster has severe or bloody diarrhea.
  - If your foster suddenly becomes lethargic.
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- If you can't get a hold of your foster mentor and it's an emergent issue – please call Cathy Roe (602.672.1309) or Andrea Andrews (480.773.5375).
  - Do not take your foster to a vet without permission from Cathy, Andy, or your foster mentor.

# The Paw Wash Is

- A business
- A great partner
- A great place to get your dog groomed
- Where we hold many of our adoption and intake events

# The Paw Wash Is Not

- The rescue
- A place to go without an appointment
- A place to just drop off your foster
- Where you take a sick dog



# Special Notes for Mama Dogs

- Your mama dog may have just weaned her puppies, in which case she is probably going to be exhausted. We recommend feeding her puppy food or other high-quality dog food.
- She may still be producing milk – it's ok, it will dry up in time.
- She may seem a little sad or depressed. Just give her plenty of love. She may also like having stuffed animals to snuggle with.



# Special Notes for Juveniles and Adults

- We have a large number of juvenile and adult dogs in the rescue. Some of these dogs have been with us for months, some for years. We always need special folks who are willing to foster our “non-puppies”.
- Most of our dogs get along well with other dogs and love to play and be part of a pack. Sometimes they will need some one-on-one attention to develop good manners. We do have a few dogs that need to be the only animals in a home. We also have some adult dogs that are known to do well with cats (although we still recommend a slow introduction).
- Typically, adult dogs will stay with a foster until a permanent adopter is found...sometimes that's a few weeks, sometimes longer. However, if at any point you need to discontinue fostering, we will always find another foster.



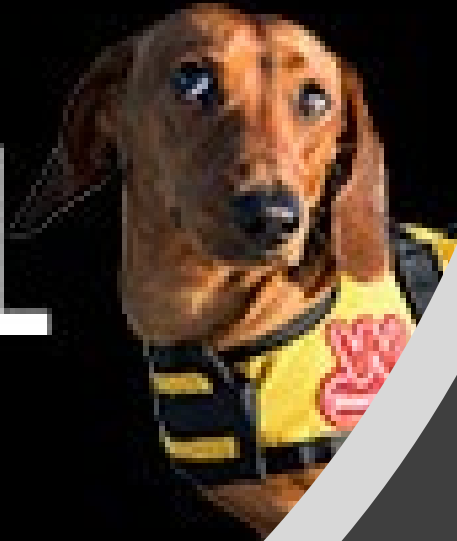




# Special Notes for Puppies

- **Living area**
- Most likely, you will be required to foster puppies in groups of two or more. We recommend you keep them together in one large crate or puppy pen. They should not be separated for any period of time.
- Puppies need safe places to play and interact. You will need to puppy-proof any area to which they have access.
- Make sure they are away from drafts and in a warm environment. Sometimes using a heating pad in their bedding is soothing.
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- **Diet**
- Puppies need access to food and water at all times. We do not ration food for the pups, no feeding schedule, just free feed. We do not feed puppies any canned/wet food.
- It is likely your puppy will have yucky poops for a few days. This is OK, but you will need to keep an eye on it. If it lasts for more than a day or two we recommend giving them boiled chicken and rice for few days to help settle their tummies. We use instant rice and home-cooked or canned chicken. Adding cottage cheese or plain yogurt may also help.
- If your puppy seems lethargic or does not want to eat, you need to let us know IMMEDIATELY! Parvo is possible in these puppies, and the sooner we treat them, the better chance they have of making it.

# OFFICIAL RULES



## Do NOT

- Take your foster anywhere other than the inside of your home and backyard – no walks, front yard, PetSmart, etc.
- Skip the deworming medicine or any medicine given to you by the rescue.
- Bathe your foster within the first 5 days. You can use baby wipes to clean up any messes on their paws.
- Take your foster to the vet unless instructed by an Arf-Anage staff member – the foster is not your personal pet and needs our permission for any treatment. Any charges that come from taking a foster to the vet without permission are your responsibility.
- Euthanize your foster – again, they are not your personal pet and still belong to the rescue. If you choose to do this, you will be responsible for all vet bills and will be charged the \$400 adoption fee for your deceased foster.
- Miss a vaccine or spay/neuter appointment. There will be a \$50 charge for any missed appointment.
- Sell, gift, or give your foster to anyone not appointed by the rescue – remember, they are not your pet.
- Have play dates with other dogs, even if they are vaccinated.
- Show up at the Paw Wash without an appointment – it is a place of business that the rescue uses on weekends for events.