

Do I have to find a home for the dog?

No! CBR has an Adoption Committee that is responsible for screening and identifying potential new homes for your foster dog. It is a very thorough process that has been developed over the years.

I'd like to foster. What do I do next?

You may complete an adoption application from our website and just mark "Foster" across the top of the application. We use the same application for fostering and adopting as foster homes must meet all the same criteria as adoptive homes. A current CBR member will contact you. If unable to go to our website, you may call CBR at 866-281-8209.

If I can't foster, is there another way to help?

Yes, you can volunteer in a number of different ways. Even if you have a small amount of time you can help. If you want to volunteer for CBR, please visit our website and fill out an application, marking "Volunteer" across the top of the application.

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THE FOSTER HOME EXPERIENCE

A key component of CBR's rescue program is the foster home. Without adequate numbers of foster homes, we are limited in how many Boxers we can save. The principle behind fostering is to provide the dogs entrusted to our care with a home environment in order to evaluate their habits and behavior and to be able to offer the new owner more information about the dog. CBR needs caring, responsible Boxer lovers to join our foster home team by opening their homes and their hearts to our rescue Boxers.

What will I need to do as a foster parent?

Foster homes are responsible for the daily care of the foster dog, including feeding, exercising, socializing, grooming, reinforcing basic obedience commands, observing and evaluating general behavior and temperament, and of course providing love and security to a special Boxer at an often difficult time in its life.

How long does a dog stay in foster care?

The foster stay varies with each dog. Dogs may need to stay in foster care for a period of months. The foster stay varies with each dog. Dogs with special needs. It really depends on the individual dog's situation in terms of age, health and temperament. While we work to find the dogs homes quickly, we diligently work to find good homes for them and don't hand them out to just anyone-sometimes it may take a while to find the perfect match for your foster dog. Other dogs will go to their new homes in a matter of weeks. It all depends.

Do I have to be home with the dog all day?

No. Many foster family members are employed outside the home and still provide a quality environment for the dog. We do ask that any time you are unable to directly supervise the foster dog, he should be confined to a secure area, preferably a training crate. This results in a safe, secure place for the dog and keeps concern for the foster family's safety and home in the forefront.

Do I need a fenced yard?

A fenced yard is preferred, but not required. Foster dogs must NEVER be allowed to run free. If your yard is surrounded by a secure physical fence, the Boxer may be exercised there off leash. Outside the fenced yard the dog must be on leash at all times.

Rescued dogs are often escape artists so extra care must be taken to make sure all doors to the house are secure, that all fence gates are locked, and that the dog is supervised when outside in a fenced yard.

May I choose which dogs I foster?

You may set limits on the kinds of dogs you would foster. You may always decline a dog. If your foster dog proves too much for you to handle, we will work to place him elsewhere.

How much does it cost?

Lack of funds shouldn't prevent you from fostering. Normally fosters do provide a good quality dog food. Necessary veterinary care is provided by authorized veterinarians and paid for by CBR. Medications, including monthly heartworm and flea preventatives are provided by CBR.

What happens if I have questions or problems with a foster dog?

All foster homes receive a Foster Home Guide. Volunteers are also available for telephone consultation on problems not covered in the Guide. Being a foster home is extremely rewarding. However, you should also keep in mind that most, but not all rescue dogs are housebroken, some may be ill, or have little socialization or obedience training. We find that when given the chance these dogs not only improve, they flourish in their foster care. But they are by no means perfect. It sometimes takes patience to deal with foster dogs, but the reward is knowing that YOU are the one who is helping them turn their lives around.

Will I become attached to my foster dog?

Yes, of course. But, when you meet the new family that is going to provide a permanent loving home for your foster, you will feel more than satisfied to see him move on to his new life.

What if I have cats or children? Can I foster?

The majority of the time we have no idea if the foster dog is good with cats, so we advise close supervision if you have cats in the home. Always give your cat a safe escape route. The foster can be crated while unsupervised initially to make sure these aren't a problem. In fact, we always advise you to crate your foster when you first bring them into your home.

Since we don't normally know much about the temperament of the foster dogs at first, we are leery of placing them in homes with very young children. Sometimes we know the background of the dogs and can place them accordingly.