



El Dorado County

German Shepherd Rescue

Helping Quality Dogs Find Caring Homes

Fostering Guidelines

Is Fostering a Dog Right for You?

Thank you for considering becoming a foster for one of our rescue dogs. Foster homes are the backbone of our rescue organization and are vitally important to the success of our rescue efforts. The information below will help you decide if fostering is right for you and your family.

First of all, fostering a dog is a commitment. Once the dog is placed with you, you become part of a network of volunteers that are dedicated to helping the dog in every way possible, be it vet care, training or the gift of time.

Fostering provides a temporary home for a rescued dog until a permanent “forever” home can be found. It also provides time for a dog to adjust or re-adjust to living in a home, and learn socialization and good manners. For some dogs, the foster home also provides time to recover from an illness or medical procedure before he or she can be made available for adoption. Your role in your foster dog's life is important to his/her wellbeing and future placement in his/her new forever home. It is at times challenging. It is always rewarding.

Basic Information

A foster family, who has signed a Foster Agreement with EDCGSR will provide a safe and stable environment for an agreed upon period of time while EDCGSR locates a suitable forever home for the rescued dog.

Rescued Dogs:

- Often need vet care
- Have sometimes been abused or neglected
- Could have behavioral issues or bad habits
- Sometimes have no obedience training
- Will be neuter/spayed, current on vaccinations.
- Have lots of love to give.

Requirements:

- A commitment to care for the dog until a suitable forever home is found
- Safe environment
- Secure, fenced yard
- An indoor sleeping area
- Arrange suitable short-term, care or boarding when you go out of town or on vacation

Duties:

- Abide by the Foster Agreement
- Treat the dog with respect and care at all times
- Participate in the continued assessment of the dog's health, habits and temperament
- Feed a recommended brand of dog food twice daily
- Make certain the dog has fresh water available daily; change water daily
- Walk or play with dog to socialize daily

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- Groom and bathe dog as needed
- Give heartworm prevention monthly
- Ensure the dog is not left alone, unattended, outdoors for prolonged periods of time

Considerations:

- Basic training for socialization, manners and house training
- Take foster dog to vet as needed
- Active participation in seeking a forever home for dog:
 1. Attend EDCGSR adoption days or other events,
 2. Allow your contact information to be listed on website or given out to potential adopters
 3. Assist in home checks and/or assist in the selection of prospective new forever home
- **Assistance from EDCGSR:**
 1. Food, medication, and vet care
 2. Assistance with transportation to vet or events(if necessary)
 3. Training/Tips from Cindy or other reliable trainers

The Adoption Process

- Your duty is to provide anyone interested in your foster dog information about your dog's personality and temperament
- Arrange a meeting if notified by someone interested in your foster dog(Please notify EDCGSR about the meeting)
- Refer those interested in adopting your foster to fill out an Adoption Contract by visiting our website: www.edcgsr.com and following the adoption process. **Applications are mandatory before a visit.** Refer anyone with questions to our website or **rescue line: 530-677-6444**
- Feed your dog one of the recommended brands of dog food, which you can purchase to offset the cost for EDCGSR.
(Taste of the Wild, Canidae, Merrick, Wellness, Blue Diamond, Blue Buffalo, Instinct, or other agreed upon foods.)Or EDCGSR will provide the food.
- Treat dog with monthly heartworm, provided by foster person or rescue
- In the event of an emergency, dog must be taken to the nearest Veterinary Emergency Clinic, but for other situations the Rescue's Vet will be used. (Dr. Randy Robinson of Missouri Flat Pet Clinic)

Disclaimer: Due to the limited time EDCGSR has spent with some of the rescue animals, EDCGSR has limited knowledge of their temperament or past history beyond what we have provided. EDCGSR requires that the foster home assume all responsibility for any behavior by the rescue dog. By your agreement to foster and care for an El Dorado County German Shepherd Rescue dog, you are agreeing to this provision.

Foster's Signature: _____ Date: _____

EDCGSR Representative: _____ Date: _____

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