

Fostering a Dog: Small Commitments, Meaningful Help



THE SHORT ANSWER

The benefits of fostering a shelter dog include an open kennel, lower stress for the dog and better odds of adoption. A 2023 study of 51 U.S. shelters found 1 to 2 night foster sleepovers made adoption more than 14 times as likely. Fostering a dog also gives adopters honest notes about how the dog acts inside a real home.

FOUR THINGS TO REMEMBER

- 1 Fostering opens a kennel and gives a dog time away from shelter stress, even during short placements.
- 2 Record sleep, toileting, alone time and interactions so potential adopters get useful information about home behavior.
- 3 Choose a commitment that fits your household: an afternoon outing, sleepover or longer foster placement.
- 4 Confirm lease permission, pet compatibility, covered supplies, approved veterinary care and coordinator support before bringing a dog home.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Ask a local foster program about placement length, household matching, expenses and emergency support.

Read the full article and sources:

<https://letthembedog.com/blog/benefits-of-fostering-a-dog>