



ADOPTION PROCESS FOR YOUR FOSTER PET

Currently, the majority of our available pets are living in foster homes thanks to you and your incredible support of our organization at this time. Here is what you need to know about the adoption process.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH POTENTIAL FAMILIES

- We recommend having potential adopters communicate with you directly. If someone reaches out to you, it's encouraged to respond within 24 hours. Below are some tips to facilitate adoptions.
- If a potential adopter reaches out to us regarding your foster pet, we will forward you their contact information to have you get in touch with them.

IN YOUR INITIAL EMAIL TO ADOPTERS

- Tell them about your foster pet, their personality as you've seen it so far, how they're doing in your home, and any basic information you'd like to share with them that we may have provided when you received your foster
- Ask them for more information about their home situation. • Give them the information that you know for sure. Many will ask if they're good with other dogs, kids, cats, etc. and if you do not know how they would do, you can say that. Our Adoption team can help answer questions about transitioning in their new home and introductions with the family and other pets.

MEET N' GREET

- You are more than welcome to jump on a phone call, Facetime, or Zoom meeting with any potential adopters. The great thing about fostering your pet is that you help them find the perfect family member for them. These virtual options are great during this time.
- If the adopter has other pets and would like your foster to meet them, please have them contact our Adoption team at epasadoptions@elpasotexas.gov once they submit an adoption application for available options to do this.

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- If the pet is altered and ready to go (if you are unsure, please contact the foster team), send the adopter the link to the online adoption application.
 - If the pet is not altered, please have the potential adopter sign up to become a foster at www.elpasoanimalservices.org/foster, then send an email to epasfoster@elpasotexas.gov with the adopter's information (Name, Email, Phone Number) so we can process the foster transfer documentation.
- Once the adopter submits the application, have them email epasadoptions@elpasotexas.gov to alert staff. Adoption staff will process the online adoption application.
- Once the adoption application is processed, Adoption staff will email both the foster and adopter to approve of transferring the pet. In order to adhere to social distancing as best you can, please take the necessary precautions when delivering or picking up the adopted pet.

Feel free to send your foster dog with their favorite toy, blanket, etc. but please do not give away crates borrowed from EPAS.