

What happens when the dog is adopted?

In most cases the whole adopting family and their dogs come to your home. Our fosterers represent the face of Many Tears and at the rescue we pride ourselves on our friendly approach to visitors as well as the cleanliness of our kennels, play yards etc. So we do ask that, when prospective owners come to your home, your foster dog is groomed and whilst we do not expect everything to be pristine, a certain level of tidiness is expected in both the home and garden. If the meeting goes well and both you and the adopters are happy, the adoption can go ahead.

What about when it's time to say goodbye?

Giving up an animal you've fostered, even to a wonderful new home, can be difficult emotionally. Seeing your foster dog ride off into the sunset will help you remember all the milestones they have achieved in the time they have been with you.

A lot of foster families get photos and updates of their former charges enjoying their new homes. Knowing you were part of saving a life and helping the animal find a loving home is tremendously rewarding.



Is it fair to the animals?

Some people are reluctant to foster animals because they are concerned that it's unfair to take a dog, establish a bond and then allow the animal to be adopted. However, being in a foster home can be a life-saving bridge for a stray or frightened animal. It gives the animal a chance to get used to life in a house and the opportunity to learn that people can be kind, food is available and there is a warm, secure place to sleep.

Foster care can help prepare an animal for a new life in a permanent home. Time in a foster home can also provide valuable information to match a dog with the right adopters e.g. is that dog happy with cats, children or livestock. There is no shortage of dogs at Many Tears Animal Rescue who need this preparation time before finding their forever home.

Foster parents make an enormous difference to the number of lives that can be saved. Many dogs die because rescues don't have space for them. Every dog that goes to a foster home frees up space at the rescue and enables another life to be saved.

How do I become a fosterer for Many Tears Animal Rescue?

You need to complete a foster application form which is available from our website at http://www.manytearsrescue.org/foster_for_mtar.php. You will be interviewed, home vetted and asked to sign a copy of our fosterer agreement.

Many Tears Animal Rescue
Homing dogs
across the UK



**Become a Many Tears Foster Parent!
We need foster homes across the UK**



Can I learn about love & comfy beds with you?

Many Tears Animal Rescue mainly takes in ex-breeding and last day at the pound dogs and, whenever we can and have the space, dogs from Ireland and other countries in desperate need of help. We neuter, worm, microchip and inoculate all the dogs and then with the help of fosterers across the UK, we socialise, train and love them until forever homes are found.

Our fosterers are the final stepping stones for many of our dogs before they find their forever homes. They are of great value to both the dogs and adopters and mean we are able to home dogs across the UK. We have regular runs down the M4 as far as Reading where you can collect your dog from designated drop-off points. We also have fosterers across the country who work together to move our dogs to foster homes.

Foster an animal and help save a life!

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What is a foster home?

Foster families provide temporary homes for animals prior to adoption. Providing foster care is a truly wonderful and personal way to contribute to saving homeless pets.

Why do animals need foster care?

There are several possible reasons:

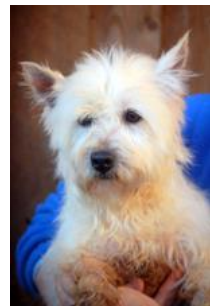
- Foster care can help save an animal's life when a rescue is full.
- Some dogs don't do well in a kennel environment because they are frightened or need a little extra care.
- Some of our dogs have never lived in a home before and need careful introduction to a home environment and to learn about house training and lead walking.
- Some dogs with new born puppies need a home where they can relax more and their puppies get brought up in a home environment rather than kennels.
- Some dogs need time to recover from an illness or injury before adoption.



Whatever the reason, these animals need some extra love and care before they can be adopted. Providing foster care for a few days, weeks or months can be a lifesaving gift for an animal.

Would I be a good foster parent?

If you want to do something to help then fostering can be a flexible, fun and rewarding volunteer job.



- It's more flexible than volunteer jobs that require you to show up at a specific time for a certain number of hours.
- It's a great way to enjoy a pet if you are not in a position to make that lifetime commitment right now.
- If you have the time and patience to help a dog who has never lived in a home, walked on a lead or seen the outside world then you are the kind of person/family we are looking for.

Taking animals into your home, loving them and then letting them go requires a special kind of person. Your role as a foster parent is to prepare the animal for adoption into a loving new home.

How much time will it take?

The specific needs of the animal determine how much time is involved. There is no way of knowing how long an animal will need to stay in your care – it depends on a number of things and how soon a suitable forever home can be found.

What skills are needed?

It's best to have some knowledge about dog care. Many of the dogs at Many Tears need house training and help to learn about lead walking. Others benefit from a little basic training which helps them prepare for their new homes. By getting to know the animal you'll help us learn more about their personalities which helps find them the perfect home. Don't worry if you doubt yourself. The rescue and other fosterers form a friendly community who are always ready to provide support, advice and suggestions based on their own experience.



What else is required?

- You must have a secure, and well fenced garden.
- You must have time to spend with the dog to help it adjust.
- All members of the household must support you as a fosterer.
- If you have a dog it must be friendly and good with other dogs. It must also be neutered/spayed unless there's a medical reason for not doing so.

What about food and medical care?



We provide food for each foster dog. If this runs out we provide you with more on request which can either be collected from the rescue or from one of our drop off points. Sometimes another fosterer who lives near you may be able to collect for you.

We have our own vet who will prescribe any medication needed but should your dog need emergency treatment by a vet whilst in your care we do ask that you contact us first.

What about my own pets?

You'll want to consider how the animals in your household will adjust to having a foster pet. Some pets do very well with a foster friend and help socialise and reassure the new arrival. Other pets have a harder time with animals being added to or leaving the family. You're the best judge of your pet's personality.

Will I have to find a home for the animal myself?

Many Tears take full responsibility for finding any animal you foster a new home. You can, of course, help by telling friends and family about your foster pet and putting up posters in your local vets and shops. Any applications which the rescue consider suitable will be passed to you and you then contact the prospective adopter to discuss the animal. If you think the application is good you ask us to arrange a home check before the applicant comes to meet the animal and, if all goes well, adopt.