

BECOME A “**DOGGIE RESCUE FOSTER CARER**”



Doggie Rescue's **FOSTER CARE PROGRAM** is a great way to make a difference without adding another permanent member to your household.

The program is designed for friends and supporters who are known to Doggie Rescue and are willing to provide a home for a Doggie Rescue dog, and happy to take an active role in finding the dog a permanent family home.

By offering your home, you are allowing the dog to adjust to family life, perhaps providing house-training, obedience training or just gentle loving care. You will get to know the dog, and can help us to better understand its needs in a permanent home.

You may receive adoption enquiries about your foster dog, and need to be willing to meet the potential adopter and play a part in making sure the doggie goes to the right home. You may also be asked to bring the dog to a retail outlet to display him/her for adoption, on weekends.

(Retail outlets are being established by Doggie Rescue to enable us to continue adoptions when our shelter closes)

Foster homes are currently required for a duration of 3-6 months to enable us time to find a new shelter.

How does fostering work?

1. You come down to the DR shelter (Rear, 195 Parramatta Road, Homebush, Open 10am – 4pm daily) and complete the Foster Carer Questionnaire
2. This information & choice of dog is then discussed with you – all foster homes need to meet Doggie Rescue criteria
3. You sign a Foster Carer Agreement, and pay a \$100 as a deposit – this is fully refundable when the doggie is returned or adopted
4. The chosen doggie leaves Doggie Rescue and comes to live at your place!
5. You will be allocated a **Foster Coordinator** and you are asked to maintain fortnightly contact with this person. You will speak to your Foster Coordinator if you have any issues or problems with your Foster Dog
6. We all continue to actively seek a permanent home for the dog – you help by participating in the adoption process
7. If you find a potential home for the dog, you will refer this person directly to your Foster Coordinator so an Adoption Application can be made – normal Adoption Criteria will apply
8. Once a permanent home is found, the new dog owners will pay the full adoption cost and your deposit will be refunded to you

What about other costs???

\$ Food and routine living costs are at your expense

\$ Vet costs etc are at Doggie Rescue's expense but must be approved by Doggie Rescue in advance of treatment.