The Dos and Don’ts of being a Front Street Foster Parent

**DOS**

* DO carefully read each email that you receive from us.
* DO follow all instructions that we provide, especially if you received a medical and/or behavior consult.
* DO make sure your resident animals are fully vaccinated before taking a foster dog.
* DO keep your foster dog separated from any resident animal for at least the first week.
* DO send us pictures, videos, bio information for your foster dog.
* DO give our Dog Foster Team as much notice as possible if you need to rehome your foster dog

(at least 4 days’ notice) or if you need a sitter (at least 7 days’ notice).

* DO respond to ALL adoption inquiries within 24 hours even if your foster dog is getting adopted.
* DO always let potential adopters know there is other adoption interest in your foster dog.
* DO tell us as soon as possible if you plan on adopting your foster dog.
* DO tell us immediately if you are experiencing any issue with your foster dog.
* DO immediately report any foster dog bite pursuant to our Dog Foster Bite Protocol.
* DO shower your foster dog with love!

**DON’TS**

* DON’T bring your foster dog to any off-leash area or let your foster dog off leash.
* DON’T leave your foster dog unattended in your yard, whether it is fenced or not.
* DON’T travel out of the area with your foster dog without prior approval

(contact our Dog Foster Team if you need a sitter).

* DON’T introduce your foster dog to any other animals except your resident animal(s) and any potential adopter’s animal(s) (unless otherwise approved).
* DON’T hand off your foster dog to a sitter or another foster without first discussing it with the Dog Foster Team, especially if your foster dog requires a behavior consult.
* DON’T hand off your foster dog to a potential adopter or let them take your foster dog on a trial basis, field trip, or sleepover; potential adopters complete adoption process before taking possession of your foster dog.
* DON’T allow your foster puppy(ies) to touch the ground in any public area; this includes The Front Street Shelter for clinic visits; bring your puppy in a crate or carry them.