



Foster Manual



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Follow Us & How to Contact

Social Media (Official Links):

- Facebook: [Lone Star Pawz](#), [Lone Star Pawz CATfe](#)
- Facebook Foster Group: [Lone Star Pawz Foster Network](#)

Official Website:

- <https://lonestarpawz.com/>

Contacts:

Feline Coordinator - Courtney Cunningham (346) 374-9002
felineintake@gmail.com

Canine Coordinator - Abbey Mercado (346) 400-2960
canineintakesp@gmail.com

Foster Coordinator - Megan Paxton (346) 342-8207 lpfosterinfo@gmail.com

Vet Tech Appointments-LSP Medical Phone (346) 774-6422
lpmedicalphone@gmail.com

Adoptions:

Email: adopt@lonestarpawz.com

For adoption questions, who is available and how you can help!

Donations:

Email: donations@lonestarpawz.com

For donation receipts, questions, what we need and how you can help!

Fostering:

Email: lpfosterinfo@gmail.com

For fostering questions, how you can join our team and for more information!

Volunteering:

Email: lpfosterinfo@gmail.com

For volunteer questions, how you can support our team and for more information!



Locations:

Lone Star Pawz Headquarters

admin@lonestarpawz.com

3302 Old Alvin Road, Suite G
Pearland, Texas 77581

CATfé-Open – For the Public

info@lonestarpawzcatfe.com

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	12:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Thursday	12:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Friday	12:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Saturday	12:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Sunday	12:00 PM - 7:00 PM

(832) 980-2233

8209 Broadway Street
Suite 103 Pearland, Texas



Introduction to Fostering



Thank you for joining the Lone Star Pawz Foster Family! By becoming a foster parent, you are playing a crucial role in our rescue efforts and giving our animals a new chance at healthy, happy lives in forever homes. Your commitment helps prevent unnecessary euthanasia and provides us with valuable insights to match animals with the best-suited homes.

As a foster, you offer a safe and nurturing environment for rescue animals until they are ready for adoption. Your responsibilities include:

Providing a safe space in your home for your foster pet

- Offering food and socialization
- Transporting your foster to and from medical appointments
- Returning your foster pet to the rescue when they are ready for adoption

This manual serves as a resource to expand on what we discuss during your foster interview. It contains essential information to help you care for your foster pets and outlines the policies and procedures of the Lone Star Pawz Foster Program. While it may not cover every possible scenario, our LSP staff is always available to provide additional support.

We offer a Foster Orientation that clarifies the process and procedures of how our program operates. It is offered virtually and in-person, quarterly throughout the year. For dates and times, please check the Dog and Chat Messenger chats frequently. Once you are a registered foster, we ask you to attend this orientation at least 2 times a year to keep up with the latest changes in operations or standard practices within rescue.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or feedback



regarding our foster program. We are here to help and are thrilled to have you on the team!

Types of Foster Opportunities at Lone Star Pawz

- **Traditional Fostering**

- In traditional fostering, you select an animal to stay at your home, and you play a vital role in helping find its forever home with the assistance of an adoption coordinator.

- **Behavior Fostering**

- Some animals need extra support to become the perfect house guests. Behavior fostering focuses on helping these pets acclimate to home life, manage interactions with other animals, and overcome issues such as food reactivity or meeting strangers. You will receive a tailored behavior plan and ongoing support from our behavior team.

- **Medical Fostering**

- Animals with medical needs may come to us requiring recuperation from surgery, treatment, or other medical issues. As a medical foster, you will receive guidance and support from our medical team to ensure the best care for these animals.

- **Bottle Babies & New Families**

- Occasionally, we receive orphaned animals, or “bottle babies,” who need dedicated care to help them grow strong and healthy. Fostering these young ones can be a challenging but incredibly rewarding experience. There’s no greater joy than watching a little orphan thrive and eventually find their forever home.
 - For detailed instructions on bottle fed kitten care, refer to [Kitten Lady](#). Similar instructions for puppies as well!
- We also take in new families, such as mothers who have recently given birth. To minimize stress, we prioritize placing these families in calm, nurturing foster homes where they can thrive together.

- **Multiple Rescue Home**

- We understand that we have families that LOVE to foster and will open their hearts and homes to fosters in all types of situations. For safety, health and accountability reasons, please alert your coordinator if you are currently, or will be, bringing in fosters from other rescues.



Welcome to Fostering!

Let Lone Star Pawz know your contact information and preferences for fostering in the [Contact Information and Foster Preferences form](#).

Once you have been approved as an LSP foster, you will receive an email outlining the necessary next steps. First step is to complete your [Shelter Luv LSP foster profile](#) at Foster Luv to set your animal preferences, capacity, and blackout dates. Please bookmark this page or save this email. Once you begin fostering animals, you will use this same portal to add notes about the animals in your care.

If any of your personal information changes, be sure to update your information on the foster profile.

Taking Home a Foster Pet

When you are ready to foster a pet, you can reach out to a foster coordinator through email, phone or text.

Feline Coordinator - (346) 374-9002 felineintake@gmail.com

Canine Coordinator - (346) 400-2960 canineintakesp@gmail.com

Sometimes we will contact you when a pet/litter matching your request comes into the rescue to minimize the length of stay in boarding. The foster coordinators will also send out email requests and post on FB for pets/litters in the rescue who would benefit from foster care, as well as a post on our social media pages. If you can foster one of these pets/litters, you should email the appropriate foster coordinator to discuss placement.

When agreeing to foster a pet or notifying us of your availability, please be mindful of what you can realistically commit to.



The commitment to foster a pet includes:

- The length of time you will have a pet.
- The frequency of vet visits. Foster pets may need check-ups, vaccinations, etc. Other pets may require vet appointments every other day for serious conditions. Kittens and Puppies will require LSP Headquarters vetting visits every 2-3 weeks.
- Frequent feedings. Tiny bottle babies may need to be fed as frequently as every 2 hours throughout the day and night.

When you have been approved as a foster and receive a foster **cat** or **kitten**, follow these steps:

1. Join the [LSP Cat Chat](#) on Messenger.
2. Schedule an appointment for any medical issues and initial intake visit by texting a request to LSP Medical at (346) 774-6422.
3. Fill out a [feline Petfinder form](#) as soon as possible if your kitty is over 6 weeks.
4. Save the Feline Coordinator's contact number: (346) 374-9002
5. Make sure you set up your FosterLuv profile. See How to Use Fosterluv in Shelterluv below.
6. Save the [LSP Feline Foster Links page](#) to your Home screen for easy access to LSP resources and links.
7. Fill out the [LSP Contact Information and Foster Preferences](#) form.

When you have been approved as a foster and receive a foster **dog** or **puppy**, follow these steps:

1. Join the [LSP Dog Chat](#) on Messenger.
2. Schedule an appointment for any medical issues and initial intake visit by texting a request to LSP Medical at (346) 774-6422.
3. Fill out a [canine Petfinder form](#) as soon as possible if your puppy is over 6 weeks.
4. Save the Canine Coordinator's contact number: (346) 400-2960
5. Make sure you set up your FosterLuv profile.
6. Save the [LSP Canine Foster Links page](#) to your Home screen for easy access to LSP resources and links.
7. Fill out the [LSP Contact Information and Foster Preferences](#) form.



Fosterluv in Shelterluv: A Guide for Lone Star Pawz Fosters

Fosterluv is a feature inside Shelterluv that helps us stay organized, track medical care, share updates, and support you throughout your foster journey. This tool keeps everything in one place so we can work together more efficiently to get animals adopted faster.

🔗 Getting Started – Watch for Your Invite

Our Cat Coordinator (346) 374-9002 or Dog Coordinator (346) 400-2960 will send you a personalized Fosterluv link to set up your login.

Here's what to do:

1. Open the email or message from your coordinator.
2. Click the setup link provided.
3. Create your password.
4. Log in to the Shelterluv Foster Portal.

If you don't receive a link, please check your spam folder first, then reach out to your coordinator directly.

🔗🔗 Viewing Your Foster Animal

Once logged in, you will see:

- Your assigned foster pet(s)
- Intake information
- Medical history and vaccine status
- Upcoming appointments
- Notes from the rescue team

This dashboard is your main hub for everything related to your foster.

🔗 Tracking Vet Appointments

Fosterluv allows you to:

- View scheduled vet visits
- See vaccine timelines
- Track spay/neuter appointments
- Confirm appointment details

Please check the portal before messaging about appointment information — many



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details will already be listed there.

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Submitting Updates

Keeping your foster's profile updated helps us market them more effectively.

You can:

- Submit behavior updates
- Report medical concerns
- Share training progress
- Upload photos
- Log milestones

The more consistent the updates, the faster we can work toward adoption.

Communication

Fosterluv helps centralize communication so information doesn't get lost in texts or DMs.

Use the portal for:

- Routine updates
- Non-urgent questions
- Progress reports

For urgent medical concerns or emergencies, always contact your coordinator directly.

Supplies & Support

If enabled, you may be able to:

- Request food or litter
- Track medication needs
- Log supply support

Submitting requests through Fosterluv helps us stay organized and support you faster.



💡 Why We're Using Fosterluv

- ✓ Keeps all foster information organized
- ✓ Reduces miscommunication
- ✓ Tracks medical clearly
- ✓ Helps animals get adopted faster
- ✓ Supports you better as a foster

This tool allows Lone Star Pawz to grow, save more lives, and operate more smoothly as we continue expanding.

💡 Need Help?

If you have login issues or questions:

- Reach out to your Cat or Dog Coordinator
 - Cat- (346) 374-9002
 - Dog- (346) 400-2960
- Screenshot any error messages
- Let us know what device you're using

We're implementing this together, and it will make a big difference in how we support our fosters and animals.



Caring for Your Foster Pet

Supplies and Other Expenses

At **Lone Star Pawz**, we provide all veterinary care through our approved vets and our vet tech team does vetting in house at our local LSP Headquarters in Pearland. We also strive to supply food, litter, and other necessary items, although availability may depend on current donations.

Supply Checklists

If there is something specific you are in search of, let your foster coordinator know, and we will keep an eye out on the donations for that supply. If we have it, and you need it... you got it! Also if at any time your foster needs extra medical care or needs in general and you want to do a fundraiser for them online or an event please let us know so we can help facilitate this. No fundraising is approved through LSP and we waive all liability for any done without our consent and approval.

A FEW ITEMS YOU CAN CONSIDER BELOW BEFORE FOSTERING:

Recommended Not Needed – But may make your life easier!

Dog-Specific Supply List

- Baby Gates
- Food and Water Bowls
- Dog Food Storage Bin
- Dog Brush
- Food Scoop
- Doggy shampoo and conditioner
- Toys (hard and soft)
- Treats

Necessary Supplies

- Leash
- Crate
- Dog Bed
- Potty Pads
- Collars/harness
- Poop Bags

Cat-Specific Supply List

- Litter Box



- Litter (pine pellets, grass seed, or shredded paper for kittens to minimize mess and possible toxins)
- Food Bowls
- Bath Wipes
- Cat Toys
- Scratching Pads
- Cat Condo - if needed to be separated.
- Heating pads

Feeding

At Lone Star Pawz, we prioritize proper nutrition for our foster pets:

- Adult Dogs: Fed twice daily.
- Puppies, Kittens, and Cats: Dry food should be available at all times. Puppies and kittens under six weeks should receive fresh wet food several times a day.
- Feeding Litters: To ensure all puppies or kittens in a litter get equal opportunities to eat, we recommend feeding them separately at least twice a day. More robust littermates may eat most of the food, leaving others hungry.
- Quality Food: Please avoid generic brands and only feed high-quality food. No table scraps are allowed.

Feeding Guidelines:

- All dogs should be fed in their kennel, away from other dogs, to promote security and prevent guarding behaviors.
- Pick up food bowls after feeding.
- When weaning puppies and kittens, keep dry food available at all times. Offer canned food mixed with warmed water several times daily, gradually reducing water and increasing dry food until they are eating just dry food.
- Ensure fresh water is always available for your foster pets. Never offer cow's milk, as it is not digestible for dogs and cats.

Grooming

Maintaining cleanliness and comfort for your foster pet is essential:

- Bathing: Keep pets clean and comfortable. Use safe shampoos for young pets, ensuring the water is warm and they are fully dried, as they cannot regulate their body temperature.
- Flea/Tick Treatment: If you notice fleas or ticks, you should be



requesting visits for new applications on a 15-day schedule by texting or calling the **LSP Medical Phone at (346) 774-6422** and fill out the [Medicine Request Form](#)

- Brushing: Pets with undercoats, long hair, or mats should be brushed daily. Never use scissors to remove mats; seek assistance from a professional groomer.

Housing

Creating a safe and clean environment is crucial for fostering:

- For Litters: Use a playpen, whelping box, or children's wading pool to limit cleanup and allow observation while providing ample space for the mother and her litter.
- Sterilization: Sterilize environments between foster pets/litters to minimize illness risk using a 10% bleach/water solution. The solution loses effectiveness if left sitting, and if you've fostered pets with parvovirus, consult our medical team before fostering other pets.
- Indoor Living: All animals should be kept primarily indoors. Use a crate when unattended to prevent accidents and encourage kennel training.
- Leash Protocols: Always leash dogs when outside unless in a fenced yard. Do not leave them unsupervised outdoors, as they may escape. Avoid dog parks or any off-leash areas.
- Indoor Cats: All cats must remain indoors or be supervised in enclosed outdoor areas. For harness or leash training, consult the coordinator for proper protocols.

ALL LONESTAR PAWZ FOSTERS ARE TO BE KEPT PRIMARILY INSIDE

Safety Precautions:

Keep underage pets away from public surfaces until fully vaccinated. Check with your adoption or medical coordinator if unsure about their vaccination status. Intake sheets are made for every animal in LSP program, you will be advised to take a photo of your fosters' record each time you visit LSP to ensure you always have documentation and reminders of what your animal has had done and what it will need coming up to stay as healthy and on track as possible.

Puppy-proof and kitten-proof your home to protect both your belongings and your foster pets.



Examples of Foster Set-ups

Adult dogs and cats are likely to thrive in the usual settings for family pets while other foster types will need more specialized accommodations.

Puppies

So adorable! And also so potentially messy. Puppies need a controlled environment that includes comfortable spaces to sleep and toys to play with as well as a potty area that can easily be kept clean.

Puppies require a schedule and level of care that benefits from an organized care setting.

- A heating source in a comfortable, confined space keeps the baby safe and warm.
- Bottles and nipples along with cleaning utensils.
- Formula.
- Puppy pens and kennel.

For more information and useful tips on caring for young puppies, take a look at [Best Friends Animal Society – Caring for Orphaned Newborn Puppies](#) which provides practical, easy-to-apply instructions on proper positioning, formula choice, bottle setup, and how to transition toward weaning.





Bottle Fed Kittens

Bottle fed kittens require a schedule and level of care that benefits from an organized care setting.

- A heating source in a comfortable, confined space keeps the baby safe and warm (very important as young kittens cannot regulate their own body temperature).
- A scale for twice daily weight monitoring with a means to track weight (white board, paper and pen).
- A basket containing baby wipes, hand cleaner, and tissues or toilet paper for potty stimulation.
- Bottles and nipples along with cleaning utensils.
- Kitten Milk Replacement Formula.

For more information and useful tips on caring for bottle fed kittens, take a look at relevant [Kitten Lady videos](#).

Mother Cat with Kittens

Fostering a mother cat with her kittens relieves you of the need to wake up every two hours to bottle feed but still has special needs for their care. Mama and babies should be kept in a quiet, confined space that has been baby-proofed for the little ones' protection.

For more information and useful tips on caring for a mama cat and her kittens, take a look at relevant [Kitten Lady videos](#).

Young Adult Cats

Fostering young/adult cats usually requires basic care and attention. To allow for the foster cat (and your own animals) to have their own space, a spare bedroom or bathroom can be used, as well as a catio (below).



Socializing

Socializing is vital to your foster pet's development:

- Creating Trust: Your role is to help foster pets understand that humans are kind and loving. Some pets will acclimate quickly, while others may take more time.
- Patience is Key: Allow your foster pet to explore at their own pace and offer extra physical attention if needed.
- Socialization Principles: Love and positive interactions will encourage responsive behavior. Outgoing puppies and kittens can be cuddled and played with, while less social animals may need gentle encouragement.
- Critical Socialization Period: Puppies and kittens have important socialization windows; lack of socialization during these times may lead to behavioral issues later.
- Please note the 3,3,3 rule for cats and dogs! Generally, a rescue dog or cat needs:
 - 3 days to decompress and feel safe as they may initially feel shy or overwhelmed,
 - 3 weeks to learn routines and show their true personality, and
 - 3 months to build trust and feel fully comfortable and settled in your home.

Please be aware, fostering is a big commitment, and we want what's best for our



foster teams and our animals. Each fostering situation differs and requires time to allow the animal to settle into their new situation. As a foster, consider the time needed by the animal to become comfortable in their new situation. The 3,3,3 rule applies! Establish a routine on a schedule to help everyone adjust quicker. If it seems to be taking longer than expected for your foster animal to adjust, keep your energy up and they will eventually come around. Remember every animal is different just like us! Each progresses in their own time!



Foster Medical Support

For any medical concerns, to stay current with your Rescue's medical vaccines and well check visits, please schedule an appointment with our Vet Tech.

Appointment Booking:

Upon intake, message the medical line at (346) 774-6422 for your first visit.

At this time, we offer simple vetting, vaccines, dewormer, flea preventative, and microchip, when available. It will be determined at that time, on a case-by-case basis, if an official vet appointment is necessary.

Pets should be in carriers, with labels (such as masking tape) including their names, sex, and a brief description. For example, "Honey, F, grey tabby". Kittens may share a carrier if small and no more than three per carrier.

Join the Dog and Cat Messenger Chats via Facebook Messenger to get updated information on changes to medical scheduling. See your Canine and Feline Intake Coordinator to be added to the official groups.

- **Veterinary Clinic Appointments (MUST BE CLEARED BY INTAKE COORDINATORS):**

Vet appointments scheduled by Intake Coordinators, Operations and/or the Director are located at:

Houston Spay Neuter, PLLC
7234 Wynnwood Lane
Houston, TX 77008
888-410-7729

Highway 6 Vet Clinic
1222 W Highway 6
Alvin, TX 77511
(281) 331-1444

SNIP
4215 Gulf Fwy
Dickinson, TX 77539
(281)724-9111



Spay & Neuter

Foster dogs and cats are spayed/neutered when old enough and over X lbs. These operations are done at Houston Spay Neuter/SNIP and transport is available.

When your foster is old/big enough, the coordinator will schedule an appointment to spay/neuter your foster pet. Afternoon and morning transports are available from LSP Headquarters to HSN. Once the appointment has been made, your coordinator will add you to a messenger thread specific to the date of transport. This thread will provide updates on the transports progress and allows for the foster to respond. If you are not added by the day of transport, contact your coordinator.

Pets should be in carriers, with labels (such as masking tape) including their names, sex, and a brief description. For example, "Honey, F, grey tabby". Kittens may share a carrier if small and there are no more than three per carrier.

Instructions will be provided for the proper care after the surgery. Pets should be kept quiet and calm as much as possible. If there are any side effects or negative responses to the surgery, contact your coordinator for possible medical follow-up.



- **Medical emergencies** are all addressed with feline and canine coordinators and **Donna at (281) 876-7473, directly**. You will receive directions from Donna or an Intake Coordinators on the closest emergency clinic if necessary. Emergency appointments will be scheduled at the following clinics:

Amigos Pet Clinic
4215 Spencer Hwy
Pasadena, TX 77504
(832) 911-8811

Pearland 288 Animal Emergency Clinic of Silverlake
10100 Broadway St Ste 102
Pearland, TX 77584
(713) 482-4592

Veterinary Urgent Care
1711 Telephone Rd.
Houston, TX 77023
(713) 913-7144

For any medical inquiry, text your Intake Coordinators or the Vet Tech.

Feline Coordinator-Courtney Cunningham (346) 374-9002
felineintake@gmail.com

Canine Coordinator-Abbey Mercado (346) 400-2960
canineintakelsp@gmail.com

Vet Tech Appointments-LSP Medical Phone (346) 774-6422
lspmedicalphone@gmail.com



Medical Care for Foster Pets

Lone Star Pawz is dedicated to ensuring your foster pet(s) receive the necessary medical care. If you have any concerns, please reach out to the contact numbers provided below.

Vaccination and Deworming Protocols:

- **Up-to-Date Care:** Your foster pet(s) will be current on age-appropriate vaccinations and deworming. Please keep up with scheduling of vet tech appointments with your canine and feline coordinators to sign up for these treatments and vaccines, as needed.
- **For LSP Fosters:**
 - **Puppies and Kittens:** Must return to the rescue every 15-days while in foster care, starting at **2-4 weeks of age**, for weighing, deworming, and vaccinations. **Text/Call the LSP Medical Phone at (346) 774-6422 to schedule your vet tech appointments** for reference and scheduling your fosters' vetting.
 - **Adult Foster Pets:** Must have at least one (1) appointment for vetting at LSP Headquarters. At the time of pickup, we will schedule any necessary appointments for your foster pet. You will receive a vaccine and surgery schedule outlining the approximate dates for these appointments.

If you have any questions regarding your foster pet's medical care or appointments, please contact the intake coordinator feline or canine. Upon every visit, document your visit by snapping a photo of the record to keep yourself updated on what is next on your rescue dog, cat, pup or kitten.

Treatment Plans

Many pets will come into foster care with an established treatment plan for existing medical concerns, such as:

- On-going medical issues
- Diarrhea
- Coughing
- Eye/skin irritation
- Ringworm/mites
- Various virus or infections

We will do our best to ensure any medical concerns are addressed before a pet leaves for foster care.



Please ensure you:

- Administer all doses of prescribed medications.
- Attend all scheduled rescue or vet appointments for necessary rechecks.

Health Risks

Pets coming from rescue or shelter environments have been exposed to various germs and may lack an established vaccination history. Their immune systems can be compromised due to the stress of shelter life, which may lead to illness shortly after arriving in foster care.

Symptoms to Watch For

In Puppies or Kittens (Under 7 Months):

- Diarrhea lasting more than a 2-3 days
- Vomiting and diarrhea for over 6 hours
- Vomiting more than once in an hour
- Not eating for over 12-24 hours
- Lethargy (with or without fever) lasting more than 12 hours
- Sneezing, coughing, or goopy eyes
- Areas of crusty skin or hair loss
- Lameness accompanied by discomfort or pain

In Adult Dogs or Cats:

- Not drinking for more than 24 hours
- Diarrhea lasting more than 1-2 days
- Vomiting more than 2-3 times in an hour
- Not eating for more than 72 hours
- Lethargy (with or without fever) lasting more than a day
- Sneezing, coughing, or goopy eyes
- Lameness accompanied by discomfort or pain

Emergency Situations

Please contact your Intake Coordinator immediately if you observe any of the following emergency symptoms:

- Continuous diarrhea coupled with lethargy-timeframe
- Continuous vomiting
- Any bleeding (from the nose, mouth, or in urine/stool)
- Trauma (e.g., being hit by a car, dropped, or stepped on)
- Seizures



- Difficulty breathing
- Difficulty going to the bathroom

Unauthorized Veterinary Care

Lone Star Pawz provides all veterinary care internally at no cost to you. If you choose to visit an outside veterinary clinic, you will be responsible for the visit costs and will not be reimbursed.

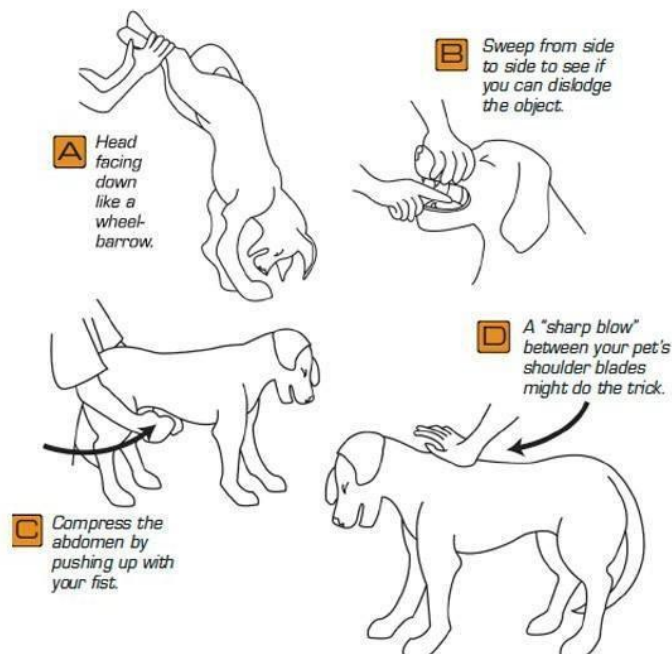
Medical Training

There is a certification through American Red Cross that can train fosters in dog and cat First Aid and CPR.

Pet Choking

Resource for Dogs

Heimlich Maneuver for Dogs



https://www.petmd.com/dog/emergency/common-emergencies/e_dg_choking



Resource for Cats

[Heimlich Maneuver in Cats: How to Perform Heimlich Maneuver If Cat Is Choking | PetMD](#)

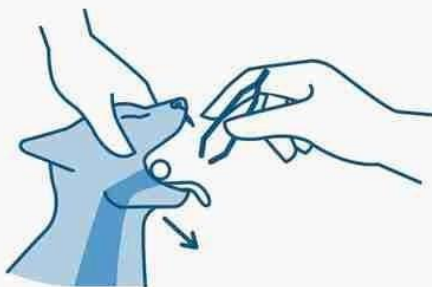
OPEN CAT'S MOUTH AND, PULL TONGUE AND LOCATE THE OBJECT THAT IS CAUSING THE BLOCKAGE.

USE TWEEZERS TO REMOVE THE OBJECT (NOT FINGERS).

DO NOT REMOVE NEEDLES AND OBJECTS DEEP IN THE THROAT!

OR YOU MAY PUSH IT FURTHER DOWN HIS AIRWAY.

BRING HIM IMMEDIATELY TO THE VETERINARIAN



DO NOT REMOVE NEEDLES AND OBJECTS DEEP IN THE THROAT!



IF YOU DON'T MANAGE TO REMOVE THE OBSTRUCTION PUT THE CAT ON YOUR KNEES WITH BACK LEGS LIFTED AND THUMP GENTLY ON THE CAT'S SHOULDER BLADES.



PERFORM THE HEIMLICH MANEUVER PRESSING ON HIS ABDOMEN BEHIND THE RIB CAGE 4-5 TIMES.

CHECK PULSE AND BREATHING



HEIMLICH MANEUVER
HANDS POSITION

IF THE CAT IS NOT BREATHING OR UNCONSCIOUS THEN PERFORM CPR



Protecting Your Resident Pets

Health Precautions for Fostering Pets

Pets coming from shelters often have unknown medical histories and may be contagious. To ensure the safety of your resident pets, please adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Vaccination:

Ensure all resident pets are fully vaccinated **before** a foster animal enters your home.

2. Supervision:

Never leave your resident pets and foster animals alone together, even for short periods. Supervision is crucial to prevent any potential health risks.

Protecting Yourself

Animals can carry diseases that are transmittable to humans, especially those that come from shelters or are strays. To protect yourself and your household, follow these precautions:

Quarantine:

For cats: Set up a separate, easily cleanable room (like a spare bedroom or bathroom) where the cat will be housed without any contact with other pets. To prevent potential spread of infection diseases or parasites and assess the overall health, it is recommended 10-14 days before interacting with your own pets or after LSP have administered vaccines, dewormer, flea prevention and addressed any other potential and obvious signs of contagious illness.

For dogs: Set up a separate kennel, room or area where the dog can be restricted from access to other pets. The enclosure must be escape-proof and prevent contact with other pets and anyone other than the foster handler. To assess overall health, it is recommended 7-10 days before interacting with your own pets or other handlers. Be vigilant for any signs of fever, loss of appetite, excessive salivation, and any other unwell behavior. Report to the intake coordinator. After LSP has administered vaccines, dewormer, flea prevention and overall wellness, the dog can be carefully integrated with your own pets.

Hand Hygiene:

Wash your hands thoroughly before and after handling any animals. Use hot water and antibacterial soap.

Cleaning Precautions:

When cleaning feces or any other animal-related messes, use gloves or other



protective gear to minimize direct contact.

Disinfection:

Use [Rescue cleaning solution](#), [this type to disinfect](#) or a [12% hydrogen peroxide mix](#) on all areas (floors, walls, furniture, etc.) and materials (bedding, toys, litter boxes, dishes, etc.) that have come into contact with foster animals **before** using them for new foster animals.

Food/Water Dishes:

Use ceramic, glass, or stainless steel food and water dishes for your foster pets, as these materials are easier to disinfect than plastic.

Awareness of Symptoms:

Animals can carry diseases without showing symptoms. Always apply the same hygiene precautions to healthy-looking animals as you would to sick ones.

Ring Worm Treatment

Fostering dogs or cats with ring worm requires a heightened level of hygiene, protective clothing, and medication. Animals should be quarantined as above, and the area and materials used by the animal often cleaned with the disinfectants listed above. Medical treatment will be done through LSP Medical.

For more information on treating cats with ringworm, refer to [this video](#) for kittens with ringworm.

For more information on treating puppies with ringworm, watch [this video](#) for puppies with ringworm.



Pet Poison Control

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center Phone Number: (888) 426-4435





How can I facilitate my foster's adoption?

As a foster, your insights and experiences are invaluable in helping us make decisions that impact your foster pets. Here's how you can contribute to the adoption process:

1. Communication with Adoption Coordinators:

Adoption Coordinators will reach out to you within **1 week** after a foster pet is placed with you. It's important to keep the lines of communication open.

2. Sharing Information:

It is important to start your foster profile by submitting a Petfinder form for your foster. This form should include basic information as well as adorable and attractive characteristics of your foster and pictures. Please use the link that applies to your foster:

[Canine Petfinder Form](#)

[Feline Petfinder Form](#)

To ensure that information and pictures are kept current, provide weekly updates, any new information, and **photos** of your foster pet. For updates to your foster's form, use this link:

[UPDATE - Petfinder Form](#)

The more details, photos, and videos you share, the better chance we have of showcasing your foster to potential adopters. Remember, we are trying to convince people to adopt a pet they've never met, often from thousands of miles away—so more is always better! Providing a great BIO is also a very important piece for them to find furever homes.

By actively participating in this process, you help ensure that your foster pet finds their forever home!

Quality Photos & Variety

Capturing Your Foster Pet's Personality

Quality **photos** and **videos** play a crucial role in helping potential adopters visualize your foster pet in their home. Here are some tips to effectively showcase your foster:

1. Showcase Everyday Moments:

Capture your foster pet being themselves—whether they're sleeping, cuddling,



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giving kisses, going for walks, enjoying car rides, or dining at a restaurant.



Moments with people, other pets, and children are especially valuable. If you think it's cute, share it! Potential adopters will appreciate these glimpses into your foster's personality.

2. Document Observed Behaviors:

Provide insights on key behaviors, including:

- Potty training progress
- Crate training
- Sociability with animals and strangers
- Behavior on a leash
- Interaction with low fences
- Response to men and children

3. We can never have enough information, and these details are vital for adopters to understand how your foster pet may fit into their lives.

4. Involvement in the Adoption Process:

Adoption coordinators will include you in the adoption process, which may involve a phone conversation or video conference. Your observations and input are valuable and will be carefully considered; however, they do not guarantee placement or denial.

By sharing your foster's unique qualities, you significantly enhance their chances of finding a loving forever home!

Introducing Your Dog to New Friends

Dog to Dog Introductions

Introducing your dog to another dog can happen in various situations, such as neighborhood walks, hikes, dog-sitting for friends, or fostering. However, it's important to recognize that not all dogs will become best friends, and some may not be very social. Your primary concern should always be safety—for both you and your dog. Accidents can happen, so it's crucial to operate within your comfort zone. If you feel uneasy in any situation, avoid it and seek help from someone more experienced.

Key Considerations:

- **Stay Aware:** Every situation is different, so always observe your dog's behavior. It's not just about your dog; you want to ensure all interactions are positive.
- **Relaxed Leash:** A tense leash can signal anxiety and lead to negative interactions. If your dog cannot approach another dog calmly, practice calming techniques before trying to greet other dogs.



Introducing Dogs on Casual Walks or Hikes:

1. **Ask Permission:** If you encounter another dog, always ask the owner if it's okay to greet their dog. If they agree, proceed to the next step.
2. **Calmness is Key:** Ensure both dogs are relatively calm (not excited or pulling) before they meet. If either dog is too excited, it's best to work on calming techniques before trying again another day.
3. **Use the Three-Second Rule:**
 - Allow the dogs to greet each other by allowing their noses and rear ends to meet for no more than three seconds.
 - After three seconds, mark the encounter by saying "yes" (or your chosen marker) and offering a treat away from the other dog, accompanied by encouraging sounds.
4. **Gradual Interaction:** With each positive encounter, you can gradually extend the interaction time. Brief meetings are more beneficial than prolonged ones to ensure everything remains pleasant.
5. **Arranging Playdates:** Even if two dogs seem to hit it off right away, keep initial encounters brief. Consider arranging a playdate in a neutral area where they can interact off-leash without being tangled in leashes. Meeting in a neutral setting helps prevent territorial guarding behaviors.

By prioritizing safety and positive experiences, you can help your dog develop social skills and form healthy relationships with other dogs.

Introducing Your Foster Cat to Other Animals

Introducing your foster cat to other household animals should be done with care, especially after the cat's decompression phase. Cats are generally more sensitive to changes in their environment than dogs, so it's important to allow them ample time to adjust. The introduction process should span several days to help your cat ease into the new environment and interactions.

Cat to Cat Introductions:

- **Preparation:** Ensure each cat has their own space and resources (food, water, litter box, etc.) to reduce competition and stress.
- **Gradual Introductions:** Allow the cats to become familiar with each other's scents by swapping bedding or using a pheromone diffuser.
- **Controlled Meetings:** Use the following video for guidance on how to properly introduce cats to one another:
 - Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dvSSHThEilI&t=216s>



Cat to Dog Introductions:

- **Leash the Dog:** Always keep the dog on a leash during the introduction to ensure control.
- **Separate Feeding Areas:** Never feed the dog in the same area where the cat may be. This helps prevent resource-guarding behaviors.
- **Supervision is Key:** Never leave the dog and cat unsupervised together until you are certain they can coexist safely.
- **Use the following video for guidance on cat-to-dog introductions:**
 - Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFHYxMkVTEc>

General Tips:

- **Take Your Time:** Allow your cat to set the pace. Forcing interactions can lead to stress or aggression.
- **Observe Body Language:** Pay attention to both your cat's and the other animals' body language. Signs of stress or discomfort should be taken seriously.
- **Positive Reinforcement:** Use treats and praise to encourage calm and positive interactions.

By following these steps, you can help your foster cat transition smoothly into their new home and create a harmonious multi-animal household.



Decompression Phase

Fostering a rescued dog or cat is an exciting and fulfilling experience. You've saved an animal from a potentially distressing environment, and you're welcoming a new member into your family. However, it's crucial to give your new pet the time they need to adjust to their new home before introducing them to others.

The Importance of Decompression

Just as you might feel nervous starting a new job, a rescued pet needs time to relax and acclimate to their new surroundings. Rushing this process can lead to stress and negative interactions.

Decompression Time:

- **Recommended Duration:** Allow your foster animal to decompress for at least **3-5 days to 1-2 weeks.**
- **Purpose:** This time helps the pet shift from the stress of the change in environment to a calmer state of mind.

Understanding the Process

Creating a Routine:

1. **Daily Activities:** Establish a routine that includes:
 - Morning walks
 - Playtime (like fetching a ball)
 - Crate time for rest (a couple of hours)
 - Engaging toys (e.g., filled Kongs) to stimulate their mind.
2. **Training:** Introduce basic commands (e.g., "Look," "Sit," "Down," "Come") to build a bond while keeping the foster separate from your resident pets.
3. **Controlled Introductions:** Once the foster dog appears comfortable:
 - Begin with walks together outside your home.
 - Gradually allow socialization in your backyard.
 - If interactions go well, consider introducing them to the home, but only if you feel comfortable doing so.



Key Points to Remember

- **Safety First:** Always prioritize safety. If you feel hesitant at any point, don't proceed with the introduction.
- **Dogs Sense Emotions:** Your feelings of discomfort can influence the animals, possibly leading to defensive behavior.
- **Behavioral Issues:** If, after the decompression phase, your foster shows behavioral problems, reach out to your adoption coordinator for assistance.

Crate Usage

Crating During Decompression:

- **Essential Practice:** Keep your new dog or cat in a crate during their decompression time and when you're not home.
- **Reason:** Prevents destructive behavior and ensures the safety of both the foster and resident pets.

If your foster experiences difficulty adjusting or exhibits new behaviors, please connect with your adoption coordinator to find the right resources.

Boarding & Dogs Straight from Shelters

Dogs that come straight from a shelter or boarding facility require additional time, patience, and care to adjust to a home environment. Here's how to help them transition effectively:

Understanding Their Needs

1. Extra Decompression Time:

- **More Time Required:** Dogs from shelters or boarding may need more decompression time than those coming from foster homes.
- **Stress Factors:** The environment in shelters and boarding can be stressful, impacting their adjustment period.

2. Structured Schedule:

- **Importance of Routine:** Establishing a structured schedule with regular crating throughout the day helps the dog feel secure and eases their transition into your home.



Potty Training Considerations

1. Frequent Potty Breaks:

- **Potty Training Needs:** Many dogs from shelters or boarding may not be potty trained.
- **Frequent Breaks:** Provide more frequent potty breaks and reward them for going outside to encourage positive behavior.

2. Leash for Redirection:

- **Settling In:** Dogs may not know how to settle inside a home.
- **Leash Use:** Allow them to drag a leash indoors for easy redirection and guidance.

Managing Freedom and Space

1. Limit Initial Freedom:

- **Avoid Overindulgence:** It may be tempting to give your foster dog too much freedom, such as:
 - Sleeping in your bed
 - Free-roaming your home
 - Playing freely with resident pets
- **Potential Behavioral Issues:** Giving too much freedom too soon can lead to behavioral problems, especially for dogs transitioning from a highly structured environment.

2. Gradual Increase of Freedom:

- **Wait for Comfort:** As your foster dog becomes more comfortable in their new surroundings, you can gradually increase their freedom.
- **Revert to Structure if Needed:** If behavioral issues arise, revert to a more structured schedule to help them regain stability.



Dog Body Language

Dog Body Language Chart This Body Language Chart can Help You to Understand How They are Feeling		
Relaxed  • Head raised up with straight posture • Tongue out and moved to one side of the mouth. • Ears up and straight • Eyes open and bright	Curious  • Eyes wide open • Mouth closed • Ears forward • Smooth nose & forehead	Happy  • Tail wagging • Smooth hair • Eyes in normal shape • Dog is inviting to play
Pleased  • Soft eyes • Floppy ears • Smiling & Up for play • Boy will look soft	Stressed  • Yawning & indirect eye contact • Dry panting & body freezing • Low tail carriage • Sweaty paws – dogs sweat through their foot pads	Aggressive  • Body posture upright but slightly leaning forward • Dog growls & cold staring eyes • Dog snaps • Wagging Tail
Disrespected  • Gives you their back • I will be no threat • Look back slowly • Ears sharp	Playful  • Tail up and waved & pupil dilates • Ear up and straight • Mouth open and tongue wagging • Forepaw bent	Fearful  • Yawning & indirect eye contact • Dry panting & body freezing • Low tail carriage • Sweaty paws – dogs sweat by their foot pads
 Made By PawMaw.Com	Unperturbed  • Head down • Eyes in normal shape • Tail May move slightly • Smooth nose & forehead	Suspicious  • Suspicious eyes & sharp ears • Stiff posture • Flattened ears against the head • Tail raised



Cat Decompression

Your new foster cat has likely come from a high-stress environment, such as the streets of Houston, a loud animal shelter, or a home with too many cats. It's essential to give them time and space to adjust. Here's how to create a supportive environment for your foster cat:

1. Provide a Safe Space

- **Choose the Right Location:**
 - Set up a dedicated area for the cat, ideally a spare bedroom or bathroom. This allows them to feel secure and gradually acclimate to their new surroundings.
 - If you don't have a spare room, we can loan you a cat condo to create a safe space. Place the condo in a quieter part of your home.

2. Essential Supplies

- Ensure the cat has access to all necessary supplies in their new space:
 - **Litter Box:** Keep it clean and easily accessible.
 - **Food and Water:** Provide fresh food and water daily.
 - **Bedding/Blankets:** Create a cozy area for them to rest.
 - **Toys:** Offer some toys to encourage play when they're ready.
 - **Scratching Post:** If available, include a scratching post to satisfy their natural instincts.

3. Allow Time to Adjust

- **Understanding Personalities:**
 - Some cats are confident and social, while others may take longer to adjust.
 - **Confident Cats:** Keep them in their space for at least 3 days before introducing them to other pets. They may crave interaction, so ensure they receive plenty of pets and playtime.
 - **Shy Cats:** Allow them to get comfortable by coexisting in the same area. Talk softly or read aloud to them, helping them become familiar with your voice.

4. Gradual Introductions

- After the initial decompression period, you can slowly introduce the cat to other pets in the household. Monitor their interactions and ensure a calm and



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controlled environment.

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Cat Body Language





What to do if a Foster Pet is lost?

If your foster pet goes missing, don't panic! These situations can happen, but it's important to act quickly. Here's what you need to do:

1. Contact LSP Immediately

- Call your Coordinator **IMMEDIATELY** using the contact information provided to you. They can offer guidance and support during this stressful time.

2. Create a Lost-Pet Flyer

- **Design the Flyer:**
 - Include a clear photo of the foster animal.
 - Provide details about where the pet was last seen.
 - Include your contact information.
 - Add specifics like collar color, any tags, and unique markings to help others identify the pet.
- **Distribute the Flyer:**
 - Post the flyer around your neighborhood, within a radius of your home.
 - Ask neighbors if they've seen the pet and if they can keep an eye out.

3. Utilize Social Media and Community Apps

- **Post on Social Media:**
 - Share information about the lost pet on your personal social media accounts.
- **Use Community Platforms:**
 - Websites like **NextDoor** are ideal for connecting with neighbors and sharing lost pet information.
 - Join local Facebook groups dedicated to lost pets or community updates.

4. Leverage Lost-and-Found Pet Websites

- **Sign Up for Alerts:**
 - Use platforms like **Finding Rover** and **PawBoost**, which send alerts to local animal welfare organizations.



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- These services can notify local animal hospitals, shelters, and rescue groups.



- Some platforms offer facial recognition technology to scan found pet alerts.

5. Continue Your Search

- **Persistence is Key:**
 - Don't stop looking! Pets are often resilient and resourceful.
- **Searching for Cats:**
 - If a cat goes missing, it's likely hiding nearby. Look for them in concealed areas such as:
 - Under decks
 - Porches
 - Heavy brush or bushes
- **Searching for Dogs:**
 - For lost dogs, engaging people in the community is crucial. Completing the steps above has proven effective.
- **Additional Resources:**
 - For more tips on searching for a lost foster cat or dog, visit missinganimalresponse.com.



Yay! Your Foster has been Adopted!

Lone Star Pawz is dedicated to saving dogs and cats from life on the streets and overcrowded shelters in Texas, helping them find loving families in northern states. Since 2018, we have successfully transported over 6,000 animals, making their journey to a better life.

After adoption, your Adoption Coordinator will send you details about your foster's travel arrangements, including the date and dropoff time for transport. If you haven't received this information, don't hesitate to reach out to your coordinator for a status update.

Communicate with the Adopter

Your adoption coordinator will reach out to you with the wonderful news that your foster pet has been chosen. You will be excited for your foster to join their new forever home, but maybe a little sad to say good-bye, too. There are a few things to do in preparation for your foster's journey to the forever home.

The first thing the coordinator may ask you to do is reach out to the adopter and let them know a few things about their new family member. This will be your opportunity to share information about your foster pet that will make their transition into their new home smooth, safe, and enjoyable for all.

You should mention:

- What your foster is eating: food types and brands so the adopter can prepare and avoid digestive upset.
- Where your foster is on the house/litter training process. For kittens and puppies, it's useful for the adopter to know where and how to pick up and continue training if needed.
- How often your foster is fed to maintain their schedule or allow for transitioning.
- What type of litter your cat foster is using or walk schedule for dog fosters.
- Any particular equipment you would recommend. For example, a kitten may benefit from a scratching tower for climbing and proper use of claws.

Also feel free to add any current pictures or fun facts about your foster. Their adopter may appreciate knowing their new fur baby really likes belly rubs or snuggling on the couch!

It is always helpful to end with an offer to answer any questions they may have about their new fur baby.



Obtain a Health Certificate

Prior to their departure, the foster pet will need to undergo a physical exam to receive a health certificate. These exams are performed at Houston Spay and Neuter/SNIP and will be scheduled by the dog/cat coordinator. Transport to and from the clinic may be provided by LSP or provided by the foster depending on scheduling.

Prepare Travel Supplies and Care Bag

Your foster pet will need a travel bag with sufficient food for their trip and a care bag to be given to the adopter with the pet upon arrival.

In a one-gallon bag, your foster's travel bag should include:

- Enough of their usual dry food to cover the trip.
- The foster pet's name written on the bag to make it easy for the transporters to match the food with the pet.

In a one-gallon bag, your foster's care bag should include:

- Enough of their usual dry food to help transition to a new food or as needed.
- Any medicines that the pet needs.
- A special toy or two.
- A blanket the pet will recognize as theirs.
- Two index cards:
 - One with the pet's name, a brief description, their stop number and location (if indicated in the GroupMe chat).
 - One with the names of the adopter and foster and their phone numbers.
- The foster pet's name written on the bag to make it easy for the transporters to match the care bag with the pet.





Transport Overview

- **Transport Vehicles:** Our buses are fully equipped with crates and amenities to get our animals to their final homes. Our transport schedule is managed by Miriael Cunningham who is responsible for sending out the information that fosters and adopters will need to follow on their fur babies' journey home. Please confirm with your intake coordinator, as soon as your rescue is adopted, to ensure your rescue has made the list for transport.
- You will be invited to a GroupMe link that is specific to the date of transport by the transport scheduler. Please look out for this information on the Dog/Chat Messenger Group chats to keep updated with current information. If you do not receive an invite to a transport GroupMe group for the date of transport, reach out to your coordinator.
- In this GroupMe chat, you will receive specific information on feeding, how to pack their travel and transition food and what can go with your rescue on transport. Feel free to follow up directly with your intake coordinator for specific questions.

Health & Safety

- Before loading, all animals undergo evaluation by a USDA certified veterinarian to obtain health certificates, included in the transport fee.
- Onboard, the animals enjoy comfortable climate control (air conditioning and heating), a potty station, and continuous observation by attendants who are trained in animal care.
- Riders are paired up with siblings or same-home fosters, when applicable, to ensure they are familiar with their travel buddy and have the most comfortable ride.

Transport Day Instructions

- Transport happens on the following schedule:
 - 1st weekend CO/MW(Midwest)
 - 2nd weekend Central
 - 3rd weekend EC(East Coast)
 - 4th PNW(Pacific Northwest)

For Dogs

- **Location:** Dogs are checked in at **Lone Star Pawz Headquarters, 3302 Old Alvin Road, Suite G, Pearland, TX 77581**
- **Arrival Time for East Coast Transport:** Please arrive by **6:30 AM**. Wait in your



vehicle until instructed by transport volunteers.

- **Arrival Time for West Coast (Colorado) Transport:** Please arrive at **6:30 AM**. Wait in your vehicle until instructed by transport volunteers.
- **Check-In Process:**
 - Volunteers will check in the dogs and load them on a schedule.
- **Estimated Wait Time:** Be prepared for a drop-off line that may take about an hour.
- **Preparation:** Ensure your dog gets plenty of exercise, a light breakfast, and has a potty break before arrival. Dogs should be bathed the night before transport.
- **Feeding:** Dogs will have access to water throughout the trip and will be fed twice a day the same food. Personal belongings should be limited to a 1-gallon bag for space purposes.

For Cats:

- **Location:** Cats are checked in at **Lone Star Pawz Headquarters, 83302 Old Alvin Road, Suite G, Pearland, TX 77581**. Drop off is in the back of the building. Drive to the end of the parking lot, do a U-turn around the end of the building and park behind the transport van.
- **Arrival Time for East Coast Transport:** Please arrive by **6:30 AM**. Wait in your vehicle until instructed by transport volunteers.
- **Arrival Time for West Coast (Colorado) Transport:** Please arrive at **6:30 AM**. Wait in your vehicle until instructed by transport volunteers.
- **What to Bring:**
 - Your foster cat or kitten in a secure carrier for transfer to transport van.
 - Travel and care bags (described above).
- **Check-In Process:**
 - Leave the foster pet in your vehicle during check-in.
 - With the pet's bags, walk to the volunteer desk in the bay to check in the cats and drop off the travel and care bags.
 - An identification band will be provided for your foster. Place the band on the cat in the safety of your vehicle. Remove any other collar on the animal.
 - Deliver the carrier with the cat to the van and wait for the transporter to transfer the cat into a cage and return your carrier to you.
- **Estimated Wait Time:** Be prepared for a drop-off line that may take about an hour.
- **Onboard Care:** Each cat carrier is equipped with a litter box, food and water



bowls, and a comfy cat hammock. Cats will have access to water and a litter box 24/7 and will also be fed twice a day during the journey.

If you have any questions or need further clarification about the transport process, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for being a vital part of our mission to help these animals find loving homes!



Meet the Team

Coordinators

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Other Resources

Adoptions:

Email: adopt@lonestarpawz.com
For adoption questions, who is available and how you can help!

Donations:

Email: donations@lonestarpawz.com
For donation receipts, questions, what we need and how you can help!

Fostering:

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For fostering questions, how you can join our team and for more information!

Volunteering:

Email: lspfosterinfo@gmail.com
For volunteering questions, how you can support our team and for more information!



Volunteer Release of Liability

This volunteer Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk Informed Consent, Risk Acknowledgement, and Indemnity Agreement made today by and between me and Lone Star Pawz Rescue, hereinafter referred to as LSP, provides that I, in consideration for receiving permission to volunteer my services in an effort to increase the welfare and likelihood of permanent placement for dogs needing adoption, release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue LSP including, but not limited to, its Board of Directors, Officers, servants, agents and volunteers (hereinafter referred to as "Releases") from any and all liability claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by my, or to any property belonging to me, whether caused by the negligence of the Releases or otherwise, while participating in such activity, or while in, on, or upon the premises where the activity is being conducted. I am fully aware of any risks or hazards connected with any activity, and I elect to participate in the activity voluntarily, and to engage in such activity knowing that the activity may be hazardous to my property and to me. I further understand that there are inherent risks in working with dogs, including, but not limited to, bites, scratches, accidents, (e.g., being dragged or knocked down, tripping over a leash,) potential transmission of zoo noses, (e.g., salmonella, campylobacter), infection, (e.g., staphylococcus), dermatomes, (e.g., sarcastic mange), internal, (e.g., worms), or external (e.g., fleas, ticks) parasites of other diseases, transmission of which may be aerosol, through direct contact with a dog, its bodily fluids, feces, bedding, etc., the consequences of which, to me, may range from mild to severe. LSP provides immediate, ongoing, and complete veterinary care for its dogs, including vaccinations, treatment for zoo noses, including dermatomes & parasites, and does its best to evaluate both dogs and volunteers, matching them according to the dogs' requirements and volunteers' abilities. However, it must be recognized that a dog's entire stay with you is an ongoing evaluation process. It must also be recognized that dogs are living creatures, and may exhibit a variety of behaviors at different times in the same of different circumstances. I hereby state that the foregoing has been clearly explained to me, I've been encouraged to ask questions and have received the answers to those questions. I will continue to ask questions and receive instruction throughout my tenure as a volunteer. In consideration for receiving permission to volunteer my services in an effort to increase the welfare and likelihood of permanent placement for dogs needing adoption, I expressly state, understand, and agree that I assume all risk arising from any and all activities and interactions with or on behalf of LSP and/or all dogs in, entering into, or leaving its care and/or custody. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risks of loss, property damage or personal injury, whether



physical or emotional, including death, that may be sustained by me, or any loss of damage to property owned by me, as a result of being engaged in such an activity, whether caused by the negligence of the Releases or otherwise. I understand that LSP makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, regarding any of the dogs with which I may work or otherwise come into contact.

I understand that I may make no representations or warranties, express or implied, on either behalf of LSP nor contract or otherwise bind LSP. Should I do so, I understand that I will be personally liable for any claims or damages arising from same, and restate my intention to hold Releases harmless and indemnify them from any such claims or damages.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releases from any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney's fees, that they may incur due to my participation in the activity, whether caused by negligence of the Releases or otherwise.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liability for any damage to the property of, or personal injury to, any third party caused by a LSP dog. It is my express intent that this Volunteer Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk Informed Consent, Risk

Acknowledgment and Indemnity Agreement shall bind myself and the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs and assigns, executors and administrators, and personal representative, if I am deceased, shall forever waive and release all claims for damages whatsoever against LSP and shall be deemed as a release, waiver, discharge, and covenant not to sue the Releasees. I expressly agree that this Volunteer Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk Informed Consent, Risk Acknowledgment and Indemnity Agreement, is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of New York, and if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid, the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

As a volunteer for LSP, I agree to provide my own automobile and health insurance at all times.

As a volunteer, I give my full permission for the use of my name, photograph, or videotaped likeness in any manner authorized by LSP.

This Volunteer Release of Liability, Wavier of Claims, Assumption of Risk-Informed Consent, Risk Acknowledgment, and Indemnity Agreement shall be governed by and construed per the laws of the State of Texas



In applying to foster for our program and our acceptance, you acknowledge and represent that you have read the above Volunteer Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk-Informed Consent, Risk Acknowledgment and Indemnity Agreement, understand it, and sign it voluntarily as my free act and deed; no oral presentations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made; I am at least eighteen years of age and fully competent, and I execute this Release for full, adequate and complete consideration, fully intending to be bound by same.

Date:

Foster Name:

Initial: