

Fostering 101

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Names to Know

Intake Team

Intake Director: Jennifer Johnston (jennifer@saskatoodogrescue.com)

Foster Team

Foster Director: Bobbi Oldridge (bobbi@saskatoodogrescue.com)

Foster Supports:

- **Introduction** (first time foster support): Brooke Blanchard
- **Litters:** Danni Gayle
- **Single & Pair of Puppies** (<6 months): Carrie Secundiak
- **Adult Dogs** (>6 months): Christine McGowan
- **Spay & Return:** Danni Gayle

Supply Team ****Please contact Team Members via Facebook Messenger to request supplies****

Head Supply Coordinator: Maria Lemonache

Supply Coordinators:

- **Mount Royal** (914 Avenue T North): Maddy Wright
- **Confederation Park** (77 Tupper Crescent): Maria Lemonache
- **College Park** (289 Carleton Dr): Sarah Rea
- **Warman** (217 McKay Court): Shyla Fawn

(If you do not have FB Messenger, please email (maria@saskatoodogrescue.com) for supplies)

Adoption Team

Adoption Director: Jill Robson (jill@saskatoodogrescue.com)

Adoption Event Coordinator: Steffany Vukelic (steffany@saskatoodogrescue.com)

Microchip Coordinator: Dakota Rolfe (dakota@saskatoodogrescue.com)

Medical Team

Medical Director: Ally Mierau (ally@saskatoodogrescue.com)

Medical Coordinator: Katherine Cool (katherine@saskatoodogrescue.com)

Volunteer Team

Volunteer Coordinator - People Management: Jenna Schmid
(jenna@saskatoodogrescue.com)

Volunteer Coordinator - Foster Dog Management: Christine McGowan
(christine@saskatoodogrescue.com)

Marketing Team

Marketing Director: Josie Fries (josie@saskatoodogrescue.com)

Getting Your Dog

The Intakes Coordinator will post photos and any available information of dogs in need of foster homes. This is a first come, first-serve basis. You can "claim" a dog you want by commenting on the photo that you will take it. The Intakes Director will be in contact with you to arrange all transport, pickup/drop-off necessary for the dog to come into our care. Contact either of our supply coordinators to arrange getting any necessary supplies you may need (Food, leashes, collars, kennels, pee pads, etc.)

Fostering Your Dog

1. **Main Point of Contact:**
 - a. **First Time Fosters:** Upon joining the foster group, the Introduction Foster Support will be your main point of contact to answer any questions you may have and walk you through caring for your first foster dog.
 - b. **Experienced Fosters:** Now that you understand the process, your Foster Support going forward will be assigned based on your dog's age.

2. **Arrival of your Foster Dog:** In the first few days with your foster dog, your assigned Foster Support will reach out and request the dog's name (must be approved to avoid duplicate naming), photos, and general information (estimated age, breed description, etc.). All litters must have a "theme" with their names. Reminder: the name of your foster dog needs to be approved by your foster support before booking a vet appointment.

Please keep in mind, after a dog pull it may take a few days for your Foster Support to reach out. Our Intake Director needs to add all dogs to our system before Foster Supports are assigned. In the meantime, give your new dog some love, attention and a nice warm bath. If you have any concerns, reach out to the Foster Director.

3. **ISO Period:** It is critical to provide your foster with an isolation period as the history of these dogs will be unknown and none will have vetting history. Parasites are common with new intakes. This is not only to protect the unvaccinated foster, but your dogs as well! Isolation means your foster dog is kept away from other pets in the house. This is to be done for the first 7 days unless advised otherwise.

4. **Vet Appointments:** On the third day of having your foster dog, please call one of our partnered vet clinics to schedule an appointment. Once a date has been confirmed, complete the '**Upcoming Vet Appointment**' form at least 24 HOURS BEFORE SCHEDULE VISIT. Keep in mind the name of your foster dog needs to be approved by your *Foster Support* BEFORE booking a vet appointment. If your *Foster Support* has not yet reached out, please wait to book an appointment.

Our Partnered Vets: Call one of our partnered vets to book appointments only. Do NOT call one of our partnered vets in the event of an emergency.

City Park Vet
706 Duchess St #1, Saskatoon
[\(306\) 518-4206](tel:3065184206)

VCA Canada All West Animal Hospital
3120 Laurier Dr, Saskatoon
[\(306\) 978-2100](tel:3069782100)

Brighton Veterinary Clinic
163 Gibson Bend
[306-382-6909](tel:3063826909)

Emergency: In the event of an emergency, please reach out to the *Medical Director* or *Medical Coordinator* directly. Do NOT call one of our partnered vets in the event of an emergency. Emergency concerns include any of the following: vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy.

5. **Dog Sitting:** If you need to go away for a weekend or need a sitter for a night, contact the Volunteer Management Coordinator and a sitter can be arranged. Please give as much notice as possible. If you are wondering if your foster dog can head out of town with you, ask your Foster Support or the Foster Director.

6. Expectations of Fosters

- a. As a foster home, you are responsible for the well-being of the dog and getting it as ready for the real world as much as possible. Basic training (sit, lay down, kennel and house training, to not jump up, etc.) is ESPECIALLY important for potential adopters and decreases the chances of being returned to the rescue. If you feel you are having any trouble or need any tips on training, please contact your Foster Support or the Foster Director and we can help.
- b. If your foster is displaying any of the following issues, please let your support know as soon as they present. (Separation anxiety, leash reactivity towards other people or dogs, any aggressive behaviors towards people, other dogs, or animals (this includes lunging and barking, mouth/hard nipping, food, etc.)
- c. You are also responsible for attending events that are organized by the fundraiser or adoption coordinator. These events are an amazing way for potential adopters to meet their future dog, and to see it on its best behavior. If you are unable to attend an event, volunteers are in place to help.

Moving a Dog

In the case of a dog needing to be moved from your home, contact your Foster Support. Please give adequate time to find a new suitable home if needed.

Adoption

Your dog is ready to be posted for adoption once he has his first vaccines and has no other medical conditions (mange, fleas, worms, etc.) If your dog is older than 6mo, it also must be

spayed/neutered prior to being posted for adoption. Phone interview with applicant done by the Adoptions Director.

1. **Virtual Home Check:** Document sent and received by the Adoption Director.
2. **Virtual Meeting:** Either the Adoption Director will message you with the adopter's contact information. We are recommending doing the first meeting virtually - through Skype, FaceTime, Facebook Messenger, etc. If the adopter would like an in-person meeting, try to do it in a backyard or at a dog park (if the dog is old enough and has all the necessary vaccinations).
3. **Adoption Contract & Payment:** The Adoptions Director will send the adopter the adoption contract to complete and have the adopter send payment. Once we have received both, we will let you know that you are able to plan for pick-up/drop-off of your foster pup to their new home.
4. **A few reminders with the adoption process:**
 - a. We review applications in the order they were received.
 - b. We DO NOT accept early applications for dogs that are not yet posted for adoption.
 - c. If you have friends and family that want to apply, we will do our best to go ahead with their application! However, we aim to keep everything as fair as possible, so we still require them to apply just like everyone else.
 - d. To ensure an application is front of the line we tell people to apply AS SOON as a dog's picture and written bio are posted to the website.
 - e. New adoptable dogs are posted to the website on THURSDAYS between 8am and 12pm. We only post once that day.

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