

SAYV ANIMAL ORGANIZATION FOSTER REMINDERS



FORMS

There are essential forms on [this page](#) including needed supplies order form (request 7-10 days in advance), animals that need temporary babysitters for travel, and several other forms.

GUIDELINES

There are several guidelines/documents on the [foster resources](#) page, including:

- Adoption overview
- Medical coverage
- Spay/neuter instructions
- Transport guidelines
- Dog training info
- And more!

JOIN

These chats and groups are for the SAYv foster community. Any specific questions regarding your foster animal(s) should go in your animal-specific chat, not in group chats. Please post updates in these groups <3

- [The SAYv Facebook foster group](#)
- [The SAYv active cat fosters chat](#) (if you are fostering a cat)
- [The SAYv active dog fosters chat](#) (if you are foster a dog)

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KEY REMINDERS

- Respect the SAYv team at all times – we are all volunteers and we are doing our best <3.
- We cannot move animals immediately if it isn't working out. By agreeing to foster, the contract states that we have at least 7 days to move an animal (and more during holidays). We are a small foster-based organization - we rely on fosters committing to the animals that they agree to foster.
- Ensure that you have the proper supplies for animals coming into your home before they come – if you don't have supplies, request supplies using the "supplies request" form prior to your foster's arrival.
- Keep us updated in your chat at all times – your chat will be on Facebook or text message (ideally Facebook).
 - Any behavior that you observe, any medical issues that you observe, any questions that you have should go into your chat. Behavior updates are very important.
 - Please expect a response within 72 hours, if you don't hear from us, kindly send a reminder in your chat.
 - Don't message SAYv team members individually, use your chat (unless it's an emergency. If emergency, text Jackie Groberski 630-723-9553 and Megan Saul 386-848-6366).
- Remember that you are representative of SAYv at all times
 - Example: Do not discuss personal feelings about vaccines with adopters – they have to follow SAYv procedures at all times.
 - Example: Do not discuss that your personal cats are sometimes allowed outside – we don't allow adopters to let cats outside (unless it's a feral cat or an outdoor cat).

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VETTING/MEDICAL

- **Fosters are NOT to call or contact our veterinary partners for any reason** – we get in trouble when this happens, please do not contact them. If you have questions ask us (timing, results, ANYTHING... must go through SAYv!!!).
- We expect fosters to be able to drive to vet appointments. See the list of clinic options on the medical coverage document on the [SAYv Foster Resources](#) page.
- We treat animals for many basics issues without vet appointments - some animals don't see the vet until their spay/neuter appointment.
- We may ask you to pick up supplies from one of our volunteers as opposed to shipping items to your home. Please be prepared to drive and pick up supplies if we have some available. Ordering and shipping things can get quite costly!
- Many animals come with parasites from shelters. We also deworm as part of our protocol. Fecals are only done when we suspect a lingering issue. Parasites are completely manageable, just pick up poop right away and do not let other animals or humans in the home ingest infected feces. Wash hands after handling animals.

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ADOPTION

- Sometimes finding the right adopters can take some time! We will let you know when we have applicants (continually asking doesn't help - we will always notify you when there are applications).
- If adopters ask you questions about the adoption process, and you are not 100% sure about the answer, point them to sayvanimals.org/fosterresources where the adoption guidelines are located, otherwise tell them to ask the team.
- DO NOT text or message with adopters outside of your designated SAYv chat.
- Any questions that adopters have, any insight about the animal that they have, ANY questions that they have should be sent in their group chat with the larger SAYv team so we are updated as to what's going on. We need to be informed of everything, at all times. NO exceptions.
- If you'd be willing to help screen applicants please let us know!
- People aren't allowed to meet animals until they have an application on file. SAYv will set up meet and greets (do not invite people to come to your house without us approving them and creating a chat).

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INTAKE

- Go slow with new animals coming into the home – don't introduce to resident animals right away, don't introduce to many people right away, quarantine them for 7-10 days upon intake (especially when they're coming from a shelter)
- Expect that your foster animals may be sick and have parasites
- Animals often need basic medical support when coming from a shelter. These issues are often very treatable, but this is why they must be isolated from resident pets for a minimum of 7-10 days (SAYv is not responsible for resident pets getting ill)
- Pick up fecal matter asap and don't let it mix with resident pets

DOGS

- They are not to be off leash at any time (double leash when possible, and harness when walking)
- Small puppies shouldn't be in public areas or go for walks until at least two weeks after their second round of vaccines (confirm with the team when your foster pup has had two vaccines)
- When introducing a new foster dog to your home, feed separately, be wary of toys – it's your role to observe their behavior and they may have resource guarding issues – it's best to not put them in a position to fail

CATS

coming soon

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WHAT TO DO WHEN...

An animal needs to move

- Notify the SAYv team in your chat
- Post in the SAYv Facebook Foster Group
- Make sure that you've provided good photos (clear, well lit photos) and an updated bio
- Submit the "move request form" on the SAYv Foster Resources page

When you need temporary support

- Notify the SAYv team in your chat
- Post in the SAYv Facebook Foster Group

Submit the "move request form" on the SAYv Foster Resources page