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# Animal Humane Association of Star Valley

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## Foster Families

You can become a “Foster Family”. We are in dire need of new families to help out.

If you could only assist in fostering for a short time or on an emergency basis if even for only a few days or a week we could sure use your help. Sometimes we have more animals than places to put them and need a temporary spot to hold them until we have an opening in our facility.

CALL (307) 883-PETS and leave a message if you are interested in becoming a permanent Foster Family or an Emergency Foster care provider. One of our volunteers will get back to you as soon as possible or you can mail your application to:

AHA-SV, Box 654, Thayne, Wyoming 83128

One of our Directors will contact you.

Bless you!



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## Fostering Guidelines for the Animal Humane Association of Star Valley

We thank you for volunteering to help the animals of the AHA of SV. We hope you enjoy your time with the animals. Your participation is greatly appreciated and as a foster parent, you play a crucial role in making these animals more adoptable!

### Functions of Foster Parents

1. Provide a safe and loving environment for the animal.
2. Expose the dog/cat to life in a home
3. Add to socializing, basic training and personality assessment
4. Give lots of affection, of course
5. Exposure of the dog/cat to the public (either in person or by word of mouth)

To ensure the safety and well-being of both the animals and volunteers, the following are some guidelines we have created for our foster families.

Foster families are responsible for the feeding of the dog/cat, as well as any necessary walk/romps in a fenced area or on a leash. It is a good idea to take a dog out a few times in the evening, including 10 minutes after feeding, once before bedtime and first thing in the morning.

Keep record of whatever you have observed in your time together. This is how we learn about the individual dogs/cats, and how potential adopting parents learn about the dogs/cats. This makes them more adoptable in a forever home.

It is required that you keep your foster dog on a leash, with a collar and ID tag at all times.

It is a good idea to dog-proof your house BEFORE you take the dog there. This includes picking up all other dog's toys to avoid possessiveness.

If you will be introducing a foster dog to other pets, here are some suggestions. Territorial, status, and possessive issues could arise. Have them meet the foster dog in a neutral territory. If you have cats in the house, introduce the dog while on leash. Let him sniff your cat and let your cat sniff him/her. IF your cat is uncomfortable, give him/her a safe, quiet space that the dog cannot reach.





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Crates are highly recommended and can be borrowed from us. These are excellent tools for housebreaking, eliminating chewing, and reducing anxiety for the dogs. Dogs tend to like crates for their den-like features. Crating if you leave the house is advisable, as is crating overnight for sleeping.

We ask that you NOT allow your foster dog on furniture. Some people considering adopting will not want a dog on their own furniture, and it is easier for the dog to learn from the beginning that it is not okay. Dogs that are allowed on furniture also tend to think that they are the “boss” of the household which causes some behavioral problems. They need to learn that YOU are the boss.

Your foster dog may be too anxious or excited to feel much like eating. This is not unusual. Sometimes a little encouragement is all that is needed. Try feeding a few nuggets by hand. Remember to always feed in a quiet and relaxed atmosphere. If the dog still will not eat, don't worry. Try again later.

If you notice unusual behavior of the dog/cat, such as vomiting, diarrhea, limping, etc. please notify us. We will call a vet to have them checked out. Or we will okay it for you to take the dog/cat in to a vet.

Remember, the dog/cat must stay in your charge until you return it to AHASV. Anyone interested in adopting for fostering must contact AHASV. If you decide that you may be interested in adopting your foster dog/cat, let us know.

Any dog or cat we will be sending home with you is, to the best of our knowledge, healthy. Please be aware that there are some illnesses that can be passed between animals.

If you have any problems during your time with your foster dog/cat, please do not hesitate to call a member of the board at home. Or you can call 307-883-PETS. You will be given numbers of board members for emergencies. IF you cannot reach anyone, take the animal to a veterinarian and then contact us.

**We thank you for your participation in fostering.  
It is all about the animals.. .And you are making a difference!!!!!!!!!!!!**



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