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## ARE YOU CONSIDERING BECOMING A FOSTER CARER?

Angel-Paws has some important information to share with you in your decision-making.

Your main goals as a foster parent are to ensure your foster animals are:

**Healthy**  
**Confident and social**  
**Well mannered**  
**Happy**  
**Adoptable into a forever**

### Preparing your Home

Is your yard or home escape proof? Is the animal safe, and have access to clean water and food? Is there shade or a shelter? Have all dangerous objects been removed from your yard or house?

### Transporting your Foster Animal to your Home & Events

All pets must be secured inside the vehicle during transport. Do not leave your foster animal(s) unattended inside a vehicle for any length of time.

### Helping Angel-Paws find your foster animal a home

Taking good photos-The photo of your foster is the first introduction to the animal- so their personality needs to be captured in the photos you take and submit to your coordinator.

Writing the 'Adopt Me' Biography-Once you've gotten to know your foster, (within a week) provide your coordinator with a basic profile bio that can go with the animal's adoption photo(s).

### Animal Meets and Greets & Adoption Days

APHQ & PETstock Domain have adoption days each month, these events are perfect opportunities for you and foster animal to meet and greet potential forever homes. Angel-Paws also do Meet & Greet at your home, or at an agreed upon location between foster carer and potential adoptee.



<b>Foster Carer Responsibilities</b>		
<b>I MUST</b>	<b>I DON'T need to</b>	<b>I CAN if I have the means to</b>
Provide access to shelter.	Purchase bedding and equipment.	Provide treats, toys, bedding for my foster.
Provide access to clean water.	Be home most of the day.	Groom my foster beyond basic bathing and brushing.
Be responsible for my foster's behaviour when out in public.	Train my foster outside of promoting basic manners.	Learn basic behavioural traits that are common to my foster species
Teach my foster basic obedience and manners like sit, stay, drop, heel, toilet training.	Enrol my foster or myself in pet first aid or obedience courses.	Take my foster to the beach, dog park, markets, dog-friendly cafes etc.
Ensure meals are appropriate in nutrition and portion.	Pay for the animal's food.	Provide special treats and become creative with food dispensing toys
Inform my coordinator if I am going away or am unable to continue to foster (even for a short time).	Pay a pet minder or sitter if I am going away.	Try to see if another foster carer with Angel-Paws can respite care while I am away, then notify my coordinator.
Refer potential adopters to Angel-Paws website and the appropriate forms.	Actively advertise my foster on social media, on websites, etc. (your coordinator will do this)	Introduce my foster to other species (dogs, cats, birds, livestock) SAFELY to improve their adoptability.
Make time for vet visits.	Pay for ANY medical treatment.	Take more than one foster at a time.
Sometimes travel to pick up/drop off my foster, collect food and other items.	Accept pets with behavioural issues, health problems, or any requirements out of my comfort zone.	Take on pets with behavioural or health issues if I am confident in doing so.
Attend adoption days, information booths and other adoption promotion events.	Drive my foster around to meet and greets at other people's homes or workplaces.	Offer to meet potential adopters at a mutually convenient place and time that is not my home.
Allow time to arrange meetings with potential adopters; either at your home or in an agreed meeting place.	Give potential adopters my personal info like address, social media accounts, or numbers without my consent.	Help potential adopters complete the online adoption application forms if they have questions.
Provide adequate attention, patience, and exercise for your foster.	Register my foster with the council.	Provide extra stimuli for my foster while I am at work during the day (toys, food release games).
Write adoption profiles and send to coordinator along with regular, good quality photos.	Create my foster's animal profile that goes up on the Angel-Paws website and Facebook page.	Share my foster's animal profile on my personal social media sites.

**Thank you for considering to be a foster carer with Angel-Paws. Foster carers provide much-needed love and support for animals that need temporary care prior to being adopted. By opening your heart and your home to a rescue pet, you can help them be part of a family environment while they're waiting to find their forever home.**

**\*\*Please contact Angel-Paws on 0405046521 if you have any further questions or enquiries\*\***