

So, Someone Wants to Adopt your Foster Pet...

Now What?

Step 1: The potential adopter has already filled out an adoption application and the adoptions team has gone over the animal's general health and behavior information.

- If the adoptions team and the potential adopter feel it's a good fit initially, the adoptions team will contact you, with the adopter's phone number and/or email address. The adopters are not given your information at this time.

Step 2: We then ask that you contact the adopters at your earliest convenience to set up a meet n' greet with your foster pet. Please update us as you plan the meeting. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns at any point, for any reason.

- The meet n' greet is ideally done at your home, where the animal is most comfortable. But if you are uncomfortable with the adopters coming to your home, or if it is inconvenient for someone to do so, we can plan the meet n' greet at the shelter instead.
- This is an opportunity for the adopters to meet the animal in person. They may have questions about their day-to-day life and your experience with them. Feel free to answer any questions you feel comfortable with and redirect them to the adoptions staff when needed.

Step 3: After they meet and decide they do want to adopt, the adopter will need to come back to the shelter to **finalize** the adoption. **This must happen before the animal goes home with them.**

- Keep in mind that some dogs **MUST MEET** any potential doggie siblings prior to being adopted. If this is the case, we will have to complete and approve a dog intro before they can finalize the adoption. **This dog intro must be done at the shelter by a staff member.** Staff members are trained in how to properly introduce two dogs and know what signs and behaviors to look out for to approve or deny the introduction.
- The dogs should not meet until there is a staff member leading the foster dog and supervising the interaction. Dog intros can turn sour quickly, let us handle it!
- In cases where a dog intro is **not required** but the adopter still wants to do one, please email fosters@hshv.org for further instructions!
- Please also note that we **never** do "cat-to-cat" or "dog-to-cat" introductions prior to adoption.

Step 4: Once they have finalized the adoption you can plan a time for them to pick the animal up, and then your job is done! **They must pick up the animal within 24 hours of finalizing!**

- If you would like to give the adopters comfort items like toys or bedding, feel free to do so. Please return all other items to the shelter. All adopters are given a sample bag of food at the time of adoption. Unless special ordered for a specific animal, most medications/foods should be able to be filled at the time of adoption for the adopters, but please hold on to any medication/food in case it needs to be sent with the adopters at time of pick up or it can later be returned back to the shelter.

Thank you for being an amazing part of HSHV! We appreciate you!

Don't worry, we have your back every step of the way!