

Patriot Assistance Dogs Foster- How it Works

Welcome to the world of fostering! Foster homes play an integral role in both gauging our dog's household experience and in guiding the dog through any hurdles that may arise. Because PAD is focused on rescuing, we often do not know a dog's background, as good or bad as it may have been. Fostering a PAD dog is a wonderful opportunity to shape and build good household, obedience, confidence and interaction foundation skills. While you consider fostering, please keep in mind that we are flexible and want to find the best fit for you and the dog. Our goals are to provide each dog with socialization, house manners, basic commands, and service skills.

Fostering Options:

Timeframe- single night sleepovers, short term (one week to one month), or long term (one month and longer)

Expenses- We have fosters who donate food and veterinary expenses and claim those as tax deductions at the end of the year. We also have fosters who prefer PAD covers the cost of food and veterinary expenses while they are caring for the dog. We welcome both options.

Daycare- We offer daycare at Lucky Dog for PAD dogs during the day.

Steps to Becoming a Foster:

- Foster candidates read all documents in this packet. They are sorted and marked "Read and Save" and "Complete and Return". Once all documents have been read, please complete the Fostering Goals Survey and the Foster Application and return those two documents to PAD. Save the remaining documents for when you meet and take home a dog.
- Upon application approval, PAD staff will meet with foster to discuss expectations/goals and to introduce dogs that align with fostering goals.
- Foster contract and related documents are signed.
- If foster has little or no dog training experience, they may be required to take a dog through Basic Obedience class.
- All fosters, regardless of experience are required to successfully pass the AKC's Canine Good Citizen Test.
- If foster is interested in doing Public Access work with their PAD dog, they will be invited to set up brief training sessions with PAD staff to learn how Public Access differs from home behaviors/training.
- Fosters will work with the dog's assigned trainer to troubleshoot issues as needed and to establish a date to turn the dog back in to PAD for completion of training.

Thank you for your interest in Patriot Assistance Dogs.