



Welcoming your new foster.....

First things first.... 🌟 DECOMPRESSION 🌟

🐾 Please read this full chart on decompression, and much like the old cliché.... You never get a second chance to make a first impression. Be patient. It is so hard, if not impossible to go back from a bad first meeting.

🐾 If this is your first time..... WE ARE HERE. Please lean on us. Learn from us and our team of rescuers. We want to help. If you are fostering again, thank you. It means a lot when our fosters come and stay. We know that not all relationships and not all foster dogs will be easy, and we hope to navigate concerns with open communication. We also understand conversations can reach a place where this is no longer doable, we do ask to just part ways amicably. There can be times when differing of opinions just cannot allow everyone to agree, we get it.


🐾 Rescue Provides an initial foster bag. This will have a blanket; we do advise this blanket to follow them through foster and on to their forever home. Treats, toys, bowls, bones, and food. They also have a Leash, collar, and harness (if the dog allows it). We will also provide all expenses for vet care and monthly preventatives. We just ask that you get them to the vet and administer the preventatives. If you need a crate, the rescue can loan one to you.


🐾 **PLEASE** be sure to secure your dog in the car when traveling to vet visits, outings, etc. You can easily do this with their own leash and a headrest. Our Max & Neo leashes actually have a second ring at the top portion of the handle, and you can run through the headrest and clip to this ring.


🐾 You will have a foster friend. A foster friend is an experienced MSGBR bully foster/ adopter, who can easily guide you through the day-to-day things. They will follow up with you each Monday, please be sure to communicate with them. Sending great pictures and updates is so helpful in your dog's journey through MSGBR. So many dogs are adopted when the potential adopters see them, through your eyes. Please send those cute photos and updates. Foster friends are your go-to for anything you may need for your dog, and any questions you may have. Need food, have a concern, want to send an update, reach out to your foster friend. We also have a fosters group on FB you can join. You can message the page if you have an issue with your foster friend, and our team will respond within 24 hours.

🐾 When an MSGBR dog is in your care, please understand, you are FULLY responsible for that dog's day to day. We are not there. We cannot see the situations the dog may be put in or guide you, not being there. Please be mindful, you have a new rescue dog. You are helping rescue learn more about this dog, as you learn more about this dog too. No dog parks. Always on leash (it really is just safest, no matter what anyone may say). And please keep communication open and honest if you notice any behavioral with your foster. If your foster dog has a meet & greet, ONLY an MSGBR team member is to set this up. There should never be a meet & greet until the potential applicant has filled out our adoption contract/application and has been approved. If anyone is harassing you, contact MSGBR at once. We will not tolerate that either and will address it immediately.

🐾 Should your foster dog become injured or sick, PLEASE reach out to your foster friend AND the page, via FB or email (MSGBRRescue@gmail.com) right away.

 We do not know how long your dog will be in foster with you. Yes, we do give fosters first chance to adopt UNLESS a long-term situation would not be ideal once learning more about the dog. PLEASE let us know if you are seeking foster to adopt and know this ahead of time. Once the dog has been in your home for approx. 2 weeks, we do reach out to see if you have interested in adopting. Please understand, if the dog is medical, we finalize adoption once all medical is complete. You can foster to adopt medical dogs. Rescue will still cover their care while in the foster stage. At any time during a foster dogs stay within the home, if a team member of MSGBR is concerned or we are not making contact with you, we will schedule a visit to the home to check on you & the dog.

 We do ask the fosters to take their foster dog to vet appointments. You know your dog best. We also ask that any further medical decisions go through rescue, for approval. We do want you to feel comfortable speaking with the vet team. Please just be sure we are aware of the issues, also. ~ Further in your foster dogs journey, adoption day. We would love for you to join us and your foster dog when they meet their new family. At MSGBR, we love to watch the dogs grow up, create new chapters, and live their best lives. Whether the adopter communicates with you, MSGBR, or both, we love that there is so much love & support in each rescue dog.

 Introducing your foster dog to your resident dogs should only happen when all dogs are healthy. ** PLEASE reach out to your foster friend before doing this. They are a great tool for guidance and tips on how best to do this. A sick dog can be a grumpy dog. During heartworm treatment, you will need to keep your foster dog calm. They will not be able to be playing or romping in the yard of a resident dog if they are hw+. When introductions are done, go for a walk, at a safe distance. See how things go initially. When in the home, be sure all toys, treats, and food are picked up. Feed all dogs separately from your foster dog, it is just always a good practice.

 If you are fostering puppies:

- Please be careful who visits with the puppies and how they are handled. Minimal guests are best until at least 6 weeks of age.
- We do keep mom on supplements, and a diet to include additional vitamins and nutrition. Please be sure to follow the rescue feeding plan with moms. We work to nourish, cleanse, and foster a healthier dog.
- Please feed the food that is sent, and let your foster friend know when you are about 1/2 way out. Also, feed the amounts discussed with MSGBR or your foster friend. If a milk supplement is sent, please keep mom & puppies on this until changes would be discussed.
- As puppies grow, please, NPOG, No Paws On Ground. Puppies should not be outside until they have had their shots. They can easily pick up parasites, parvo, and other things until fully vaccinated against them. PLEASE be cautious with this.
- If your puppy is experiencing unusual stools or you have concerns, please reach out to foster right away. Puppies can be so much more fragile.

And last, thank you. Fostering saves lives. We understand this is a lot of information. Please take time to read. You are changing a life today, and that is a big deal. The above information is intended to help ease any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you for being here.