

INTRODUCTION

The following resources were curated by Dakin staff specifically for Dakin foster volunteers. You will want to spend time reading these documents and viewing the videos so that you can be a well informed dog foster parent. With the information provided here we think you'll be off to an amazing start!

We are excited that you are opening your home to shelter animals. Fostering is such a rewarding experience and we are happy to help support you in any way we can. Please contact us with any questions or concerns about your fosters. We also love to hear exciting news about your foster experience!

FOSTER MANUALS

Orphaned Puppies

Guide for Caring for Orphaned Puppies

<u>Pregnant Dog & Mom with Puppies Care</u> Guide

Guide for Caring for Pregnant Dogs and moms with a litter of puppies

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Sick and Emergency Information

What to do if your foster gets sick, has an emergency?

Puppy Bottle Feeding Chart

Easy to follow chart provided by Maddie's Fund

Orphaned Puppy Feeding Problems and Solutions

Find solutions to common problems from Maddie's Fund

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BEHAVIOR RESOURCES

Bringing Home Your Shy Foster Dog

Learn how to best interact with a shy dog in your home. A must-see video for OSD fosters.

Playing With Your Foster Dog

Learn several fun and safe ways to play and bond with your foster dog.

Dog Body Language and What Does It Mean?

A fun, interactive way to learn all about body language in dogs.

Socializing Puppies: The First Eight Weeks

How to socialize puppies at different ages.

How to Introduce your Foster Dog To Strangers

Maddie's Fund Flash Class

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Maddie's Fund Flash Classes

Short, interactive classes on a variety of medical and behavior topics created specifically for fosters. This is a great resource with new topics in the works, so check back often.

ADOPTION INFORMATION

Incoming Foster Dog Profile

Before returning your fosters to the shelter, fill out a profile to help potential adopters learn what is special or unique about your foster.

Make an Adoption Video for your Foster!

An adoption video is one of the best things you can do for your foster to help them get adopted quickly. Take advantage of a unique opportunity to show off shelter animals in the relaxed and comfortable environment of your foster home..

This video <u>Making Better Adoption Videos</u> (13mins) will show you how to make longer, edited adoption videos. It also has great tips for making the animals look their best on film.

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