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## **Fostering a Dog Star Dog**

Foster parents are a critical part of our program at Dog Star Rescue (DSR). Without dedicated foster parents, we would not be able to offer the dogs a second chance at finding their forever families.

### **How can I become a foster?**

If you are interested in becoming a foster, please fill out a foster application that can be found on our Website. Filling out an application does not obligate you to foster, but we do ask that applicants considering fostering make a commitment to open your Home and Heart to our Pups.

Once received, your application will be reviewed by the foster team. If you are approved to foster, you will need to sign the Volunteer/Foster Agreement, which covers all program requirements.

### **What does DSR provide and what do foster parents provide?**

Foster parents provide a loving home, basic training, exercise and socialization for the foster dog. DSR provides a crate, collar or harness, leash, food, treats, and any necessary, pre-authorized vet care. DSR will also assign you to a Foster Coordinator who will be your "go to" person/ mentor who will answer any questions and/or address any issues that you may have.

### **How long are dogs in foster care?**

Depending on the dog, foster care can range from a day to several months, with an average stay of two weeks. Because it is extremely stressful for a dog to be moved around, we ask that foster parents commit to fostering a dog until the dog is adopted. You will work with your Foster Coordinator if there is a need to move the dog before it is adopted (unexpected family emergency, significant change in schedules, unforeseen difficulties in addressing a dog's specific needs, etc.).

### **What if I have vacation or travel plans while I am fostering?**

We offer short-term foster coverage, if you need to travel out of town while you are fostering.

### **I live in a condo, townhouse, or apartment. Can I foster?**

Yes, as long as you have your landlords approval. You will be able to foster a dog that will fit within the bylaws of your housing complex. Your Foster Coordinator will work with you to match you with the right dog for your lifestyle that will do well in your environment. Of course, you must provide the foster dog with the needed physical and mental stimulation.

### **What if I have children?**

Fostering is a wonderful family experience and can build a foundation of love for animals in your children. Every Child and dog is different, however Children under 16 years old should not be left alone and/or unsupervised with any foster dog. You must also be diligent about providing guidance, instructions, and rules to your children about caring for a foster dog. Dog Star Rescue requires that anyone handling our dogs in a unsupervised environment must be at least 18 years old.

### **If I don't have a yard, or it's not fenced, can I still foster a dog?**

Yes. A fenced yard is ideal for early morning or late night potty breaks or a game of ball, but it is not a requirement. Note that foster dogs are not allowed to be left unsupervised in a yard even if it has a fence. Dogs need focused physical activity, mental stimulation and socialization and the best way to do this by walking or running your foster dog on a leash. Foster Dogs are not allowed to go to Dog Parks.

### **Can I adopt my foster?**

Dog Star Rescue does not have a "Foster To Adopt Program". Fosters are considered as to be a "Pre-Approved" Adopter versus having to complete an Adoption Application if you meet a dog you are interested in adopting.

If you have questions prior to completing the Foster Application you can send an email to:

[Foster@dogstarrescue.org](mailto:Foster@dogstarrescue.org)

For more information about Dog Star Rescue and the dogs available for adoption, please visit our website: [Dogstarrescue.org](http://Dogstarrescue.org)

## Upcoming Fundraisers and Events

Please join Dog Star Rescue at one of our exciting fundraising events. Meet the dogs and volunteers that are DSR. DSR is an entirely volunteer organization so every penny raised is used to receive, foster and place dogs in need of new homes.

**May 3:** Dog Star Carnival at The Hartford, 690 Asylum Ave, Hartford. From 11-2, visit canine cuddling booths and food trucks, and enjoy music and games.

**May 5:** Special adoption event and Open House. From 11-2, come to an adoption event at our brand new Headquarters location, 12 Tobey St, Bloomfield, CT. Please do not bring your own dogs to the adoption event. Then, celebrate with us from 2-5. Join us for tours, live music, kids' activities, cake, and more. Visit our friends at the Thomas Hooker Brewery next door for libations. It's party time!

**May 25:** Come and bowl at Lessard Lanes, 136 New Britain Avenue, Plainville. A benefit for DSR and Dog Gone Rescue. Tickets include bowling, pizza and soda. Cash bar. Tickets will soon be sold on EventBrite.com. Check our website, [dogstarrescue.org](http://dogstarrescue.org).



**June 5:** Flatbread Pizza, The Shoppes at Farmington Valley, 110 Albany Turnpike, Canton. From 5-9 join us at Flatbread for tasty pizzas, raffles, a silent auction and of course, dogs! A portion of the cost of each flatbread will be donated to DSR.

**June 10:** *Rescues on the Runway*, a brunch and fashion show to benefit DSR, at the Farmington Club, 162 Town Farm Rd, Farmington CT. Tickets required. General Admission: \$50 includes fashion show and brunch. VIP: \$150 includes, show, brunch, open bar, goodies and a ticket to Bark & Brew. Yes, there will be dogs on the runway!



**June 23 :** Main Street Creamery, 271 Main St, Wethersfield, CT. Enjoy your favorite ice cream, soft serve, or sorbet. There's even Vegan non-dairy ice cream. Yum! From 4-7, DSR will receive \$1 for every ice cream sold.

**July 7:** It's all about dogs! Visit *The Dog Show* at the Farmington Valley Arts Center, 25 Arts Center Lane, Avon. Adoption, raffles, art show and more. Artists may submit dog-themed art to display and sell to benefit DSR and FVAC. Activities and fun for all ages!

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Stop by and visit with DSR! DSR Representatives will be greeting attendees at these exciting events:

June 8: Beer and Wine Tasting hosted by our great partner, Turnpike Motors, Newington

July 20: Miranda Lambert at the Xfinity Center, Hartford. Miranda is a huge supporter of animal rescue, including DSR!

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### Volunteering with Dog Star Rescue

Would you like to help dogs find their forever homes? Help is always needed fostering, screening, handling dogs at adoption events and coming off transport. There are administrative functions throughout the rescue -- fundraising, advertising, promotion, grant writing, and others.

Right now, we are particularly in need of additional foster families to give our dogs temporary homes until they are adopted.

Please note that DSR volunteers must be 18 years of age or older, attend an orientation session and volunteer a minimum of 3 hours per month

Orientation sessions are held at our Headquarters location in Bloomfield, CT twice a month and run about 90 minutes.

For more about volunteering and to apply, please visit our website at [dogstarrescue.org](http://dogstarrescue.org) and select the link for Volunteer.



### Adoption Events

Dog Star Rescue partners with Petco, PetSmart and other supporting organizations to hold adoption events at least twice a month. To find an event near you, please visit our website and click on the link for Events.

*Save the Date!*

**5th Annual Bark and Brew**



Saturday September 29, 2018

Thomas Hooker Brewery

16 Tobey Road Bloomfield, CT

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