

Foster Policy

Purpose:

This policy sets forth the standards and guidelines as applied dogs entering foster homes as well as the expectations of the foster care providers. This policy expresses the expectations of persons representing the HoundSong Rescue organization whether this representation be explicit or implied. This policy is subject to review solely by vote by active board officers and is not subject to interpretation by individuals representing HoundSong Rescue without expressed permission and/or consideration by active board members. *(For the purpose of this policy the terms HoundSong Rescue and HSR shall be considered synonymous)*

This policy covers:

- General Policy Standards.
- Foster Home Explanation
- Guidelines
- Dog Medical
- Dog Health
- Primary officers

General

All dogs entering the HSR foster program will do so under the express order of HSR foster coordination personnel. Individuals representing the HSR organization do not have authority to place dogs into the HSR foster program without express consent of HSR foster coordination personnel. All dogs brought into the program without such consent will be removed and shall not be considered for management or care by the HSR organization.

Foster Home Explanation

Foster Homes shall be only those individuals designated by the HSR board as foster care providers and having completed the following:

- a. A Foster Home application
- b. A passing Home visit
- c. A satisfactory interview with a managing representative of the HSR organization
- d. A completed Foster Home Contract.
- e. Accepted and recognized by the HSR board as a foster care provider

Guidelines

Foster Care providers will meet or exceed the following requirements:

- a. At no time shall a foster home exceed the maximum number of dogs allowable on their property by local municipal code. Foster homes exceeding the maximum number of dogs allowable by municipal code must have special express permission of the HSR board.
- b. Foster Homes residing in Municipalities not having a written or implied limitation on the number of animals allowable on a property will limit the number of animals in their care to 6 individual animals unless otherwise expressly permitted by the HSR board.
- c. Foster Care providers fostering animals for organizations other than HSR will include those animals in the above requirements (items a and b).
- d. Foster Care Providers fostering animals for organizations other than HSR will regard the health of HSR animals as a primary consideration and will not enter into their care any animal that may represent a health risk to a HSR animal either through contagion or by any other means .
- e. Foster Care providers will provide indoor housing in a manner in which the indoor temperature never falls below 60 degrees, never rises above 85 degrees, has adequate ventilation, and said temperature is maintained by an automatic, self reliant, building code compliant heating/cooling system.
- f. Foster Care Providers will maintain a clean and healthy environment generally to be considered sanitary. The conditions of this requirement and a foster care providers compliance or lack there of are subject solely to interpretation of HSR representatives.
- g. Foster care Providers will provide a source of fresh and renewable drinking water and fresh and edible food considered to be in “out of bag” condition. These being free of foreign objects and/or materials/ chemicals considered to be a risk to the health and well being of the animals in their care.
- h. Foster care providers will provide and maintain a safe and logical method of restraint for their animal. (i.e. Fence or tie out)

Dog Medical

Foster Care providers will have NO authority to present a dog for veterinary care without the express permission of a senior foster coordinator.

Dog Health

Foster Care providers will be considered the primary health and wellness guardians of HSR foster animals in their care.

Primary Officers

Primary Officers shall be considered to be active board members and/or officers or those appointed to represent said officers by absentee officers . The authority of primary officers shall not exceed or preempt the authority or decisions of appointed foster home coordination personnel in regards to foster decisions except by a majority vote of active board members. Primary Officers are subject to above policy.

