

**Purpose of the role:**

Following Dogs Trust training and guidelines fostering a dog in your home whilst it awaits its forever home. Providing the correct care, training and guidance to the dog to ensure that it is happy in your home. The foster home will provide a valuable opportunity to see how our dogs behave in a home environment, and so the foster homes will need to provide feedback, and information on their behaviour to enable us to match them to the perfect home.

**Skills/experience required:**

- Live within a 45 minute drive of the Basildon rehoming centre, and able to travel to the centre when required
- Passionate about dogs, dog welfare, and rehoming dogs
- Able to take instruction and training well, and carry this on in the home with the foster dogs.
- Able to provide regular updates of the foster dogs, including pictures/video and written information about them, to assist with the rehoming process
- Able to provide a secure environment for the dogs, including a secure garden
- Own transport is a must, particularly in the case of any emergencies where the dog may need to attend a vet.

**Procedure:**

- If you are interested in applying to become a foster home please fill in the application form and return to [karina.grimwade@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:karina.grimwade@dogstrust.org.uk)
- You will be contacted by a member of the team asap
- You will receive a Home from Home Handbook to read thoroughly
- Should you still wish to go ahead with your application you will contact the team here again, who will then arrange a home visit.
- Should the home visit we will assess if you are a suitable foster home for us or not, and if successful will be placed on our foster care register.
- When a dog becomes available that needs to be placed into a foster home, and it matches your home and requirements, you will be contacted to see if you are happy to take the dog. This can take varying times as we do not always have dogs in foster homes; so please be prepared that you may have to wait for a dog to be placed if there are none looking for foster homes at that time.