



Home From Home West Calder

Role Description: Volunteer Foster Carer

Following Dogs Trust training and guidelines you will be fostering a dog in your home until a suitable home can be found. The foster carer will provide suitable care in a safe, secure and comfortable environment until a suitable home can be found for the dog. On-going support will be provided but you will be required to keep us updated on any behavioural issues you notice with the dog while in your care. This is valuable information for rehoming as we can see how the dog settles into a home environment and match the dog to the perfect home.

Skills / Experience required

You Must:

- Live within a 90 minute drive of the West Calder Rehoming Centre
- Be flexible and adaptable to the breed of dog placed in your care
- Have your own transport, especially in the case of any emergency vet visits
- Be able to provide a safe, secure, and comfortable environment for the dog in your care
- Be passionate about dogs, dog welfare and rehoming dogs
- Be able to provide regular updates on the dogs progress and notify us of any issues that may affect rehoming.
- Be able to take instruction and training well and carry this over to the foster dog in your care



Procedure

The first step is to fill out the Volunteer Foster Carer Application form and send it to Stephen Thomson on: Stephen.Thomson@dogstrust.org.uk

A member of the team will contact you as soon as possible to discuss your application and arrange an interview.

You will receive a Home from Home handbook to read through and decide if you wish to move forward with your application. Should you wish to proceed with your application you will contact the centre to arrange a home visit. During the home visit we will assess if you are a suitable foster home for us, and if you are successful you will be placed on the foster care register.

When a dog becomes available for foster care and suits your requirements we will contact you to make sure you are happy to take the dog and arrange a suitable drop off time. This can take varying times as we may not always have foster dogs available, so please be aware that you may need to wait.

During the course of your foster care you should keep regular contact with the centre regarding any behaviours you think should be noted, as this can be very valuable when it comes to rehoming the dog

We will keep in touch to provide on-going support and assistance during your foster.