



National Great Pyrenees Rescue

FOSTERING FAQ

What are my responsibilities as a foster?

1. Provide food and love. If you have experience with basic training anything you can teach your foster dog is appreciated.
2. Talk to prospective adopters about your foster to tell them about the dog.
3. Update the bio for the website as you learn more about your foster and provide new photos. This can be emailed to the foster coordinator.
4. Make sure your foster Pyr receives monthly heartworm preventative and flea and tick medication which we will send you. Let your foster coordinator know before you run out.

How do I get assigned a foster Pyr?

We match fosters based on their temperaments and your situation; for example: whether you have cats, birds or other pets, the disposition and age of your own dog(s), the age of your children (when applicable), the height of your fence and your experience with Pyrs.

Where will my foster dog come from?

Most of the Pyrs come from our rescue affiliates in TX, MO, IN, TN, GA, and AL. The rescue contact will be able to tell you more about the dog you will be receiving. NGPR pulls dogs from shelters directly in areas where there isn't a local Pyr rescue.

Does the dog come to me straight from the shelter?

No. All dogs must be out of the shelter for a minimum of 2 weeks. They must obtain a health certificate required by the Dept of Agriculture for interstate travel. Health certificates are issued by veterinarians and state that the dog is free from infectious diseases and current on all vaccinations.

How does the dog get to me?

Most will travel via USDA approved commercial dog transports that run weekly from the South, usually arriving on Saturdays. There are several delivery locations and we may ask that you drive an hour or so to meet them. If the location is further than you are able to drive, we can arrange for a volunteer to pick up the dog and meet you. The dog will travel with vet records. Pyrs coming from Indiana are transported entirely by a network of volunteers. Puppies coming from TX may be flown into NY airports.

What should I feed him/her?

There are suggestions in the 'Your New Rescue Dog' handbook, but whatever you are feeding your own dogs is fine. Please ask your rescue contact what the foster is fed. Getting a small bag of food and transitioning gradually will reduce upsets.

Do I need to crate?

Crating is not required, but access to one is recommended in case of chewing or housebreaking issues. Crates for x-large breeds are very pricey. If you need assistance obtaining one, we ask that you look for a used one to help with the expense. They can be found on Craigslist, Ebay and other recycling resources. You can also check with your local SPCA.

Can I use my vet?

Yes, but we do request that you look for low-cost options in your area. Some local shelters and SPCAs offer discount veterinary services. Please ask your vet if they will give a rescue discount; we can provide proof of non-profit status if necessary. In some cases, medications can be sent to you in lieu of a vet visit, and some rescues have accounts with lab services, so remember to get advance approval for non-emergency vetting.

What expenses are tax deductible?

Anything that you purchase for your foster is deductible as a charitable expense. If you are willing to donate towards a medical or other expense that totals \$250 or more (a single expense, not cumulative), the IRS requires a receipt from the organization. The charitable deduction for travel is 19 cents/mile. For more information see IRS pub 526.

What is the adoption process?

Applications are forwarded to the sponsoring rescue for the initial interview and vet check. If all goes well, you will be asked to contact the applicant to tell them more about your foster dog. A home visit is done to evaluate the adopters and the living area. They may or may not choose to meet the dog depending on if they are local to you. If they would like to meet the dog, this can be done wherever is convenient to both of you. Once approved, arrangements will be made to transfer the Pyr to their new home.