

Field Trip Foster Guidelines

For those of you planning to take a dog out on a short-term day trip for an hour or so, here are the guidelines. These guidelines also apply to weekend fosters, with the exception of the one about taking dogs home to meet your dogs.

1. Alert me and Ed Kennedy so we can alert staff. kristen.auerbach@fairfaxcounty.gov and edward.kennedy@fairfaxcounty.gov. Send us a reminder right before you are coming.
2. Sign the dog out in the foster log and back in when you return and sign a foster form.
3. Make sure the dog is wearing a Fairfax foster tag (very important)
4. The dog must be wearing a harness and a collar with the leash fastened to the harness.
5. Only dogs on the adoption floor can be taken out.
6. No dog parks or off-leash fun. Dog must remain attached to you the entire time. No interaction with other dogs.
7. No taking the dogs home to play with your other dogs.
8. NO meet and greets with other dogs at the end of two leashes (especially when out walking at a park).
9. Take the dogs fun places that will make for great pictures! Eg. the battlefield for the bluebell walk, a pet store, a fast food drive through, an outdoor shopping plaza. You can just take them somewhere and practice basic obedience (sit, stay).
10. Make sure you are taking a dog that is not too physically strong for you.
11. Take a buddy so one of you can take pictures and one of you can handle the pet. If you are unable to take a buddy, please let us know so we send you with an appropriate pet.
12. The point of this is to see the dog outside of the shelter and to document through photos, video and text what you learn. Primary purpose is to GET THE ADOPTED!
13. Have emergency contact numbers programmed into your phone. My number is 571-269-6012. Call me if you have any problems, issues, etc.