



MADDIE'S[®] Pet Assistant

Cheat Sheet for Foster Coordinators

What is Maddie's Pet Assistant (MPA)?

- MPA is a smartphone and tablet app that provides support foster caregivers from the moment they bring foster pet(s) into their temporary home.
- Maddie's Fund developed the app and is a national non-profit foundation working to save pet's lives.

Why should a foster caregiver participate?

- The app is free!
- It will take up less space on their smart phones than Facebook 😊
- Through the app, foster caregivers can:
 - Share valuable updates on foster pet health and behavior
 - Send questions or comments
 - Submit foster pet biographies, photos or videos to the organization for adoption
 - Track foster pet weight and vaccinations
 - Store 'favorite' resource documents for foster pet health or behavior
- The app is a great place for foster caregivers to get quick answers to concerns or questions they may have about their foster pet(s).
 - If the foster caregiver reports a concern in a survey, the foster caregiver receives an immediate email response and notification to their phone. The response is crafted by veterinarians and behaviorists to provide education and direct them towards additional help, if needed.
- Photos or videos can be submitted to describe health or behavioral issues, or simply as a nice way to share fun stories with the shelter or rescue organization! Plus, quick and easy updates on the pet's biography can help get foster pets into their new adoptive homes.

Tips for foster care coordinators:

- Tell the foster caregiver what it's about and most importantly, why your organization thinks it's valuable.
- We recommend helping the foster caregiver **download the app** prior to taking the foster pet home, as part of the foster care pickup process.
- Emphasize the importance of **submitting surveys (how's your pet?)**:
 - Helps foster caregiver get quick answers to questions
 - Helps organizations gather information on how foster pets' adjust to temporary foster homes and gives a snapshot of how foster pets may do in their permanent homes.
 - Each survey should only take them 2-5 minutes to complete!