



Boxer Angels Rescue

RESCUES AND ADOPTIONS
THROUGHOUT THE NORTHEAST

Boxer Angels Foster Home Guidelines

Welcome Boxer Angels Foster Homes

While reading the following guidelines, you will find information that will be valuable to you while you have a foster dog in your home. These guidelines were written with the knowledge and experience of many foster homes that came before you with the idea of helping those that will come forward in the future as well as those with present foster experience.

FOSTER CONTRACT

Please read, print off, sign and mail in your foster contract. Please mail to the address **Boxer Angels Rescue, P.O. Box 543, North Bellmore, NY 11710.**

CONTACT INFORMATION

Your primary contact person is Carol Daniels Keen, Coordinator of Foster Homes, keylime426@optimum.net, cell phone 516-729-9423 . She will help you with all your foster needs and give direction.

We cannot stress enough how important it is to keep constant and open communication with her during the entire time you have a foster dog in your home. If you have any questions please feel free to contact her at any time (Carol is fine with texts). If for some reason she is not available, please contact our director, Gary, directly at: liboxerboy@ymail.com at 516-238-4730 (cell) or 516-679-8776 (eves/weekends)

There will be no reimbursements for any destruction that a dog may cause to your home while in your care.

BAR does supply heartworm, flea treatment and dog food for your fosters. Heartworm meds and flea treatment will be mailed to each foster home. If you should run out please contact Gary and he will ship out more supplies.

The rescue will make every effort to provide dog food, but if you need to purchase dog food we ask that you purchase a dog food such as Nutro Max . The cost for a 35 lb bag is approx 30.00. Please use this as a guideline. If you are not sure of what or where to get dog food, please call Gary at 516 238-4730 or email him at liboxerboy@ymail.com You can mail your receipt to Gary @ the PO Box noted above and he will reimburse you for your food cost of one (1) bag per/foster, per/month.

YOUR FOSTER DOGS ARRIVAL

- On the day your foster dog arrives, please acknowledge on the foster list BoxerAngelsFosters@yahoogroups.com **ASAP** that your foster dog has arrived safely into your home.

- Crate your dog and review all paperwork that has arrived.
- Look for shot records and spay/neuter verification to see what your dog will need as far as a vet appt.
- Print off a Foster Check off list for every dog that comes into your home. This helps with the process and what you need.
- Every dog should have a fecal and heartworm test regardless of when it was done last.
- If you have any questions at all please contact one of the volunteers listed above with your questions. It is VERY important that these dogs get the necessary vet care and paperwork is in order as soon as possible after arrival and prior to the dog going home.
- You should already have a crate prepared for your foster as well as baby gates in place for initial introductions. Every foster home finds introductions one of the most difficult areas to initiate. You know your own dogs best. Foster dogs will be stressed when they arrive and your job is to make the introductions as safe as possible for all the dogs.
- Meeting the dogs thru baby gates and the crate is a good way to let the dogs see each other and adjust. When all dogs are more relaxed and are showing signs of relaxation with each other, let them together one at a time. Leaving your most dominant dog last. You may find that you will need to keep the dogs separate for more than a few days, other dogs you can mingle very quickly. Every situation is different.
- **Buckle collars and leashes must remain on the foster dogs, and leashes on your own as well for no less than 5-7 days. This is an ABSOLUTE MUST.** If you need leashes or collars, please advise Gary and he will sent them to you.
- If weather is permissible, introductions outside in your yard or on a walk with your dogs is the best way to introduce the dogs. Other wise, please allow the dogs to meet with a baby gate between them for the safety of all.
- Be sure that your cats and any and all other small animals are in a safe secure place, as we can never be sure that our dogs coming in have had exposure to other small animals. Always try to allow your cats an escape route for their own safety.
- We try to place foster dogs that will fit in with your family, but that is not **ALWAYS** possible, so caution should always be exercised.

WRITTEN UPDATES NEEDED

Please be aware that the following is the required written update schedule to help your foster find his or her Forever Home:

Week 1- 3 updates needed and 2 evaluations

Week 2- 2 updates needed

Week 3- 1 update per week for the remaining time your foster is in rescue

The links for the updates and evaluations are found on the foster central page at <http://www.boxerangelsrescue.com/FosterCentral/FosterCentral.htm>

Pictures are needed upon entry to rescue and as your dog changes (*hair growth, weight gain or loss...etc...*).

Please email pictures to Melissa kihon1@comcast.net.

You can also send them to the foster groups if you like to share with the other foster homes.

VETERINARY VISITS

- ALL VET/MEDICAL RELATED ISSUES ARE TO BE DISCUSSED AND APPROVED BY OUR VET LIASON, ANNE BERG. NOTHING IS TO BE DONE TO ANY OF OUR DOGS WITHOUT ANNE'S KNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL. SHE WILL OFTEN DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE VET FOR NON ROUTINE ISSUES.
- PRIOR TO MAKING ANY VET APPOINTMENT, PLEASE SCAN & EMAIL ALL PAPERWORK TO ANNE AT apugluva@gmail.com or if you need to fax, then call Anne at 516 679-8776 advising you will fax the paperwork, and then call back the same # after she has turned on the fax machine.
- Many of our dogs come into rescue needing to be spayed/neutered, heartworm tested, fecal tested and brought up to date on shots (dhlpp & Rabies only), these are the normal costs associated with your foster – see list below of B.A.R. covered medical things.
- **The rescue does not cover LYME DISEASE testing.** THE VET MUST CLEAR ANYTHING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE NORMAL CARE WITH ANNE PRIOR TO ANY TREATMENT. This includes any medication that a Doctor wishes to prescribe.
- It is very important that we have your Veterinary information on file prior to getting your first foster. BAR needs to set up an account, and BAR needs to call your vet to determine if they will open an account in the Rescue's name plus we need your vets' price schedule.

The following things are what BAR does pay for:

- DHLLP
- Heartworm Test
- Fecal Exam
- Rabies
- Spay or Neuter

Again, anything beyond this must be cleared with Anne Berg @ apugluva@gmail.com

, also prior to receiving any medication or any additional surgeries. **Failure to follow these guidelines may result in you being responsible for the additional cost.**

- You will be supplied with Heartguard Plus, and Frontline Flea medication from April 1st thru October 30th, for your fosters.

You must inform your vet to place a NO ACEPROMAZINE in the foster dogs file and be sure to remind them if you need to schedule surgery.

FOSTER ADOPTIONS

Fostering is one of the toughest positions within the rescue world and the directors have decided to thank our foster homes for their hard work and dedication by offering a discount for you through adoptions.

Your discount will be **one half** the adoption fee.

The following are the guidelines for adoptions that have been set up:

- You must have fostered at least 5 dogs.

- Upon completion of the 5th dog you are eligible for your discount starting with your 6th dog. Puppies are not available at the discounted rate.
- You must let Tina at tinaf0807@gmail.com know prior to receiving a foster that you are interested in adopting a dog as she may have a home in mind already for a dog you are receiving and have spoken to a family.
- Once a dog is offered for adoption that dog will not be available for your adoption unless the adoptive family feels that is not the dog for them.
- Adoptions of more than one dog at a time, the discount will be on the lesser adoption fee.
- Once you have adopted a dog from our organization you will have to foster at least another 5 dogs in order to be eligible for the next discount.

Again the directors at BAR do appreciate the hard work and devotion that our all of our volunteers and our foster homes put into this rescue. Fostering is the toughest position within the organization. It is wear and tear on you, your family and your pets...not to mention your home. We feel this discount is the least we could do to say thank you to all of you for your help. Without you there would be no rescue and we would not be able to save the dogs we have.

We are very proud to have each and every one of you within our group.

Thank you from the bottom of our boxer-loving hearts,
Your Directors