

Lulu's Locker Rescue - Guide for Potential Foster Parents

Thank you for your interest in saving lives by becoming a foster parent. We know that fostering can be a confusing process with the urgent status of animals at open-admission shelters. Every rescue group has their own set of protocols for new Foster Parents. We want to spell out what is entailed with fostering for Lulu's Locker Rescue.



About Us

- We rescue black cats (mostly black), black dogs (mostly black), FIV positive cats, and senior animals. We work off of a list of cats and dogs that we have targeted for rescue. We do consider requests for a specific animal and will make this determination on a case-by-case basis.
- We are a 100% foster-based rescue which means we do not have a physical shelter building. As a result, we ask all Foster Parents to commit to fostering an animal until they're adopted. We do not have back-up foster homes. We are also 100% volunteer-based and do this outside of our jobs in order to help more animals!

Is Fostering Right For Me?

- We will work with you to identify the type of foster animal placement which best fits your experience, household, and living situation.
- If you do not have experience with medical care, we will make sure to place you with a fully vetted animal. An isolation space is required to allow for a gradual introduction to any resident pets.
- If you have experience fostering and would like to intake an animal direct from a shelter, we require the animal be seen by one of our veterinarians. We will work with you to schedule a treatment plan and go over proper quarantine protocols.
- Our veterinarians are located in the city of Tinley Park and in the Ravenswood neighborhood of Chicago. We also use the South Suburban Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic in the city of Chicago Heights.
- **All foster animals must be isolated from your own animals for at least a 2-week period if they arrive direct from a shelter. No exceptions.**
- For animals who arrive directly from a shelter, most of the cats will have a minimum of an Upper Respiratory Infection (URI) which requires any or all of the following supportive home care: antibiotics, Sub-Q (IV) fluids, force feeding, and steam treatment. Dogs may also have a URI, kennel cough, parasites (cats as well), and may need supportive home care.
- Food and supplies can be provided. Most Foster Parents provide these as an in-kind gift to Lulu's Locker.
- If you are currently fostering for another rescue group, we would need to know the name of the group and a contact name. We would contact them to verify it is also okay to foster for us.
- We advertise our adoptable animals on PetFinder.com and AdoptAPet.com, and also ask for the Foster Parent's help in promoting their animal by sending photos, videos, and providing a description of their animal's personality. 90% of our adoptions are referrals through the Foster Parent's family or the adoption websites.
- We offer adoption events in Frankfort and Chicago at least once per month.
- We allow Foster Parents to adopt their foster animal. If you specify that you would like to foster to adopt, we ask that this decision be made within the first 30 days and that an Adoption Application be submitted. If after 30 days the Foster Parent finds themselves not ready to adopt, we ask the Foster Parent to continue providing the animal a temporary home until they are adopted. If at any time you decide to adopt let us know ASAP, as once we start the process with potential adopters we have to honor those applicants first.
- We ask that Foster Parents be available to talk with potential adopters and bring animals to adoption events and Meet & Greets.
- We always appreciate input from our Foster Parents regarding potential adopters, but the final decision is with the rescue.

Becoming a Foster Parent

- To start the approval process, we first ask you to fill out our [Online Foster Parent Application](#).
- Once submitted, we will call you for a phone interview. We check personal references as well as vet references. You will be subject to a home check. We do ask that you give us adequate time to complete this process.
- Once a foster is approved, you will be asked to sign a Foster Parent Contract. You will have a Foster Coordinator to work with directly who will offer continued guidance and support.

We do not want to complicate the fostering process and we want to save as many lives as we responsibly can, and the above processes are in place to protect both the animals and Foster Parents. Questions? LulusLocker@gmail.com

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