

## ***Fostering Position Description***

The *Fostering person* position(s) in rescue may be any SENC Club Member in good standing. The duties of the *Fostering person* include providing a non-permanent home for the dog. The first two weeks of fostering, the *Fostering person* will spend time evaluating the dog, working on behavior issues, manners, re-socializing, and doing whatever it takes to care for and assess the dog and get the Newfoundland dog back into “reality” shape. After two weeks, Adoption starts to find the dog a permanent Adoptive Family.

The *Fostering person* position is also responsible for recruiting Foster Families to provide a non-permanent home.

- ❖ Provide non-permanent home for Newfoundland dog.
  - Evaluates the dog, works on behavior issues, manners, re-socializing
  - Assesses condition and progress of dog
- ❖ Recruit prospective non-permanent foster families
  - Use SENC Membership Listing
  - Use applications that come in from the SENC Website of people that have actually filled out a foster application.
- ❖ Pre-screen prospective foster families by:
  - Conducting a phone interview via their foster application from website.
- ❖ Arrange for Home Visit (inspection) of prospective foster families
  - Use “Home Inspection Form”
  - The home inspection helps clarify what is documented on their foster application. If the foster family passes the home inspection, then they are able to foster a Newfoundland dog. If the foster family does not pass the home inspection, then discuss the problems with foster family and provide a date to have thee issues corrected. Make sure to give a coy of the home inspection form to the non-passing family when discussing these issues.
  - Give copy of “Foster Family Guidelines” to foster family
  - Give a copy of “For All Fosters (Mollie Letter)” to foster family
- ❖ Then match a dog to the foster family
- ❖ Arrange transport of dog from Veterinarian Hospital to Foster family.
  - Use SENC Membership List to find rescue volunteer.
  - Use “Transport Form” to document transport (if required)
- ❖ Send foster family packet of veterinarian contents regarding the dog
  - Copy of veterinarian records of the dog
  - Send all original veterinarian records to Rescue chair
- ❖ Ensure foster family fills out and submits dog evaluation forms weekly.
  - Evaluations to be received every Sunday.
  - Evaluation forms found on the forum website. Email this site to foster family.

- ❖ Maintain on-going, proactive and reactive communication with foster family throughout the fostering period.
- ❖ Communicate all statistics, evaluations, and progress of dog to Rescue Chairperson and Adoption.
- ❖ Communicate with Adoption on the adoption process for this dog, so the foster contact can update the foster family when the dog will be adopted.
- ❖ **Once the Newfoundland Dog is in Foster:**
  - Dog must receive micro chip. This may have been done at veterinarian office of dog may not have a micro chip if dog did not need to go to veterinarian hospital.
  - If dog did not visit the Veterinarian Hospital because the dog was in great health, make sure to have foster family send any receipts to Rescue Chairperson for reimbursement (i.e., initial flea & tick preventative, grooming).

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