



Angie's Stray Foundation, Inc.
"all for her"

DOG + PUPPY

Foster Guide



No matter what level of experience you have as a foster, our goal is to help guide your fostering journey with Angie's Stray Foundation.

Welcome

Thank you for volunteering to foster with Angie's Stray Foundation (ASF)! We are happy to have you on our team. Together we can make a difference and save lives. ASF has a great group of volunteer coordinators to help support you every step of the way!



Our Story

Angie's Stray Foundation was founded in Oxford, PA in 2021 by Ruth Jenkins and named after Angie, Ruth's rescue dog. Angie was found severely injured after she was beaten and left for dead in a field. Angie inspired Ruth to continue to rescue other dogs and cats in need. Along with the support of the community, and a group of dedicated volunteers, we continue to honor Angie by saving others like her. Today, ASF is a foster-based, registered 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to helping stray and neglected dogs and cats in Chester County, PA and the surrounding areas.

All For Her

In Memory of Angie

"In 2017, I rescued and fostered a dog that had been beaten, her jaw shattered. I helped her heal with the help of the community, and she helped me heal my heart. She taught me strength and resilience.

She passed suddenly in 2019. No words can describe the heartbreak. I love you and will miss forever. Rest In peace, Angie."

Ruth Jenkins

Founder Angie's Stray Foundation





Deciding to Foster



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Why Foster a Dog?

Benefits of Fostering

Fostering provides a safe and loving environment for dogs to decompress and learn how to be part of a family. Temporarily welcoming a dog into your home is an extremely rewarding and selfless act. A dog can enrich your life in many ways including reducing stress and loneliness.

Fosters provide shelter and care in order to successfully prepare dogs to find their forever homes. Fostering also helps animal shelters save more dogs by freeing up a spot in their facilities. Additionally, you are reducing the unwanted pet population as ASF ensures that fosters get spayed or neutered.

The one-on-one attention that fosters provide makes a big difference! Plus, fostering dogs or puppies doesn't involve a lifetime commitment, but still makes an immeasurable impact.



Considerations + Expectations

Considerations Before Committing

Take time to consider the following when making your decision to foster:

- Be sure every member of your household is committed. *This includes those not directly related to foster care.*
- Be practical about your own pets and their tolerance of other dogs.
- Be realistic about the time and space you can devote to care, socialize, and train.
- Be thoughtful about what types of dogs you are willing to foster. *ASF gets all kinds including those with medical needs, moms with puppies, and even fearful strays.*
- Be clear about your own expectations. *Fostering takes time, patience, and doesn't have an expiration date.*
- Be brave and ask questions. *There are no silly questions. If you think of a question, chances are someone else has that same one.*

Expectations

Being a foster is time consuming and sometimes challenging but is also very rewarding. At a minimum, you'll need to commit to the following:

- Complete all paperwork and maintain copies of all records.
- Provide a healthy and safe environment.
- Transport to and from vet appointments when needed. *We will do our best to work within your schedule.*
- Dedicate time to socialize and cuddle to teach positive relationships.
- Provide plenty of exercise and positive stimulation.
- Train on basic commands (e.g., sit and stay) to increase adoptability.
- Share pictures and videos to help get your foster adopted.



Communication

Communication Between ASF + Our Fosters

The preferred method of communication is through Facebook Messenger. A private Foster Chat is created for each foster that includes all ASF Coordinators. This ensures that you have a direct line of communication to the amazing ASF team who can help with:

- Answering all your questions
- Coordinating appointments to provide your foster with all the care they need (e.g., spay/neuter, vaccines, deworming, etc.)
- Providing you with supplies
- Helping get your foster adopted by promoting them on social media

To help you get the quickest response, be sure to post in your Foster Chat. This includes pictures and updates about your foster's progress.

Communication
is Key

WOOF!



ASF Online

Social Media

ASF has a Facebook presence. We use our pages and group to share information with the local community (without whom we could not save so many lives), find potential adopters, and share information with all fosters.

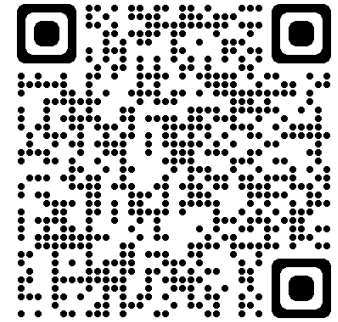
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Community Group



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Volunteer Group



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We also have a group *ASF Dog Fosters* chat that is used to communicate information that everyone needs to know.

Web

The ASF official webpage is: <https://angiesstrayfoundation.org/>. The QR Codes below can be shared to connect to mobile friendly views of ASF's adoptables and for ways to donate.

Angie's Stray Foundation
Petfinder Listings



Angie's Stray Foundation
Donation Page



Record Keeping

Committing to Paperwork

We must maintain detailed records of all the animals currently in ASF's care. This ensures that all receive the care they need, are best prepared to find their forever homes, and ASF follows all legal requirements needed to maintain our 501(c)(3), non-profit status.

Keeping track of paperwork is not the most fun part of being a foster but it is truly one of the most important. Fosters must commit to keeping good records and sharing them with ASF Coordinators through your Foster Chat.

Foster Agreement + Waiver of Liability

All fosters must have a signed agreement and waiver of liability on file with ASF. Complete the online [Foster Agreement & Liability Waiver](#) in its entirety.

Maintaining and Sharing Records

For all appointments including spay and neuter and vet visits, be sure to ask for a copy of the paperwork that outlines the treatment given. Snap a picture of the record and email it to records@angiesstrayfoundation.org.

Billing

Most veterinarians are familiar with our billing process. All invoices should be sent to records@angiesstrayfoundation.org for payment.

Adoption Paperwork

Be sure to review the Adoption Ready section of this guide for additional information on required and important paperwork.



If we don't have a record, we cannot prove that it was done.

Protecting Confidential Information

Within animal rescue, trust and integrity are the foundation of our mission. As caretakers and advocates for the wellbeing of cats and dogs, we have a duty to uphold the highest standards of confidentiality.

Why Confidentiality of Veterinary Records Matters:

- **Protection of Privacy and Dignity:** Just as individuals expect privacy in their medical records, animals deserve the same respect. Maintaining the confidentiality of veterinary records protects the animal.
- **Building Trust with Stakeholders:** Upholding confidentiality of records is essential for building trust with providers, pet owners, adopters, and fosters.
- **Legal and Ethical Compliance:** Adhering to confidentiality protocols for veterinary records is a matter of ethical responsibility and legal compliance.

Why Confidentiality of Internal Processes and Communication is Vital:

- **Protecting Operational Integrity:** Our internal processes, standards, and communications contain essential information about ASF operations and are considered proprietary information.
- **Fostering a Culture of Trust:** Confidentiality fosters a culture of trust and accountability within our organization.
- **Enhancing Collaboration and Innovation:** By ensuring confidentiality, we create a safe space for ASF fosters and volunteers to share ideas, provide feedback, and engage in constructive dialogue, all which support the animals in our care.
- **Legal Compliance and Risk Management:** Confidentiality in all internal processes and communication is essential for legal compliance and risk management.

By safeguarding sensitive information, we reduce the risk of legal liabilities and reputational harm and affirm our unwavering commitment to the wellbeing of the animals we serve and the values that define our organization.





Preparing for Your Foster



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Fostering Key Steps

While every foster experience differs, these simple steps will help to make your foster experience a positive one and position the dog(s) or puppy(ies) in your care for a successful adoption.



Prior to Placement		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Complete the Foster Agreement & Liability Waiver .	Online
Preparing for Your Foster		
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Set up a safe and secure space for your foster to be quarantined and decompress.	10
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Determine what supplies you need and share in your Foster Chat.	
After Receiving Your Foster		
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Conduct health assessment.	18, 42-43
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Arrange for deworming.	24
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Schedule vaccinations.	26
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Manage spay/neuter appointments.	28
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Help ASF keep updated records.	44
Application Approvals + Adoption Day		
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Planning adoption day.	39-40
<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Prepare adopter packet.	45-46

All animal intake requests must be approved by Ruth Jenkins. Once approved, you will be contacted by the ASF Team for placement.



Preparation + Supplies

In anticipation of receiving fosters, please advise on any supplies you may need using your Foster Chat. Each situation is different and the type and amount of supplies you need will depend on the age and number of your fosters. If you are not sure what to request, please ask for guidance. We are here to help you through every step of this process.

Adult Dogs

- Create a safe space that will allow your foster to decompress and acclimate. It is very important that your foster be quarantined before introducing to the other pets in your home. This allows time for decompression, parasite treatment and observation for any illness.
- Dog proof each room your foster will be in, as you would for a toddler.
- Secure food and medications in a location your foster can not access them. Counters are not a safe zone; many pups are good jumpers.
- Create an area outside that is safe and secure. If you do not have a fenced in yard, your foster should NOT be off-leash. If you can not supervise your foster, bring them back into the house.

Supplies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket | <input type="checkbox"/> Collar / Harness | <input type="checkbox"/> Poop Bags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowls | <input type="checkbox"/> Disinfecting Wipes | <input type="checkbox"/> Crate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toys | <input type="checkbox"/> Disinfecting Spray | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby gate(s) |



Preparation + Supplies

Puppies + Pregnant Moms

- Puppy proof each room your foster will be in, as you would for a toddler.
- Kiddie pools make a great, safe place for pregnant moms to give birth and allow them to take break by stepping out while keeping the puppies contained.
- Depending on the age and vaccine status of your puppies, they often need to be quarantined for longer than 14 days to monitor for any incubating or undetectable illnesses and protect them from exposure to illness until they are old enough to be vaccinated. Even after vaccinated, puppies must be kept safe to allow for new vaccines to take effect.
- While quarantined, it's important that you keep their waste separate from your dogs. Doing so reduces the chance of passing communicable diseases. Use a separate part of your yard or an exercise pen to keep your puppies contained.
- Puppies may need to be weighed on a regular basis to ensure they are gaining weight at regular intervals. A small animal scale, food scale, or baby scale are all good investments for puppy fosters.

Supplies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys | <input type="checkbox"/> Collar / Harness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowls | <input type="checkbox"/> Disinfectant Wipes | <input type="checkbox"/> Poop Bags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disinfectant Spray | <input type="checkbox"/> Leash | <input type="checkbox"/> Poop Can |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Piddle Pads | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby gate(s) | |





Receiving for Your Foster



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Day One at Home

Once your foster have been brought into your home, the quarantine period begins. In most cases we do not have health histories for the animals that come into our care. **Remember, quarantining is a must as it's a critical step in keeping all of the animals in our care (and our own pets) safe.** It also gives time for your foster(s) to get used to their new surroundings.

A very important role that fosters play is maintaining copies of your foster(s) records. This includes entering information into necessary systems, sharing copies of records with coordinators, and ensuring that you've completed your [Foster Agreement & Liability Waiver](#). It's not the most fun part of the job but it is critical in ASF's ability to continue rescuing animals.

When you receive your foster, you will get a copy of any existing vet records. Be sure to post pictures within your Foster Chat of all paperwork. If you do not receive records, be sure to double check using your Foster Chat to ensure there are no records available.

Be Patient

It's important to go slow with your foster. Everything is new to them, and they need time to adjust. Take time to earn their trust and read their body language. Don't push. Remember that slow and steady wins the race; it does not mean that you are not doing a good job. Your foster is in charge of the acceptance and trust timetable.

Here are some additional tips:

- Do what you can when your foster feels safe enough to allow it.
- As they become comfortable, check your dog over nonchalantly.
- Dogs can sense nervousness, anxiety, or aggression from you. Focus on helping them feel safe, and do what you can, when you can.

Vacation Plans? Let ASF Coordinators know using your Foster Chat to arrange temporary care for your foster(s) while you're gone.

The Importance of Decompression

When foster dogs first arrive, they often experience stress and anxiety. This is especially true for dogs coming from crowded shelters or abusive and neglectful situations. Providing adequate time for decompression is crucial for your foster's well-being.

Here's why decompression is critical:



Reduce Stress

Decompression allows foster dogs to acclimate gradually, minimizing stress levels associated with the sudden change.



Observe Behavior

Decompression gives time to observe the dog's behavior, identify triggers, and work with ASF Coordinators to address specific needs.



Building Trust

By providing a calm and predictable environment, foster dogs learn to trust their caregivers, fostering a positive relationship.



Prevent Overload

New environments can be overwhelming; decompression helps prevent sensory overload, ensuring a smoother transition.

Follow these actions to help your foster successfully decompress.

- 1 PROVIDE A QUIET SPACE**
Designate a quiet, comfortable space with a cozy bed or crate to create a secure environment.
- 2 ESTABLISH A 14-DAY QUARANTINE**
Separate your foster from your household pets then allow gradual, supervised interactions.
- 3 USE A GENTLE TOUCH**
Approach your foster calmly and use slow, gentle movements. Allow them to initiate contact.
- 4 BE PATIENT AND OBSERVE**
Allow your foster to set the pace while observing body language for signs of stress or comfort.
- 5 CREATE A ROUTINE**
Establish a daily routine for feeding, walks, and playtime. Consistency helps your foster feel secure.
- 6 ALLOW GRADUAL INTERACTIONS OVER TIME**
Limit interactions with people and pets. Too many early introductions can overwhelm your foster.
- 7 PROVIDE ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES**
Provide mentally stimulating toys and activities to keep the dog engaged.
- 8 STAY CONNECTED**
Regularly communicate with ASF Coordinators using your Foster Chat to share progress and concerns.

Remember, each foster dog is unique, and the decompression process may vary. Reach out to ASF Coordinators using your Foster Chat for help and be sure to report any concerning behaviors immediately.

After Receiving Your Foster

Naming Dogs + Puppies

If your foster doesn't come with a name, you get to give them one! Be creative. Clever and fun names get noticed. If you have more than one, try using a theme. Names are identities and a link between a foster and potential adopters.

Once you've landed on a name it's important to stick with it. This will help your foster learn their name and ensure ASF is able to keep accurate records.

Puppy Development Timeline

1 WEEK

For now, I...

- can't see and can't hear.
- can't manage my body temperature.
- feel uncomfortable and suddenly cry.

2 WEEKS

Now...

- my eyes are opening a little.
- I have 5 to 10% more body mass.
- I'm getting used to my owner.

3 WEEKS

I can...

- stand and sit for the first time.
- wag my tail, growl and socialize.
- hear and eat (in small quantities).

4 WEEKS

Nowadays...

- my legs are strong and i can play.
- my back teeth are getting stronger.
- most of my nutrition will be with puppy food.

5 WEEKS

For now, I...

- am learning to bite.
- really like to run and play.
- am very noisy, because I am developing my bark.

6 WEEKS

I have...

- completely weaned from mom.
- needs to eat 5 to 6 small meals a day.
- can still try to suckle mom's milk, but there's no need.

7 WEEKS

At that time...

- I start showing signs of fear.
- My owner need to protect myself against fleas and the best products for that are natural ones, because chemicals can hurt me.

8 WEEKS

Now, I'm...

- ready to adapt to my new home.
- in a super fun and playful phase.
- stopping being a puppy and I'm becoming a dog.

3 MONTHS

And...

- I'm at the height of my learning
- I'm preparing to receive my first vaccines
- it's time to learn how to use the potty, to bite and to socialize

4 MONTHS

Here...

- we need to reinforce my training.
- I'm still able to learn new things.
- I'm looking like an adult.

5 MONTHS

And now...

- I can already do short walks
- I'm chewing a lot due to my baby teeth
- it's a great time to reinforce my memory and remembrance

6 MONTHS

Look...

- I've almost completed my growth
- if I'm a female, I'm becoming sexually mature
- reached about of my adult weight at this age

7 MONTHS

Now...

- I eat like an adult dog.
- I look like an adult dog.
- I have all 42 adult teeth.

8 MONTHS

And I...

- I have many hormones.
- Frequent walks lessen my curiosity.
- I still need to practice remembering to stay obedient

9 MONTHS

Lastly...

- I'm on my way to adulthood.
- I can practice harder activities and sports.
- if I'm a female, I should be spayed when the first season is over.

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Assessing Your Foster's Health

Conducting An Intake Health Assessment

The table below gives guidance on what to look for during the health assessment. The Health Assessment Form on pages 41-43 is also helpful.

If you find something concerning, share details in your Foster Chat. When possible, include photos and detailed descriptions. The information presented in the “What to do” column, indicates the typical course of action. **Do not administer any medications or treatment until you’ve consulted with an ASF coordinator.** They have much experience and will help you determine the best course of action including confirming medications and dosages.

	What to look for:	What to do:
Body	Check for lumps, bumps, and any other abnormalities.	Some issues will require a vet visit.
Coat + Skin	Look for wounds, hair loss, matting, crusting, redness, or inflammation.	Medicated shampoos can be effective in treating many coat + skin issues. For matting, a grooming appointment may be necessary.
Ears	Inspect inside and out, look for debris, discharge, malodor, redness, itchiness, inflammation, and ear mites.	Depending on the issue topical treatments may resolve the issue or a vet visit may be needed.
Eyes	Inspect for discharge, redness, or cloudiness.	Infected eyes can often be treated with Terramycin ointment but depending on severity or additional symptoms may require a vet visit.
Nose	Check for discharge and sneezing which may indicate an upper respiratory infection.	In most cases antibiotics are needed.
Mouth	Check for any abnormalities including ulcers, missing or broken teeth, and bad smelling breath.	Most mouth abnormalities require a vet visit.
Fleas + Flea Dirt	Look for black flakes that resemble pepper in the dog's fur – this is flea dirt (poop). Check the “armpits” and groin area as this is the best place to spot adult fleas.	If live fleas are found, bathe in Dawn Original (Blue) Dish Soap, then use a flea comb to remove remaining fleas.
Voiding	Look for blood or signs of straining or crying when urinating. Examine stool for mucus, blood, or parasites.	Depending on the issue, topical treatments may resolve the problem or a vet visit may be needed.





Feeding Your Foster

Recommendations for Feeding Your Fosters

Every dog is different. You'll need to monitor your foster's eating habits to ensure they maintain a healthy weight.

Puppies generally require more calories than adult dogs. Pregnant and nursing moms should be given access to free feed. All dogs need constant access to fresh water.

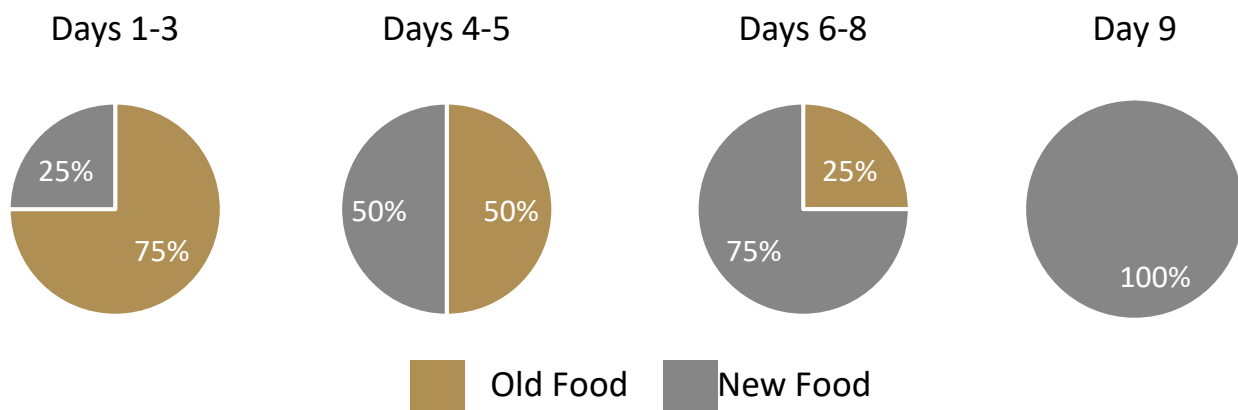
General Daily Feeding Recommendations

	DOG WEIGHT	CUPS PER DAY		DOG WEIGHT	CUPS PER DAY
TOY 	3 lbs	1/3 cup 139 calories	MEDIUM 	30 lbs	1 3/4 cups 781 calories
	6 lbs	1/2 cup 233 calories		40 lbs	2 1/4 cups 969 calories
SMALL 	10 lbs	3/4 cup 342 calories		LARGE 	50 lbs
	15 lbs	1 cup 464 calories	60 lbs		3 cups 1313 calories
	20 lbs	1 1/3 cups 576 calories	70 lbs		3 1/2 cups 1474 calories
		80 lbs	3 3/4 cups 1629 calories		
		90 lbs	4 1/4 cups 1779 calories		
		100 lbs	4 1/2 cups 1926 calories		

Requesting Supplies

As a non-profit organization, we rely on the generosity of local businesses and the community, usually in the form of donations. This means that at times you may need to change the brand and type of food your foster is eating. **Alert the ASF Team, using your Foster Chat, when your food supplies are at half.** This will enable you to gradually change over to a new diet if the food you are currently feeding is not in ASF stock. Fosters with allergies or prescription diets will be kept on their required food.

Guide for Changing to a New Food



Parasites

Fleas

Consult with the ASF Coordinators, using your Foster Chat, prior to giving any flea treatments or medications.

Fleas are tiny little pests that can cause big problems for your foster(s). Many dogs and puppies have fleas. Here's what to look for:

- Excessive itching, scratching and biting at their fur
- Pepper sized flakes (flea dirt) on the skin within fur
- Inflamed skin and/or dry patches
- Matted or missing patches of fur



Ticks

There are at least 15 species of tick in the USA of which a few are harmful to humans and dogs:

- American Dog Tick is the most common tick in PA. It's also common in Southern states and coastal areas. These ticks can transmit serious diseases
- Lone Star Tick lives in the underbrush in wooded areas, along rivers and even urban areas. They transmit diseases like ehrlichiosis and tularemia.
- Black-legged Tick or "deer tick" can carry Lyme disease. It's found across the Northeast with infestations in several parts of PA.

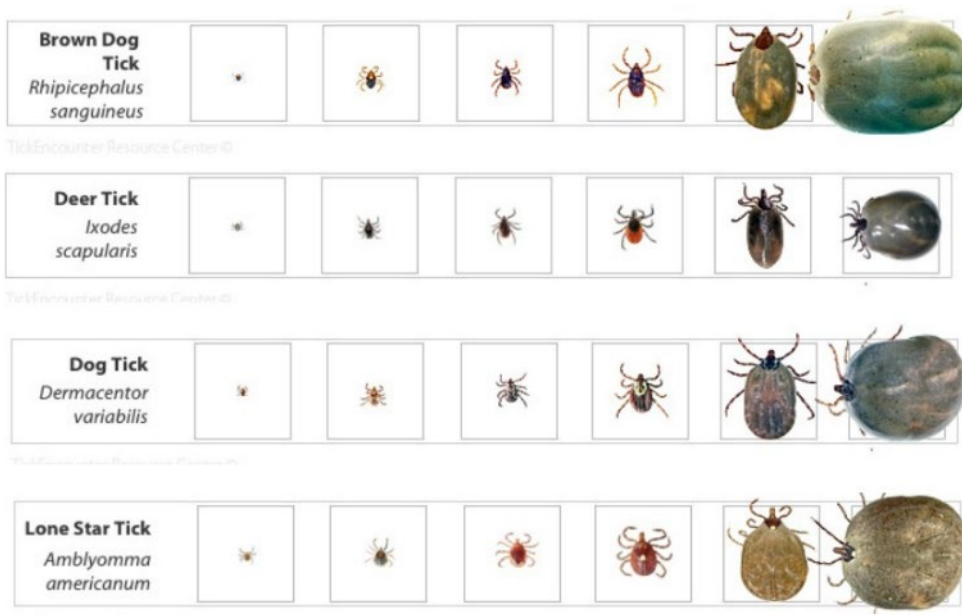
As soon as you notice something concerning, immediately contact ASF Coordinators using your Foster Chat.

Parasites

How to Remove a Tick from a Dog

It's important to remove the tick promptly and correctly. Using a pair of tweezers is the most common and effective way to remove a tick. But not just any tweezers will work. Most household tweezers have large, blunt tips. You should use fine-point tweezers, to avoid tearing the tick and spreading possible infections into the bite area.

1. Spread your dog's fur.
2. Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible using tweezers or a tick tool.
3. Very gently, pull straight upward, in a slow, steady motion. This will prevent the tick's mouth from breaking off and remaining embedded in the skin. People often believe it's the head of the tick that embeds in the skin. But ticks don't have heads, in the conventional sense, so what gets inserted into your dog is known as "mouth parts."
4. After you've removed the tick, make sure to wash your hands thoroughly, clean the bite site with rubbing alcohol, and rinse the tweezers or tool with disinfectant.



Never remove a tick with your fingers—it's ineffective and squeezing may further inject infectious material.



Parasites

Worms

Parasites in dogs and puppies are very common. It's important to examine your foster's stool for signs of parasites. It's also possible that animals that are severely infested will vomit parasites. If that happens, be sure to disinfect the area.

Keeping potty spots clean can also reduce the spread and possible re-infection. Post in your Foster Chat for guidance on treatment and the dosage needed for your foster's age and weight.

Some parasites are transmittable from dogs to humans. Good hygiene minimizes the risk significantly. Wash your hands after medicating and playing with your foster and always after scooping and handling food dishes.

Ringworm

Ringworm, as it is commonly called, is actually fungus. The fungus grows and lives in the outermost layer of skin, in hair follicles, and occasionally in the nails. The infection is superficial, and in most cases only affects a few areas of the dog's body. Puppies, senior dogs, and immunocompromised dogs sometimes suffer from more widespread ringworm infections.

Symptoms of ringworm include:

- Circular areas of hair loss
- Dry, brittle hair
- Scabby, inflamed skin
- Rough, brittle nails



Treating ringworm can consist of topical treatments, oral treatments and cleaning the contaminated areas.

Parasites

Ear Mites

Ear mites are highly contagious parasites that live inside and around ear canals. The dog ear mite belongs to a group of parasitic mites that live on the surface of the skin rather than burrowing into it. They tend to be less than half of a millimeter long and can be seen best under a microscope. In addition to dogs, these mites affect various species, including cats, rabbits, ferrets, and occasionally livestock.

Ear mites cause an intense itch. The most common symptoms of a dog ear mite infection include:

- Scratching and rubbing at the ears
- Shaking the head
- Dark discharge from the ears
- Hair loss, skin lesions, and secondary skin infections, which can develop around the ears, head, and neck from all the scratching and rubbing

Bacterial and yeast ear infections can look like ear mite infestations. If you suspect something is going on with your foster's ears, contact ASF Coordinators using your Foster Chat.



Deworming

Deworming Dogs + Puppies

Consult with the ASF Coordinators, using your Foster Chat, prior to giving any deworming medications.

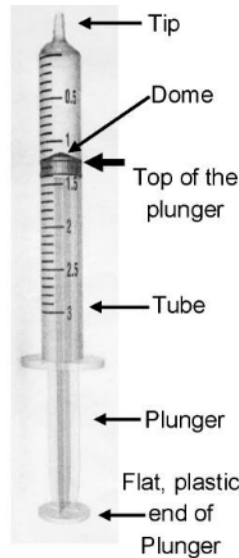
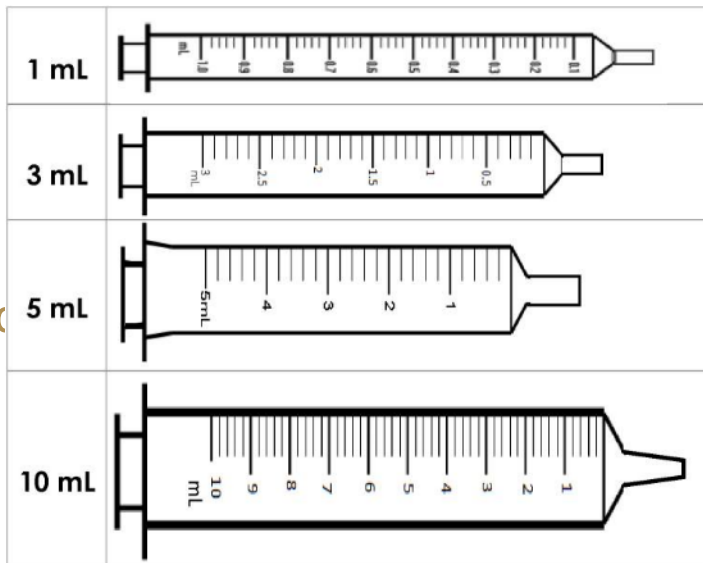
Even when we don't see worms, it's good to give deworming medication. The medications we use are generally very safe. Dosing is done by weight so record a current weight prior to reaching out. Our Vaccination/Deworming Coordinator will confirm the medication to use, the schedule for administering, and provide you with supplies. As dosage increase with weight, you'll need to weigh your foster(s) prior to each dose to ensure you are giving the correct amount.

Dog Dosing Chart



**Fenbendazole
(Panacur)**
10% liquid (100mg/ml)
*Roundworms, Hookworms,
Lungworms, Whipworms,
some Tapeworms*

Weight	Dosage	Weight	Dosage
10 lbs	2 ml	60 lbs	12 ml
20 lbs	4 ml	70 lbs	14 ml
30 lbs	6 ml	80 lbs	16 ml
40 lbs	8 ml	90 lbs	18 ml
50 lbs	10 ml	100 lbs	20 ml



Measure using the
Top of the Plunger

Digestive Health

Healthy Fosters = Healthy Poo

Generally, there are five things to take note of in your foster's stool:

1. **Color:** The color of your foster's stool gives insight into their digestive health. Light to dark brown color in your dog's stools is the perfect poo.
2. **Consistency:** The consistency of your foster's stools should be firm and easy to pick up. Too watery or too dry may indicate something is wrong.
3. **Contents:** It is possible that you will see things in your foster's stool. This can be normal but be alert for things that may indicate a problem.
4. **Size/Shape:** Stools should be log-shaped, maintain their form and be around the same size as the food portions eaten.
5. **Frequency:** The number of times your foster poos should be consistent – whether that's once or five times per day. If there are frequency changes it may indicate a problem.

Consistency Score

Score	Description	Notes
1	Hard, dry pellets	Requires effort to expel, sign of constipation. Often a sign of not enough water consumption. Could indicate too much or too little fibre. Check in with your trusted diet advisor, if persists.
2	Firm, moist, with only a mild odour.	The ideal poops Normal healthy poo! Keep doing what you are doing.
3	Moist, log shaped, maintains shape.	
4	Large, soft log, soggy, smelly.	Generally seen in pets eating a processed diet with starches and carbohydrates which aren't properly absorbed by the system, resulting in large amounts of undigested carbohydrate produced in the stool.
5	Large, sloppy, smelly.	Your dog may be feeling unwell or ate something to upset their tummy. Monitor them closely and if diarrhoea persists for more than 12 hours, book an appointment with your vet.
6	Diarrhoea.	May be a sign of stress or infection. Monitor very closely as watery diarrhoea can lead to dehydration, especially in pups. Seek veterinary advice if persistent.
7	Watery diarrhoea.	
8	First part of stool firm, latter part is loose.	May be an indication of small bowel overgrowth, IBS or malabsorption. If persists, discuss with your veterinarian at your next check-up.

Colour & Contents Score

Score	Description	Notes
A	Light to dark brown.	Normal healthy poo! Keep doing what you are doing. Different shades of brown are determined by what your dog recently ate. For example, on a day your dog ate a bone, their stool would be lighter.
B	Small, chalky, white (immediately).	Possibly too much calcium or bone in diet. Indicates a dietary change is required. However, it is normal for a raw fed dogs' stools to turn light and start disintegrating within 24 hours of passing.
C	Sloppy, grey, greasy-looking.	This may be a sign of too much fat in the diet. Check in with your trusted diet advisor about the total fat in your pets diet and decrease if too high.
D	Green or orange.	May be due to diet (excess grass and carrots for example) or a sign biliary or liver issues. Discuss with your vet.
E	Red blood visible in stool.	Indicates bleeding in lower digestive tract. Requires veterinary attention.
F	Black, tar-looking.	This may be blood from the upper gastrointestinal tract that has dried to a dark colour. Book an appointment with your veterinarian.
G	Soft, covered in mucous.	May be a sign of infection. Seek veterinary advice.
H	White spots or visible worms.	Indicates infection. Book an appointment with your veterinarian and bring the stool sample with you.

Vaccinations

Vaccination Schedule

There are many vaccines available to protect the health of our fosters. ASF provides our dogs with core vaccines, those that are legally required and strongly recommended for all dogs. Core vaccines protect animals from severe, life-threatening diseases that have global distributions.

Our Vaccination/Deworming Coordinator will monitor your foster's needs and reach out to you through your Foster Chat to schedule vaccines. Fosters must be healthy at the time of their appointment to receive their vaccination. If you foster shows signs of illness, no matter how mild, alert the ASF team using your Foster Chat.

DHPP

DHPP, also called DA2PP, is a combination vaccine that immunizes dogs for four diseases. The vaccine is typically injected subcutaneously (under the skin).

- **Canine Distemper** is a serious virus that starts in the respiratory system. This disease is highly contagious to unvaccinated dogs and is often fatal.
- **Canine Adenovirus type 2** may cause kennel cough in dogs and is associated with canine infectious respiratory disease syndrome.
- **Parvovirus** is a highly contagious, life-threatening virus that causes severe gastrointestinal effects in dogs. Parvo can be fatal, especially in puppies.
- **Parainfluenza** is a virus that affects the respiratory system in dogs and is known to cause kennel cough.

The vaccine contains a small amount of the virus in order to "teach" the immune system how to fight it. The amount of virus present is not capable of making a dog become clinically ill with the virus.

Vaccinations

Rabies

While rare, thanks to vaccines, rabies is significant not only for its effect on dogs but because it is a disease that is transmissible to humans and can be fatal. Most states, including PA, require by law that dogs be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with a defined schedule.

Your foster(s) will be vaccinated for rabies during their spay/neuter appointment. If your foster was spayed/neutered prior to intake by ASF, a vet appointment will be scheduled for the rabies vaccine to be administered.

Core Vaccine Schedule

6-8 Weeks	10-12 Weeks	14-16 Weeks	Annually
			
DHPP	DHPP	DHPP Rabies	DHPP Rabies

Note: Adult dogs not previously vaccinated for DHPP will require a booster shot four weeks after the first vaccine is administered.



Spaying & Neutering

Most puppies are ready to be spayed or neutered when they are 4-6 months old. Puppies must be in good health and weigh at least four pounds.

The ASF Team will arrange your foster's appointment when they are old enough. All information will be shared with you through your Foster Chat.

Preparing for Your Appointment

- Fosters must be healthy to be spayed/neutered. If they show any signs of illness, no matter how minor, alert ASF Coordinators using your Foster Chat.
- Fosters should be fed normally the day prior to their appointment.
- Remove access food at 10pm the night before their appointment.
- Have a space prepared to contain your foster(s) after their appointment. Activity needs to be limited for at least 24 hours following the surgery. This timeframe can be longer for females and adult dogs.

Appointment Day

- Drop off your foster at the designated clinic/veterinarian office.
- Advise that you are with Angie's Stray Foundation, Inc.
- On average, dogs are ready for pick up after 3pm that day. This can vary depending on the facility, the exact time of the procedure, and how quickly they wake from anesthesia.
- Give fresh water then wait 1-2 hours to ensure no vomiting.
- If no vomiting, then give ¼ of their normal amount of food.
- It is normal if they do not have an appetite for the remainder of the day.

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Spaying & Neutering

In order to minimize the risk of your foster(s) picking up kennel cough and infecting other fosters or your own pets, plan to quarantine them for a week after the appointment.

While veterinary hospitals take precautions to minimize the risk of illness, it is still possible for dogs to get sick at the vet. Here are a few reasons why:

1. **Infectious Diseases:** Veterinary hospitals treat a variety of animals, including those with contagious diseases. Despite efforts to maintain strict sanitation protocols and separate areas for different patients, there is still a minimal risk of exposure to infectious diseases.
2. **Stressed Environment:** Dogs can experience stress and anxiety during vet visits, which can weaken their immune system and make them more susceptible to infections. Additionally, the presence of other animals in the waiting area can increase the risk of exposure to potential pathogens.
3. **Immunocompromised Dogs:** Dogs with weakened immune systems, due to chemotherapy or chronic illnesses, may have a higher susceptibility to contracting infections in any environment, including veterinary hospitals.
4. **Unvaccinated Dogs:** If your dog has not or is unable to receive their vaccinations, they may be at a higher risk of contracting diseases when visiting a veterinary hospital.

To minimize the risk of illness at the vet, here are some steps you can take:

1. **Vaccinations:** Ensure your dog is up to date on all necessary vaccinations.
2. **Good Hygiene:** Wash your hands before and after visiting the veterinary hospital. Don't let your dog have direct contact with other animals while there.
3. **Keep Sick Dogs Home:** If your dog is ill, inform the veterinary hospital in advance and ask for guidance. In some cases, they may recommend rescheduling the appointment or taking additional precautions.
4. **Follow Veterinary Recommendations:** Listen to and follow the instructions provided by the veterinary hospital to keep your dog safe and healthy.

Providence Animal Center

Providence Animal Center

If your foster is scheduled at Providence Animal Center (PAC), the information detailed below will help your appointment go smoothly.

Fosters must be healthy to be spayed or neutered. If you need to cancel or reschedule this appointment for any reason or have any questions, alert ASF Coordinators ASAP using your Foster Chat.

You should withhold food starting at 10:00pm the night before surgery. Your foster can have access to water overnight.

Providence Animal Center (www.providenceac.org | (610) 566-1370) is located at 555 Sandy Bank Road, Media, PA, 19063.

- **Arrival:** Drop off between 9-9:30am in the main lobby of the Adoption Center.
- **Pick-up:** The same day between 4-5pm at the same location as drop off.

Fosters are required to be up-to-date on their rabies vaccination. Proof must be provided at time of drop-off.

- If you do not have a copy of the rabies certificate, alert the ASF Team through your Foster Chat.
- If your foster has not yet had their rabies vaccine, it can be given by PAC at time of surgery. You'll notice an additional \$20 charge for this added to our bill.

Late policy: If you are 8 minutes late, the appointment will be cancelled.

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Spaying & Neutering

Day After the Procedure and Following Days

- It's normal that their behavior is slightly off during the first 24 hours; glassy-eyed, sleepy, nauseous, wobbly, vocal, or irritable are all normal but should be reported in your Foster Chat if lasting longer than 24 hours.
- Encourage frequent, short movements to help your pet recover from the anesthesia.
- Fosters should be supervised and on exercise restriction for the next 10-14 days.
- Keep the incision dry and monitor twice daily until healed.
- A small amount of blood is normal immediately after surgery.
- Some redness and swelling of the incision is expected and normal.

If you see any of the following signs, contact the ASF Coordinators immediately through your Foster Chat:

- Unwillingness to eat more than 24 hours after surgery.
- Lethargy or weakness.
- White-colored gums.
- Belly swelling.
- High or low breathing rate.
- Multiple episodes of diarrhea and vomiting.
- Straining to urinate with no urine production.
- No urination within 12-24 hours after surgery.



If your foster is licking or biting at the incision, they will need a cone to prevent tearing their stitches. It is a best practice for all male dogs to wear a cone to prevent licking when they need to be left alone. Cones are not provided at the time of the procedure, so prepare in advance by reaching out in your Foster Chat.

Addressing + Treating Injuries

Caring for Scratches and Bite Wounds

Even the most well-trained dogs can play rough, and accidents happen. If you are bitten or scratched by your foster, alert ASF using your Foster Chat.

Scratches

Daily interactions with your foster — including playtime — can sometimes result in scratches. These might occur from your dog's nails when they step on you or jump up on you, as well as accidentally scratching you with their teeth while playing fetch or during feedings.

When you get scratched by a dog, you may notice red marks on your skin. These may temporarily become painful and swollen and, in rare, severe cases, lead to more serious health risks.

Any dog scratch — including those that seem mild and harmless — should be treated immediately to prevent infection and other health complications. Consider the following steps:

- First, wash (but don't scrub) the dog scratch wound with warm water and soap. Rinse for at least 5 minutes. Pat dry with a clean towel.
- If the dog scratch is bleeding, apply pressure to the area with a clean gauze pad.
- Apply an over-the-counter (OTC) antibiotic cream or ointment.
- Cover the wound with a sterile bandage.

If accidental scratches are occurring frequently, contact ASF Coordinators using your Foster Chat as your foster may need a nail trim.



Addressing + Treating Injuries

Bite Wounds

You're playing with your foster, and somehow, between playful growls and tail wags, it can happen. Those canine teeth can bite or scratch. There are steps you need to take right away to treat the wound and reduce the risk of infection. Depending on the severity of the wound, you may need to seek professional medical attention the same day.

A dog's front teeth will grab and compress your tissue, and their smaller teeth can also tear your skin. The result is an open, jagged wound. The primary concern is the risk of infection. If you have diabetes or are immunocompromised, your infection risk is even greater.

If you are bitten, take these steps right away:

- Wash the wound. Use mild soap and run warm tap water over it for five to 10 minutes.
- Slow the bleeding with a clean cloth.
- Apply over-the-counter antibiotic cream if you have it.
- Wrap the wound in a sterile bandage.
- Keep the wound bandaged and see your doctor.
- Change the bandage several times a day once your doctor has examined the wound.
- Watch for signs of infection, including redness, swelling, increased pain and fever.

After any bite, you should make sure you know when your last tetanus shot was — and that you're up-to-date. While a tetanus immunization is good for 10 years, your doctor may recommend a booster if the wound is dirty, and it's been more than five years since your last shot.

After you have treated the wound, contact ASF Coordinators immediately using your Foster Chat.



Adoption Ready

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Adoption Ready?

Knowing When Your Foster is Ready

There are certain requirements that ASF has in place to determine if a foster is ready to be listed as adoptable. Answering the questions below will help you determine if your foster is ready to find their forever home.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Have all previous health issues or concerns been addressed? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Is your foster currently healthy? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Has your foster received all vaccines, including boosters, appropriate for their age? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Has your foster been treated for parasites including fleas and worms? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Is your foster at least eight weeks old? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Is your foster housebroken? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Have you alerted ASF Coordinators of any behavioral issues? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Have you shared images of all records with ASF coordinators through your Foster Chat? |

If you answer yes to all of the question above, then congratulations! You did it! Your foster is ready to be adopted!



Promoting Your Foster

Showcasing Your Foster

Once your pets are ready for adoption, we encourage you to advertise your fosters and Angie's Stray Foundation through your personal social media pages if you are comfortable doing so. The more we get the word out the increased likelihood that your foster(s) will find their forever home.

Posting Your Foster on our Pet Adoption Sites

There are currently two sites (Petfinder + Adoptapet) that ASF subscribes where you will need to list your foster(s). You know your foster(s) best and it really helps the ASF Team if you list them.

Using Petfinder Pro

Once your foster(s) are ready for adoption it is time to list them on Petfinder. Please contact the ASF Technology Coordinator for login credentials and assistance using the site.

Review the [Petfinder Pro Instructions](#) for step-by-step directions on adding your foster(s) into Petfinder. The document is also posted on the Angie's Stray Foundation Volunteer Facebook page under Files.

Using Adoptapet

- Visit the Adoptapet website at www.adoptapet.com.
- Scroll down to Shelter login and use ASF's credentials.



Username: ruth@angiesstrayfoundation.org.

Password: Angie2023\$\$.

- Complete the required fields and upload photos of your foster(s).

If you have question using either Petfinder Pro or Adoptapet, let us know using your Foster Chat.

Application Process

Application Approval

ASF Adoption Coordinators process all applications as they are received. They conduct a thorough review of information submitted, contact vet and personal references, and follow-up with any questions for the applicant(s). Trust that the ASF Team has done their due diligence to ensure that your foster is going to the best possible home. We have a rigorous process in place to give all fosters the happily ever after they deserve.

You will be notified when an approved application has been received for your foster(s).

It's exciting and sometimes a little bit sad when your foster(s) gets adopted. Rest assured that you have done your job as our goal is to find all ASF fosters their forever homes.

Sometimes your friends or family members fall in love with and adopt your foster. This is a happy ending for everyone!

All potential adopters, even the ones we know well, must fill out an application and go through the approval process. Your recommendation does help expedite to process.

The adoption form is available on the ASF webpage at:
<https://angiesstrayfoundation.org/adopt/>.



Adoption Donations

Adoption Donations for Dogs + Puppies

There may be exceptions to adoption fees for specific dogs and breeds. For example, certain breeds may require a higher donation. You will be alerted to this in your Foster Chat. Generally, our fees are as detailed below.

Not Spayed or Neutered

The adoption donation is \$450. This donation includes a \$50 spay/neuter deposit that will be refunded by ASF upon proof that the dog has been spayed/neutered.

- Adopters can use their veterinarian of choice for spaying/neutering.
- ASF can assist with a lower cost option through Providence Animal Center (PAC). Adopters should email ASF (records@angiesstrayfoundation.org) for details.

In both instances, the adopter is responsible for transporting their adopted dog and paying all costs for the procedure. Once the spay/neuter is complete, adopters should send the to records@angiesstrayfoundation.org and include information on where to send their refund, preferably via PayPal.

Already Spayed or Neutered

The adoption donation for those already spayed or neutered is \$400.

Payment of Adoption Donation

Donations must be paid prior to the adopter leaving with their new pet. See below for a list of all acceptable payment methods.

Direct adopters to: <https://angiesstrayfoundation.org/adopt/donation> and advise them to select Pay by Credit Card via (PayPal). This is the preferred payment method. ASF no longer accepts personal checks as a form of payment for adoption donations.

Cash: Notify ASF through your Foster Chat that payment was made in cash. Within 1-2 days of adoption, you will need to deliver the cash to an ASF Coordinator or send the donation using the link above.

Adoption Approved

Steps for a Successful Adoption

Coordinating Meet & Greet and Preparing for Adoption Day

1. After you are notified that an application has been approved, ASF Coordinators will send a congratulations email that includes our Adoption Agreement to the adopters and copy you.
2. Respond to all on the message and advise the adopters that you will be coordinating a meet and greet with their new family member.
3. Coordinate schedules with adopters to identify the best day and time. Adopters should bring their current dogs with them for the meet and greet.
4. Pick a location to meet. If you are not comfortable having the adopters come to your home and your foster(s) is fully vaccinated, you may want to meet in a nearby park to allow plenty of space, especially if the adopters have other dogs. If your foster(s) is not fully vaccinated, contact the ASF Coordinators using your Foster Chat for assistance in finding a location.
5. Prepare paper copies of all records and complete the Adoption Certificate and Pet Information Sheet available in the appendix. This is their adoption information pack.
6. Have the [Adoption Agreement](#) available in case the adopters did not already complete and submit.

Adoption Day

1. Have your foster contained in an area that makes it easy to conduct the meet and greet. If all goes well, then proceed with the remaining steps.
2. Confirm that the adopter has submitted a complete Adoption Agreement. If not, they will need to complete as the first step on adoption day. **We must have a completed copy, no exceptions, prior to adopters taking their new pup(s) home.**



Adoption Approved

Adoption Day (continued)

3. Confirm that the adopter has paid the appropriate adoption donation. If not, ask the adopter to pay adoption donation and share their confirmation with you prior to completing the adoption. **Payment must be received prior to adopters leaving with their pup, no exceptions.**
4. Advise on what type of food you are feeding and how often. Let adopters know to change food gradually to avoid upset tummies.
5. Explain to the adopter of the 3-3-3 Rule.
6. Give the adopter their adoption information pack.
7. Ask permission to take and share a photo on the ASF Facebook page.
8. Post photos and payment confirmation in your Foster Chat.

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Forms



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Health Assessment

Basic Information

Name

Date Acquired

Sex Female Male **Weight** lbs oz

Age Estimate Known

Color

Health Assessment

Describe the condition of the dog/puppy on intake:

Healthy Injured Sick

If injured or sick, describe the symptoms:

Exam Checklist

Body, Coat + Skin Normal Abnormal

(DESCRIBE ABOVE IF ABNORMAL)

Ears Normal Abnormal

(DESCRIBE ABOVE IF ABNORMAL)

Eyes Normal Abnormal

(DESCRIBE ABOVE IF ABNORMAL)

Nose Normal Abnormal

(DESCRIBE ABOVE IF ABNORMAL)

Mouth Normal Abnormal

(DESCRIBE ABOVE IF ABNORMAL)

Health Assessment

Name: _____

Exam Checklist

Normal

Abnormal

Urination

(DESCRIBE ABOVE IF ABNORMAL)

Normal

Abnormal

Feces

(DESCRIBE ABOVE IF ABNORMAL)

Not Present

Present

Worms

(DESCRIBE ABOVE IF ABNORMAL)

Personality Traits

How would you describe your foster:

Energetic

Playful

Shy

Quiet

Curious

Loveable

Scared

Aggressive

Silly

What else is noteworthy about your foster:

Questions or Concerns

What questions do you need to ask ASF Coordinators?

Appointment + Treatment Tracker

Name:

Treatment	Date	Administered/Treated by
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Parasite Treatments

Deworming 1

Deworming 3

Deworming 3

Flea Treatment

Vaccinations

DHPP

DHPP Booster

DHPP Booster

Rabies

Spay/Neuter

Spay/Neuter

Sick Visits

DESCRIBE ISSUE

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Don't forget to ask for paper copies from the vet, snap a picture and share in your Foster Chat.



Adoption Certificate

ADOPTER NAME _____

has officially adopted

PET NAME _____

and welcomed them into their family!

SIGNATURE _____

On behalf of Angie's Stray Foundation, Inc.

DATE _____



Angie's Stray Foundation is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Founded in Oxford, PA in 2021 by Ruth Jenkins and named after Angie, Ruth's rescue dog. Angie was found with a broken jaw after she was beaten and left for dead in a field. Angie inspired Ruth to continue to rescue other discarded and abused dogs and cats. Along with the help of the community, and a group of dedicated volunteers, we continue to honor Angie by saving others like her. We do it...all for her.

Pet Name _____

Veterinary Records

Care Provided

Date(s)

Spay/Neuter _____

DHPP Vaccine(s) _____

Rabies Vaccine
(1 year) _____

Flea + Tick Treatment _____

Deworming _____

Microchip _____

Important Information

Food Brand _____

Favorite Toy _____

Other Things
to Know _____

3-3-3 Rule Information

When you adopt a new dog, you can expect that they will need time to adjust and acclimate to his new surroundings. While the exact timing is dependent on each dog's personality and can vary, here are some general guidelines. Remember your patience will be rewarded with lots of love and tail wags.

3 Days	3 Weeks	3 Months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Feeling overwhelmed ▪ Feel scared and unsure ▪ Don't feel comfortable ▪ May not want to eat or drink. ▪ Shuts down and/or hides ▪ Test the boundaries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Starts to settle in ▪ Feels more comfortable ▪ Figures out environment ▪ Gets into a routine ▪ Begins to show his true self ▪ Behavior issues may occur 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Feels comfortable in their home ▪ Builds trust and forms bonds ▪ Gains a complete sense of security with his family ▪ Well established routine