

Thank you for considering fostering! It is foster homes – like you – that allow us to save lives. Please read and complete the following foster application and email it back to adopt@tcrescue.com

We primarily use foster homes in the following counties: Santa Clara, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Southern-Alameda county (South of 580). If you live outside this area please let us know before filling out a foster application.

HOW DOES FOSTERING WORK? Tailchaser Rescue is a foster-home-based organization based out of the Bay Area, CA devoted to rescuing cats and dogs from shelters where they are in danger. We do not have a shelter or kennel facility. All of our rescued animals are cared for in foster homes by volunteers who feed and care for them as if it were their own pet, until permanent homes are found. Tailchaser Rescue pays for all necessary, pre-approved medical expenses for our rescue animals.

Unless it is arranged in advance, we ask that foster homes be prepared to keep their foster animals until they are adopted. This can take anywhere from a few weeks to a few months. If this is a concern for you, please discuss with us ahead of time.

Dogs are neutered at clinics either in San Jose, Palo Alto or San Mateo. Foster homes transport to and from the appointment on the surgery date.

Appointments in San Mateo are available Monday through Friday, drop off is from 7:00 – 8:30am and pick up is from 4:00 – 5:30pm the same day.

Appointments in Palo Alto are available Monday through Friday, drop off is from 6:30 – 8am and pick up is from 3 – 5:00pm the same day. Usually only puppies are done at this clinic.

Appointments in San Jose are available Monday through Friday, drop off is from 7:30 – 9:30am and pick up is from 3 – 6:00pm the same day.

HOW DOES THE ADOPTION PROCESS WORK? Our rescue animals are listed online. Potential adopters email applications to adopt@tcrescue.com Once we review and approve an application, we forward applicants to the foster parent to set up a meeting at the foster home.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR A FOSTER DOG TO BE ADOPTED? This depends on many things (color, age, personality) but MOSTLY it depends on the quality of pictures that YOU – the foster home – take! A picture speaks a thousand words and that is never more true than when trying to find homes for animals.

CAN I ADOPT MY FOSTER ANIMAL? Many foster homes ask if they are allowed to adopt their foster animal and the answer is – absolutely! Fostering can just be a temporary commitment, but if a foster home does decide to adopt their foster animal they are always welcome to do so. In this case, the listed adoption fee applies.

Thank you for considering opening your home and heart to a foster dog!

Date:

Name:

Address (include City & Zip):

Cell Phone Number:

Primary Email Address:

Do you rent or own your home? If you rent, do you have permission from your landlord to have a dog? Are there any breed or weight restrictions? How many pets does your lease / landlord allow you to have?:

Do you live in a house, apartment, condo, townhouse or Other (specify)?:

Please list names of all adults in your household and their relationship to you (ie: roommates, parents, husband / wife etc)?:

Who will be the primary caretaker for this animal?:

Name:

List age if younger than 25:

Mark here if over 25 years old, no need to include exact age:

What are the ages of all children & infants in the house?:

How long, on average, will the dog be left alone each day? And where will your foster dog be kept when nobody is home?:

Do you have a secure, fenced-in yard? Please describe. (Fence height? Is there a protected area for the dog to get out of the sun / rain?):

Where will your foster dog sleep at night? (We recommend crate-training. If you aren't familiar with crate-training and need info please let us know!):

How long are you available to foster? We ask that you commit to foster the animal until it is adopted unless pre-arranged otherwise. (This can take longer for adult dogs than puppies.):

Have you ever owned a dog?: Yes _____ No _____ If so, how long ago?:

How would you describe your experience level as a dog owner? Beginner? Intermediate? Advanced?:

Please list any current pets below and note whether it's a cat / dog (etc), current age, and whether they're already spayed / neutered:

Do you have a place to keep foster animals away from your own animals initially? This can be necessary for introduction purposes:

Dogs sometimes arrive from the shelter with medical issues that we did not know about, and / or can come down with illnesses after we rescue them. This can be as minor as kennel cough (common) or as serious as parvovirus (rare) or distemper (rare). If you currently own a dog we recommend updating their DA2PPv & Bordetella vaccinations before fostering. While healthy, vaccinated, adult dogs are less likely to catch contagious illnesses, please note that senior dogs, puppies under 1 year old, or unvaccinated dogs of any age are more susceptible to illness. PLEASE INITIAL BELOW to acknowledge that you understand the above, and let us know if you have any questions or concerns:

Any veterinary expenses for which you need to be reimbursed must be pre-approved by Tailchaser Rescue. Please indicate that you understand and agree:

Are you comfortable working with your foster dog on common behavioral issues if necessary (jumping up, chewing, pulling on the leash?) We are always here to offer training advice, but want to ensure that our foster homes are prepared to help our rescue dogs adjust to life outside of a shelter.:

Are you willing to foster a dog that is not housetrained yet? Since we rescue directly from shelters, it is impossible for us to tell if the dogs are housetrained before we get them into a foster home. Even a previously housetrained dog often needs some re-training after living in a kennel.:

We do not bring our foster dogs to dog parks, as we cannot risk potential dog fights while they are in our care. We also do not let our foster dogs walk off-leash, to ensure their safety. Do you agree to always walk your foster dog on a leash, and not to bring your foster dog to a dog park while in your care?:

Are you able to transport your foster dog(s) to a neuter appointment at one of the below locations?:

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Appointments in Palo Alto are available Monday through Friday, drop off is from 6:30 – 8am and pick up is from 3 – 5:00pm the same day. All puppies under 3 months old must have surgeries done at this clinic.

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Are you willing to administer medication should the animal require it?:

Will you be able to email us pictures of your foster animal that we can use for their online profiles?:

Do you have a car? And are you comfortable driving? We are a network of volunteers who all help each other, and fostering can involve quite a bit of driving. If you are uncomfortable driving distances of 30 – 60 minutes if needed, please let us know.:

Are you able to provide food for your foster dog(s)? (FYI: dog supplies that you pay for are tax deductible because we are a non profit, so save your receipts. Mileage to / from vet appts etc is tax deductible as well):

Have you ever fostered before? If so, with what rescue group(s) or shelter(s)? Please tell us about your previous fostering experience.:

Tell us about why you would like to foster and what your ideal foster dog would be like. (Adult dog or puppy? If puppies, how many? Any breed or size preferences?):

Are you interested in volunteering in ways other than fostering? We can use transport volunteers, photography volunteers, and help with Craigslist posts, to name a few. If you have special skills you would like to put to use please let us know!

Is there any information you would like to add or questions you'd like to ask?:

Thank you for completing our Foster Application! Please save as a PDF, and email to adopt@tcrescue.com

What should you do next?

Visit our website tcrescue.com and look around

Add yourself to our email distribution list at tcrescue.com

If you are READY to foster and excited to move forward but you don't hear back from us quickly after submitting your foster application, feel free to check in with us as often as once a week to see if we have a match for you. When we are at our busiest, we may be working full time placing animals with foster homes who are proactively contacting us to let us know that they are ready.

Like Tailchaser Rescue on Facebook, we post many of our foster requests there, first: [Facebook.com/tcrescue](https://www.facebook.com/tcrescue)

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