



Dear TRU Rescue Foster,

Thank you for opening your heart and your home to a TRU Rescue dog. Your commitment to fostering allows TRU Rescue to help a dog who has been lost or abandoned have a second chance at a wonderful life with a permanent family. Foster homes make rescue possible and we are grateful to have you on the TRU Rescue Team.

We have lots of information for you and several handouts to help you enjoy a successful experience with your foster dog. Please take the time to read through **all** the material. Be sure to set your email spam filter so emails from TRU Rescue get through to you. Please provide feedback about your foster dog in the transport thread after you welcome your foster dog home. Let the team know how the first night went and establish regular communication. Our foster homes are the eyes and ears for the dogs looking for a permanent home. Please alert us to any behavioral and/or medical issues. Let us know about all the endearing and darling quirks your foster dog may have. All information helps us make a perfect match.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Foster Emergency & Veterinary Care	Christine Williams	410-967-6431	info@trurescue.org
	Annie Summers	610-742-4769	info@trurescue.org
	Carrie Pate	207-450-7256	carrie@trurescue.org
	Felicia Soule	717-979-7138	felicia@trurescue.org
Dog Training & Behavior	training@trurescue.org		
Foster Liaison Team	foster@trurescue.org		

VETERINARY CARE

If your foster dog requires veterinary attention, please seek authorization from Christine Williams or Annie Summers.

TRU Rescue will cover the following veterinary expenses for your foster dog:

- Age-appropriate vaccines including Rabies and DAPP(L) (a TRU Rescue volunteer will administer the DAPP(L) vaccine)
- Fecal screening for diagnostic purposes for GI issues
- All pre-approved, necessary medical care
- Prescribed medications to treat medical conditions
- Spay and neuter if foster dog is age 6 months or older
- Heartworm treatment for heartworm positive dogs (through Day 120 of AHS Treatment protocol including 6-month supply of Interceptor Plus)

TRU Rescue will not cover the following veterinary expenses for your foster dog:

- Lyme vaccine
- Influenza vaccine

- Bordetella (dogs arriving from transport have been given a Bordetella vaccine)
- Grooming including bathing, nail trim, anal sac expression or ear cleaning unless medically necessary and pre-approved
- Microchipping (a TRU Rescue volunteer will microchip your foster dog)

The veterinary practices listed below have partnered with TRU Rescue and offer a rescue discount for all services. We welcome the opportunity to partner with other veterinary practices if a rescue discount is **pre-arranged**.

Hunt Valley Animal Hospital

11206 York Road
Hunt Valley, MD 21030
410-527-0800

Jacksonville Veterinary Hospital

14240 Jarrettsville Pike
Phoenix, MD 21131
410-666-1390

Mt. Carmel Animal Hospital

16904 York Road
Monkton, MD 21111
410-343-0200

Padonia Animal Hospital

9827 York Road
Cockeysville, MD 21030
410-666-7878

Pikesville Animal Hospital

1496 Reisterstown Road, Suite 111
Pikesville, MD 21028
410-580-9119

Spay Now

125 Pullman Crossing, Suite 101
Grasonville, MD 21638
410-827-6464

Spay Now

7401 Van Dusen Road
Laurel, MD 20707
301-483-7080

WHAT DOES TRU RESCUE PROVIDE

- **Identification Tag**
All foster dogs will be provided with a TRU Rescue Identification Tag. The ID tag must always be worn on the foster dog's collar or harness.
- **Peepee pads**
Puppy fosters can be supplied with peepee pads if necessary.
- **Equipment**
TRU Rescue can lend a crate, collar, and harness if you need any of that equipment. We ask that all loaned equipment be returned to TRU Rescue clean, sanitized, and ready for the next dog.
- **Food**
TRU Rescue can supply food for your foster dog if necessary. If you purchase food on your own, please choose an approved brand.
- **Heartworm Prevention and Flea/Tick Prevention**
TRU Rescue will review the records that accompany each dog and determine when preventatives are due. TRU Rescue will provide foster with preventatives unless foster is able to donate an approved preventative. Foster will administer preventatives and record the date in the records in foster dog's folder.

If you choose to seek reimbursement for any equipment, heartworm prevention, flea and tick prevention or food you provide for your foster dog, please submit a monthly Expense Report and include all receipts. All expenses over \$50 must be pre-approved. We are profoundly grateful for any food, equipment or flea/tick/heartworm prevention you may choose to donate.

HOW TO GET YOUR FOSTER DOG ADOPTED

Most TRU Rescue dogs find permanent homes through posts on the TRU Rescue website, Facebook page, Instagram, and the Adopt-a-Pet and Petfinder websites. We ask our foster families to help by providing photographs and information about their foster dog.

- Please send photos to: fosterpics@trurescue.org or pictures can be posted in the transport thread.
- A TRU Rescue volunteer will be in touch with you to create a bio for your foster dog or you can post information in the transport thread.

When it's time for your foster dog to meet a potential adopter, your input is extremely important. As the one who knows your foster dog best, you will be granted the final vote of approval in the adoption process.

Finally, we ask our fosters to join the TRU Rescue Community page on Facebook to connect with other fosters. You can join by emailing foster@trurescue.org and asking to be added to the group or by asking to join directly on the Facebook page.

We hope you have a rewarding experience as a foster and know that you have saved a life.

Chris Williams and the TRU Rescue Team

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