

## LRGR Foster To Adopt

The Foster to Adopt, FTA., is a great opportunity for LRGR to help a dog in need of rescue. Potential adopters can connect with an adoptable dog with the intention of adopting the dog if all goes well. During the FTA time frame, LRGR will have the dog seen by one of our approved veterinarians. The dog will be updated on all vaccines, fecal, heartworm test and spay/neuter at our expense.

### FTA/ Trial Period

The length of the trial period will be 1 week and/or 24 hours after the veterinarian visit is completed. More time may be approved due to behavioral concerns.

LRGR will support the FTA family through the trial period. Periodic updates throughout the trial period are needed so we can support and advise as needed.

### What you need prior to bringing the dog home.

1. Cloth collar and Harness (suggested) We do not approve of choke, prong or e-collars

A few suggested Harnesses below:

Harness Freedom- [Amazon.com : 2 Hounds Design Freedom No Pull Dog Harness | Adjustable Gentle Comfortable Control for Easy Dog Walking | for Small Medium and Large Dogs | Made in USA | Leash Not Included | 1" LG Royal Blue : Pet Halter Harnesses : Pet Supplies](#)

Harness- Easy walk - [Amazon.com : PetSafe Easy Walk Dog Harness, No Pull Dog Harness, Raspberry/Gray, Medium : Pet Halter Harnesses : Pet Supplies](#)

2. Leash (preferably cloth No retractables please)
3. ID tag with your home phone number
4. Crate: If local, Lab Rescue will supply a crate during the FTA time frame. Zip Ties suggested to secure a crate [How to Reinforce a Dog Crate - YouTube](#)

We highly recommend crating the dog until you know that he/she does not need to be crated. Oftentimes, dogs are happier when they are crated near their people, so we recommend moving the crate into the bedroom if possible.

Baby gates are also an option to secure the dog in a smaller area when you are not able to supervise.

5. Dog Food- - Please choose a quality food with meat as the first ingredient.No soy, fillers or byproducts. Have some canned food on hand for dogs that need a little

encouragement to eat. Check out- [Dog Food Reviews and Ratings | Dog Food Advisor](#)

6. Toys: a variety of chews, interactive and calming. Some suggestions below
  - [KONG Classic Dog Toy, Large - Chewy.com](#)  
\* When stuffing kongs, use dog food, plain yogurt (no added sugar please), banana, and pumpkin puree. Other suggestions are a mix of dry and canned dog food, baby food (meats and fruits or veggies that your foster might like), small pieces of fruits and/or veggies with a little boiled, shredded chicken, Dry food mixed with a little cottage or ricotta cheese. Freeze Kong for a longer lasting chew.
  - [BENEBONE Rotisserie Chicken Flavor Wishbone Tough Dog Chew Toy, Large - Chewy.com](#)
  - [ZIPPYPAWS Skinny Peltz No Stuffing Squeaky Plush Dog Toys, 3-pack, Large - Chewy.com](#)
  - [Pup Cycle](#)
  - [KONG Wubba Classic Dog Toy, Color Varies, Large - Chewy.com](#)
  - [West Paw Zogoflex Bumi Dog Tug Toy – S-Shaped, Lightweight Chew Toys for Fetch, Play, Pet Exercise – Tug of War Soft Flinging Squishy Chewy Toy for Dogs – Guaranteed, Latex-Free, Small 8", Granny Smith : Amazon.com](#)

### What to expect the First Week

This is an exciting time but it is important to take it slow. Most dogs have experienced a great deal of stress after living in a shelter environment, arriving on transport or from leaving a home they have known their entire life.

Please take it slowly with the dog and give him/her an opportunity to become accustomed to you, your family, your home and your other pets. They need this time to decompress. Signs of stress include panting, pacing, licking and shedding. The dog may or may not be housetrained. Even if housetrained, they may have an accident in the home the first few days. Keep the dog close and provide many opportunities to relieve themselves outdoors. You can expect some or all of these during the first few days. Remember to be patient and consistent.

- [Decompression Protocol](#) - For a smooth transition, follow the Decompression protocol.
- Adopting/Fostering a Dog- (please view the below slideshow)

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### Supervising the dog with your dog

- Feed dogs separately
- High value items like kongs, bones and chews should be given separately or under supervision.
- Be aware of tight spaces. The dogs may need more space as they get to know each other.

### How do I handle Veterinary Care?

The dog may need to receive veterinary care prior to you adopting. Every LRGR dog will receive DHPP, rabies, bordetella, fecal, heartworm and tick diseases test (4DX), spay/neuter. You will be advised by one of our medical coordinators as to what the dog needs. You will be included in a group text with the medical coordinator, Christine Wilson (President). You will be advised on what vet is approved in your area and what medical procedures are needed. If you have an emergency please text in the group text and we will advise on how to proceed.

If needed, you will receive the following when picking up the dog or in a few days through the postal service..

1. Microchip
2. Heartworm preventative
3. Flea and Tick preventative.

### Communication

It is imperative that you continue communicating with us throughout the process. We are here to provide support and guidance.

### Adoption

Our hope is the FTA will be a great success for you and your family. If a match is found, you will complete an adoption contract and submit the adoption fee.

If not a match, we ask that you continue to foster the dog until we are able to find an adopter or an open foster home.