

*Dogs Angels*



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# Dogs Angels Foster

QUICK GUIDE

# Fostering FAQ

## 1. What happens if my foster dog gets sick or injured?

If you notice any medical issues, please contact your Foster Coordinator immediately. They will advise you on next steps and arrange any necessary veterinary care. Dogs Angels covers all approved medical expenses.

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## 2. How do you assess a dog before fostering?

Every dog undergoes a behavioural and personality assessment before placement. We share all known information with you, but remember — dogs often need time to settle. As they feel safe, their behaviour may change. If you're unsure about anything, your coordinator is always here to help.

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## 3. What equipment and food do I need to provide?

None. Dogs Angels Ireland supplies everything, leads, harnesses, collars, ID tags, muzzles (if required), food tailored to the dog's needs, and any medication. Please do not buy extra items without approval, as we cannot reimburse unplanned expenses. All equipment must be returned at the end of the foster placement.

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## 4. Will my foster dog need to wear a muzzle?

Some dogs may require a muzzle on public walks. If this applies, we'll provide the muzzle along with training and guidance on how to use it safely and positively.

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## 5. Is my foster dog microchipped?

Yes. All dogs over eight weeks are microchipped and registered to Dogs Angels Ireland. If a dog stays with you for more than 30 days, the registration may be temporarily updated with your name and address for legal reasons — but ownership remains with Dogs Angels until adoption.

### 6. What are the “golden rules” of fostering?

To keep your foster dog safe and set them up for success:

- Never let them off lead in unsecured or public areas.
- Never leave them unattended in cars, shops, or gardens.
- Only household members should care for them.
- They must always wear their Dogs Angels ID tag.
- Secure them properly in vehicles.
- Attend all scheduled appointments.
- Keep us updated with regular progress reports.

### 7. How can I help my foster dog settle in?

Every dog is different. Some relax quickly, while others need patience. Provide a calm routine, clear boundaries, and lots of reassurance. Avoid overwhelming them with too much freedom or constant attention. Encourage positive behaviour with gentle praise, and give them a safe space of their own.

### 8. Who handles adoption enquiries?

All rehoming decisions are made by Dogs Angels Ireland. If someone asks about your foster dog, please refer them to our official website or Facebook page. Do not make promises or judgments yourself.

### 9. Can I adopt my foster dog?

Fostering is about helping many dogs over time, but sometimes strong bonds form. If you're considering adoption, let us know early. Adoption is not guaranteed, as we must always put the dog's long-term needs first.

### 10. Can I post about my foster dog on social media?

Yes, but with care. You may share general updates and public content from Dogs Angels to raise awareness. Please avoid posting about medical or behavioural issues, and never discuss internal matters online. If someone contacts you about adoption, direct them to our official channels.





Fostering saves lives.

Thank you for being part  
of our mission, your care,  
patience, and love make a  
world of difference.



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