



**This guideline addresses basic FBFC foster information. If you have any other questions or concerns we can be reached by email at [fbfcrecue@gmail.com](mailto:fbfcrecue@gmail.com).**

**Additional contact information is available on the Website [frenchbulldogfanciers.com](http://frenchbulldogfanciers.com)**

## **BREED SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

**French Bulldogs coming into rescue may have or be prone to breed associated health and behaviour issues. It is important to be familiar with these concerns.**

**RESPIRATORY:** Brachycephalic breeds can suffer from overheating and collapse even in a cooler environment if overexcited or over exercised. It is important to always be aware of temperature with a/c advised in hot weather. Pressure on neck can be harmful. They should be walked on a harness, particularly if they are pullers.

**SPINE AND JOINT PROBLEMS;** Spinal disease is associated with dwarf breeds like French Bulldogs. Knee and hip issues can also occur in this breed. Avoid activities that may put stress on backs and joints i.e. jumping up and down off furniture and over exercise.

**PREY DRIVE/AGGRESSION:** French Bulldogs have a bull and terrier ancestry and may have a tendency to dislike other dogs/cats/small animals. Some are uncomfortable around unknown people or children. Precautions should always be taken when meeting animals and people. If dog has been noted as bite risk he/she is to have no contact with strangers or children until this is assessed and addressed by the Club.

## **FOSTER RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Foster providers are legally responsible for any damage or incidents that are caused by the foster dog while in their care.**

Fosters provide shelter, love, and care until the dog is adopted, including:

- Basic training i.e. house training, crate training using positive methods. (guidance re management of worrisome behavioural issues will be provided by affiliated trainer or club member)
- Transport to vet appointments
- Picking up refill supplies, such as food
- Providing pictures and bios of the foster dog
- Meetings with potential adopters, meet & greets and potentially home visits

The primary objective of a foster provider is to get their charge ready for life in their forever home. Maintain crate training, do not sleep with the dog, restrict access to certain areas and furniture and provide the dog with some alone time daily.

## ADDITIONAL

**Travel:** If you have to go out of town for any reason, work/vacation/etc. please let us know as soon as possible. Do not give your foster to anyone else unless you have permission from us - this includes friends, babysitters, other fosters, foster to adopt situations, etc. The dogs are our responsibility and we need to know where they are and under whose care at all times.

**Medical Issues:** Please contact us if any medical questions/issues arise to gain support or permission if medical attention is necessary. We will contact you to schedule a vet appt. at one of our approved vet clinics. If you take the dog to your own vet or even to one of our vets without our knowledge (unless life threatening emergency), we will not be able to reimburse the costs.

**Supplies and General Questions or Concerns:** Please contact us We will answer any questions and help resolve any issues that may arise. Reimbursement will be provided upon receipt submission of approved expenses.

**Dogs Moving Foster Homes:** We typically do not move dogs from fosters homes once they have been placed in care because it adds unwanted stress to the dog in an already new situation. If you find yourself having issues and need advice, please contact us

**Dog Parks and Group Play Dates:** Do not bring your foster to a dog park. If you do you are responsible for all costs if any incidents occur. Your foster dog may behave well but that doesn't mean the rest of the dogs will or that your dog won't jump in on a fight. We do not know what type of issues our dogs have previously had and we want them to feel and be as safe as possible.

**Adopting Your Foster:** Occasionally fosters do decide they cannot part with their foster dog and would like to adopt. You have two-weeks from when you receive your foster to decide if you'd like to adopt your foster before we mark them as available.

**Meet and Greets:** Do not schedule meet and greets without our permission. We need to have all potential adopters apply online and be pre-screened before we schedule a meet and greet. This process must be followed even if a friend, family member or co-worker wants to adopt your foster dog. If someone is interested in your foster please have them fill out an application on our website and we will be in touch with them. Let us know to be on the lookout for their application. After a meet and greet with a potential adopter, please share your feedback with us - we will take your thoughts and insight into consideration in selecting the best home for your foster dog

**Handing a Dog Off to an Adopter:** Check with us before giving your foster dog to an adopter or foster to adopt. No dogs are allowed to leave our rescue until you have our approval.

