

This guideline addresses basic FBFC foster information. If you have any other questions or concerns we can be reached by email at fbfcrescue@gmail.com.

Additional contact information is available on the Website frenchbulldogfanciers.club

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 over excited or over exercised. It is important to always be aware of temperature with a/c advised in hot weather. It is also important to recognize the signs of overheating and to have cooling products ready and available should the need arise. Pressure on necks can cause tracheal damage and impact airflow. Foster dogs should be walked on a harness, particularly if they are pullers.

In addition to their flat faces many French Bulldogs suffer from allergies. Airborne irritants can affect respiratory systems. Be mindful of air quality alerts and do not smoke or use spray products in the presence of your foster dog.

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 for 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, 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. In the case of an emergency seek immediate care and let us know as soon as possible.

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 foster homes once they have been placed in care unless necessary. Additional moves add 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 take your foster to a dog park. Dog parks are not appropriate for foster dogs. If you do you are responsible for all costs should 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

Foster families that would like to adopt a dog they have fostered should complete an adoption application once the dog is listed 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:

Verify arrangements with us before transferring your foster dog to an adopter. No dogs are allowed to leave rescue without our knowledge and approval.