



North East Rottweiler Rescue & Referral, Inc.

Rescuing & Rehoming Rottweilers Since 1998

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Hello New Foster Home,

Welcome to our family of Rottie lovers!

If you ever have any questions, the foster list is the place to ask them! We will add you to the group as soon as we receive your foster contract.

Remember, the only dumb question is the one you did not ask!!

Things to Remember When Fostering:

Do not pity your foster--train the dog instead.

Show your foster love and firmness, and do not let your dog get away with bad behavior or manners. Bad behavior will only get worse if you do not put a stop to it.

Give any kind of natural chewy (natural meaning, it was once alive; marrow bones, pig ears, etc.) to your foster only when your foster is crated. Doing so avoids problems. If, over time, you really know your foster and know the dog can have this item out of the crate, then it is OK for the dog to enjoy the treat uncrated. BUT, no foster should be getting such treats right off the bat.

Foster dogs should be sleeping in their crates. RARE exceptions are made for those dogs who become so crazed in a crate the dog becomes a danger to itself. If you have questions about crating, ask. If you don't have a crate for your foster, ask for one and NERR&R will provide one for you. Please see our crate training hand out.

Crate your foster dog when you leave your home or you cannot watch the dog. Doing so keeps your foster safe.

Give your foster dog plenty of exercise as a tired foster is the best :o)

Keep your foster on lead at all times in the house for **at least** the first week and keep that lead in your hand. Doing so keeps your foster from getting in to trouble and from making potty training mistakes and marking, as you are right there. Over time, you can let the dog drag the lead around, but you can always get it for a quick correction.

Work on obedience training and leash manners every day. Do long downs every day (easy way to practice long downs is to put the leash under your foot while you are watching TV or on the computer). Start out having your foster do this for a few minutes and work your way up.

Do not let your foster dog up on any furniture or beds. Many forever families do not allow this, so let's not give the dogs any bad habits.

Clip nails and give a good brushing once a week.

Bathe once a month or when your foster is dirty. You may want to give your foster a bath when you first get the dog, but I would give the dog a few days to get to know you first.

If you get your foster's original paperwork (intake forms, initial medicals, and such) when the dog first comes to you, please send them to me; my address is below. I will make copies or scan them and send them back to you for your foster's file, if you want. At the very least, keep a copy of the rabies certificate to give to adopters. They will need this to transport the dog. After your foster dog is adopted, I mail all original medical paperwork to the new family, so you do not need to worry about the paperwork end.

Fill out your foster dog follow-ups and send them to nerrfoster@yahoogroups.com. The information you tell us about your foster dog in the follow-ups is very important. The adoption team uses what you tell us to help make successful adoptions. The information you write down about your foster--vet care, type of food feed, how much, and the like—is included in your foster's adoption contract.

Keep your foster dog's bio and photos up-to-date and accurate. Send them to splatgrl@optonline.net (marked urgent) and also post them to nerrfoster@yahoogroups.com.

Please try to take your dog to Rottweiler Days. RDs are a wonderful way to socialize your dog and show off your foster to prospective adopters.

VETERINARY ISSUES

- If it is a LIFE THREATENING emergency, take the dog to the nearest vet. As soon as reasonably feasible, contact any board member, or me by phone or email, to let us know you did this.
- If it is an urgent, but not life threatening situation, contact a board member or me BY PHONE to request authorization.
- If it is routine maintenance, or the dog seems “off,” but not really ill, contact me that you want to have your foster seen by a vet. We may decide to have the dog transported to one of the vets who gives NERR&R a discount.
- Please keep in mind that other than life threatening emergencies, all vet visits must be pre authorized or you risk not being reimbursed.

REMEMBER--If you have any questions at all, ASK!!

Finally, if your foster makes you feel unsafe at any time, call me immediately.

Thank you!

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