



Are you interested in fostering a dog for FAPF? Here is what you need to know.

How do you match me with an animal?

FAPF, with nearly 10 years of rescue experience, asks key questions to match volunteers with the right animal. These questions are designed to help us match new volunteers with the right animal. While we want happy foster parents, minimizing home changes is crucial to reduce stress and support the animals' recovery.

What should I do if the animal I receive isn't a good fit for me?

Sometimes it doesn't go as planned. However, if you cannot keep the dog and it needs to be relocated, please give the Foundation as much notice as possible. Our rescues often require time to adjust, so we ask foster parents to allow at least **two weeks** before deciding. The first few days can be overwhelming, as many dogs have never lived in a home or experienced kindness. Patience and compassion are key—they will come around with time.

What if I can no longer foster the dog?

Life happens. Things change. We understand that but it's very complicated to move animals around at the last minute. FAPF needs at least a week (or more), to find another solution for the animal. Unfortunately, we don't have fosterhomes lined up. Once a dog moves to a fosterhome their spot is filled. If it is an **emergency situation**, contact your point person at FAPF and they will do their best to solve it ASAP.

Do I have to pay for food or supplies?

If you can sponsor your foster pet's food or supplies, it's appreciated but not required. FAPF provides essentials. We have a storage that will open once a week where you can get what you need. Your time, patience, and care are what truly matter.

How long does it usually take before a foster is adopted?

Adoptions can happen quickly or take months, depending on factors like breed, age, and promotion. On average, it takes about two months. To speed up the process, help your foster pet gain the basic skills to live in a home: trust humans, leash walking, lack of reactivity, potty training. Quality photos and videos are key; we have volunteer photographers. However, pictures from their everyday life go a long way. Some create an Instagram for their foster! The more you support their recovery and visibility, the faster they'll find a home.

Are the animals vaccinated? Neutered?

All rescued animals are vaccinated, microchipped, and neutered. Vaccination is the priority, but neutering may be delayed until they are healthy or of age. We schedule surgeries and vaccinations as soon as it's the dog is healthy and off right age.

Who arranges and pays for the animal's medical care?

Foster parents can sponsor medical care, but FAPF covers all expenses. You'll receive dewormer and flea treatment as needed. We ask that you take your foster pet to FAPF's vet in the 7th district. We also have volunteers in Budapest who can assist with basic medical needs, cleaning ears, dressing wounds, etc.

What should we do when travelling or away for long hours?

FAPF has a supportive foster network, including a Facebook group and forums where foster parents can request pet-sitting help. Fellow fosters often step in, but if needed, FAPF will assist in finding a volunteer.

Who do I contact if I have a problem?

You will be in a facebook group chat with two foster coordinators, please use this chat for any questions. Your coordinators will help you every step of the way. If there is an emergency please refer to the **emergency protocol**.