

# FOSTER GUIDELINES

## First and foremost,

1. Before anything, read the **Emergency guidelines** and save Zsanett's number in your phone.
2. Join the FAPF Facebook foster page, and **state** who you are fostering.
3. Send your Full name, Address (with doorbell number), Phone number and Email to your FAPF messenger group chat.

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[FOSTERPARENT FACEBOOK](#)

## Your contacts:

- **General questions and training advice:** Feel free to post in the Foster parent facebook, but your main resource will be your foster coordinators in the messenger group chat.
- **Need anything:** we have leads, food, blankets, toys, beds etc at storage: Cserhát Utca 22. It's open once a week, and the opening hours will be posted in the facebook group.
- **Medical concerns:** check emergency guidelines, and contact your foster coordinators.
- **Adoption interest:** If you or someone you know wants to adopt your foster, have them email adoption.fapf@gmail.com with the animal's name in the header.
- **Training issues:** We have a professional dog trainer available. Please contact your foster coordinator to arrange a meeting.

# FOSTER DOG SURVIVAL GUIDE

**Teach Independence ASAP:** The dog probably came from a place where it was used to being alone, so don't smother them 24/7. If you do, they might develop separation anxiety. From day one, leave them in a crate or safe space for an hour at a time. Repeat throughout the day so they get used to being alone.

**Don't Rush Walks:** If your dog isn't used to city life, they might not be ready for long walks right away, and that's totally fine. Let them take the lead on what they're comfortable with.

**Dog Neutrality is Key:** Don't let them stop and say hi to every dog they see. Work on walking past calmly and rewarding them after. Once they're chill about other dogs, you can introduce them—but only if they still listen to you. If they start ignoring you, back up and work on your bond first.

**Potty Training is shit:** Take them out every hour at first, then slowly increase the time between breaks. Always go right after meals, playtime, first thing in the morning, and before bed. If they pee inside once, they'll probably do it again, so stay on top of it. Reward them when they go outside and use a cue word to make life easier later. It's not always about hours between but their potty routine.

**Teach Them to Chill:** Mental stimulation is great, but don't forget to teach your dog how to just relax. Make them wait for food, toys, going outside, and even just sitting calmly while people walk by. A relaxed dog = a way easier life for you.

**Crate at Night:** Helps with routine and makes life simpler for both of you.

**Handle Resource Guarding Right :** If they get possessive over food or toys, don't just take stuff away—that'll make it worse. Instead, trade up for something better so they learn that giving something up isn't a bad thing.