

Introductions: Foster Animal & Foster Parent's Pets

What are restrictions on foster animals?

Our behavior team will assess every animal before going into foster, with the exception of Harbor cases. While being evaluated, the behavior team may learn the animal isn't tolerant of other cats, dogs, or small children. If one of these behaviors is learned then a restriction will be placed on the foster animal for "No other dogs", etc.

What does this mean?

When foster requests are sent out then we will let you know on the request if there are known restrictions on the foster animal. If there are restrictions on a dog then you cannot have that animal type in your household. If there are restrictions on a cat then that means you either cannot have that animal type in your household or they must be housed completely separately, including out of sight.

Can I introduce my foster animal to my own pets?

If there is not a restriction and all animals are healthy then introductions can slowly be made.

When can I make the introductions?

After 2 weeks of having your foster animal then introductions can be made. We do initial health checks on all animals but not everything is guaranteed to show up then. If there is a health issue then a lot of times it will become noticeable within that time period, so this is as much for keeping your animals healthy as it is for keeping the foster animals healthy.

Are there foster animals who should never be introduced with mine?

There are some groups of foster animals, apart from ones with restrictions, who should not be introduced to your own animals.

- Contagious medical issues (e.g. FeLV, Parvo, etc)
- Pregnant moms
- Neonatal puppies/kittens