

# Foster Guardian Guide

## Meet & Greets



*Please use this quick fact sheet to feel better prepared for your meet and greet. These are great tips in general when introducing a dog to people for the first time.*

### Summary

As a foster guardian, you know your dog best! Spend some time thinking about your dog's dream home and ideal living situation. Be honest and ask for honesty from potential adopters. Meet and greets are your chance to show who your dog is as an individual. Remember, your dog is meeting a stranger(s) (and maybe even new dogs), set them up for success! Know that the right adopter is out there for your foster dog and honesty from all parties will land them in the ideal home—and that's what matters most!

### Key Considerations

#### Preparation

Be honest with the potential adopters and be as sure as you can they have been honest with you, especially when it comes to quirks. Encourage potential adopters to bring all family members and dogs living in the home.

#### Location

Choose a location that the dog will feel most comfortable meeting or being around a stranger (and possibly a new dog). This may mean choosing a neutral new place or a comforting familiar place, or even a short walk.

#### Activities

Choose activities that bring the best out of your dog and show what daily life might be like for the adopters. These activities may include walking, playing fetch, cuddling, and/or treats. You may also want to consider doing an activity that shows a challenge the dog is facing and how they react, if safe and not too stressful.

### Tips



*Give the potential adopters instructions on how to make a good first impression on your dog.*



*Bring along a treat and/or favorite toy they know and like for the potential adopters to offer.*



*Encourage questions about the dog and ask questions of the potential adopter as they come up.*



*Avoid including your resident dogs unless they are helping with the meet and greet for a specific reason.*



*Sleep on it! Give time after the meet and greet for everyone to reflect and remember it has to be a mutual decision between the adopters and rescue.*