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Foster Program in a Box

Foster Program Supplies



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If you were asked to list all the things a fido foster family needed, what would you include? The obvious items are dog food and a collar and leash, or in the case of puppies, Esbilac and blankets, but what about an emergency contact or a support system? Review this list to ensure you can meet all of your foster's needs.

By identifying the gaps in supplies, you can target fundraising efforts, create a wishlist or apply for grants. Don't forget that many times foster parents will purchase supplies and that these may be used as a tax deduction.**

✓ Fido Supplies

Dry and wet food
Toys
Collars
Leashes
Microchips

Vaccines
Dewormer
Flea/tick meds
Crates
ID Tags

✓ Puppy Supplies

Esbilac or other milk replacement
Bottles, bottle brushes
Toothbrush
1mL and 3mL syringes
Variety of nipple sizes and lengths
Non-knit blankets
Heating pads or discs
Cotton balls
Heartbeat simulators
Incubators
Plain chicken baby food
Karo syrup

Fortiflora
Washcloths
Gloves
Rescue or Trifectant
Strongid
Rubbing alcohol
Surgical lubrication ointment
Nail clippers
Thermometer
Scale
Pumpkin puree
Paper collars
ID collar

* Please discuss with your tax professional



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✓ Socialization Supplies

Clicker
Behavior journal
Plain chicken baby food
Treats
Crate

✓ Program Supplies

Process map or flowchart	Training/onboarding process
Budget	Foster tracking process
Inventory sheet or signout	Adoption from foster process
Standard operating procedures	Medical tracking system
Emergency decision making guidelines	Foster followup
Diarrhea, anorexia, URI protocols (as determined by your veterinarian)	Method for gathering marketing material
After hours contact	Ownership and liability release forms
Facebook group (or other interactive virtual place)	Onboarding or orientation: we recommend a video!
Guidelines for interaction	Resource webpage
Mentors	Emergency contact handout (consider a magnet!)

Just remember that not all of your foster program needs are based on money. Having clear guidelines for approving medical needs or handling emergencies; forms for fosters, adopters and volunteers; business plans; and foster support methods are all necessary for the success of your program and longevity of your life saving efforts.