## *Becoming an Foster for SOSLabRescue*

*There’s never a time when shelters and rescues aren’t in need of foster homes. These temporary guardians fill many dire needs such as, raising and socializing puppies that are too young and therefore not yet ready for adoption, providing comfort to dogs too frightened to live in a shelter environment and saving lives by making a space for another homeless pet to be taken in.*

*If you’d like to make a real impact on homeless animals, consider becoming a foster family. The foster home is a necessary spoke in the animal rescue wheel – without our foster families, no movement can occur. The ability to provide a temporary home to a dog in need is an immensely rewarding experience and a huge help to us.*

***10 reasons you should consider taking a foster into your home.***

1. ***Comfortable environment:*** *Some dogs don’t do well in a shelter environment. They may be elderly or frightened of the smells and sounds. These dogs have a much greater chance of being adopted if they’re placed in a home environment and are given some TLC.*
2. ***Free veterinary care:*** *If a foster dog needs veterinary care, it is the responsibility of the shelter-rescue to provide it. Some shelters-rescue even provide food and other supplies to their foster homes.*
3. ***Companionship:*** *Fostering a dog can be a rewarding experience for anyone of any age! As long as you are allowed to have pets in your home you can enjoy the companionship of a dog needing a temporary home.*
4. ***Help With adoptive match-making:*** *You’ll learn the little details about the dog’s personality. This is an incredible gift to individuals looking to adopt a dog. You’ll be able to inform them of all the strong points as well as areas that need to be focused on if they are considering your foster.*
5. ***Playmate for your other dogs:*** *If you already have a dog, fostering can provide your pooch with a companion and playmate.*
6. ***Great experience for children:*** *Fostering teaches children about compassion and generosity.*
7. ***Allow shelters-rescues to help one more dog:*** *You are making room for another dog at the shelter. One more open run or kennel means one less dog put to sleep. Fostering means that you save a life.*
8. ***Learning opportunity:*** *You’ll be able to learn about canine behavior, grooming and social interactions as you spend time with your foster dog.*
9. ***Participate In Positive Changes:*** *Having a foster dog allows you to actively participate in the rehabilitation of a traumatized or needy dog. Witnessing the progress your foster makes due to the attention and security given in your home is priceless.*
10. ***Satisfying experience:*** *Most of all, fostering is incredibly satisfying. The day your foster dog finds his perfect forever home might be a sad one for you, but know that he wouldn’t be where he is without all of your efforts and affection!﻿*