

**Please check your FB Messages before you leave home to ensure pick-up times have not changed. Transports can have delays or early arrivals. Please allow a 2 hour window surrounding the estimated pickup time and ensure you are there as close to pickup time as possible as transports move quickly.**

Supplies must be picked up ahead of time, please let us know if you need the most recent list of supply homes. Please ensure you have a slip lead, collar (martingale collar is preferred) and harness, two leashes, dog food, bowls, crate, toys, and any other supplies you may need to ensure your foster animal is comfortable. It is important to always have two leashes connected to your new foster animal. One attached to the collar and one attached to a harness. Retractable leashes are not allowed for foster animals.

#### **For transport:**

- All dogs coming off transport are considered flight risks. All dogs should ride home in a kennel for safety reasons so please bring a size appropriate kennel to transport.
- Please bring a slip lead and collar and leash for your new foster (there are not supplies at these transports).
- Puppies under 6 months old are considered "No Paws on the Ground" at transport. They should be taken out of the kennel they are in and transferred directly to the kennel in your vehicle and not handled by anyone else at transport or put on the ground for potty breaks. That will need to wait until you get home.
- Please note that this is a parking lot pick up, there is no access to the buildings. If assistance is needed, ask for help! Everyone there wants the animals transferred safely.

#### **A few guidelines:**

- DO NOT bring resident animals, other foster dogs, or children to transport. They have been traveling for many hours and can be very stressed.
- The dogs will likely be stressed and scared so they may not want to eat right away which is ok but make sure that they are drinking water. Often what we will do is mix wet food and water in with their regular food to make sure they are getting something in their tummies and staying hydrated.
- We highly recommend that you do not introduce your new foster animal to your resident animals right away. Separation is recommended so you can observe them

and make sure they seem healthy before allowing your resident animals to interact with them.

- At a bare minimum, all Rez dogs will have the following vetting before arrival: Their first DHPP vaccine, rabies (age appropriate), given their first dewormer, and Frontline/Nexgard if mange is detected. Don't be surprised if you see worms in their poop. This is normal. The safest thing to do is to pick up their poop for the first week. Your foster manager will get you your next dose of dewormer and set up all vetting that your animal needs after they arrive.
- Your new foster dog may be itchy or have diarrhea or be vomiting. Please refer to the levels of an emergency document to determine if your animal needs to be seen immediately or can wait until business hours.
  - If your dog is itching, this is fairly common. If they have any sign of mange, the reservation vet will have given them a dose of Nexgard to kill the mange. But, they could still have irritation as their skin has been exposed to the extreme elements (cold in the winter, hot/dry in the summer). This takes such a toll on their sensitive skin, especially when compounded by starvation, dehydration, poor nutrition, neglect, and often living outdoors in filthy conditions. To be prepared, you can have sensitive dog shampoo ready for bathing when they are ready. We recommend waiting a day or two, at least, for them to settle in.

#### **A note on continued safety:**

Keeping your foster contained and secure at all times is a must. All fosters must be double leashed – no exceptions. Double leashing means the following items must be secured on your foster dog at all times, even in a fenced yard (scared dogs will look for any small crack to slip through, they can dig a hole in minutes, and they can jump fences you never thought they could)!

- **Collar**: this should be snug fitting (you should be able to put two fingers under the collar so you know it isn't too tight) and should not be able to go over their head (give it a try – if you can pull it over their head, tighten it). We prefer martingale collars because when attached to a leash, they cannot be slipped out of if fitted properly. If you do not know how to fit a martingale collar, please ask your Foster Manager or the Intake representative at transport.
- **Harness**: This should also be snug fitting with only two fingers being able to fit between their skin and the harness. Dogs can act like body contortionists and wiggle out of any ill-fitted, slightly loose harness. When safely indoors, be sure to test it to see if they can back out of the harness. With some body shapes, not all harness types will work.
- **Leashes**: A leash must be attached to both the collar and harness at all times.

- When you are in the house, let one leash attached to a harness drag. This will allow you to reach for your foster without grabbing them and scaring them more than they already are by being in a new environment.
- When you are outside with your foster, carry one leash in each of your hands. If for some reason you drop the leash that is attached to the collar, you still have the leash attached to the harness in your other hand and vice-versa.
- **Add-Ons: Slip Leads.** We use slip leads at transports all the time for extra security. While fitting a foster with a harness or collar, secure a slip-lead to use as reassurance.

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Thank you all for fostering. We can't wait to see updates!