

## **Important Information for Animal Foster Homes - Pick-up Details and Precautions**

We sincerely appreciate your invaluable support and dedication to our mission. As we have an upcoming transport, we want to ensure that you are well-prepared and informed. Please read this document thoroughly, as there are essential details regarding pick-up times and safety precautions.

You will receive an email with the following details the evening before the transport:

- Date
- Location: 12526 319th Ave, Princeton, MN 55371
  - Address Details: Behind Rech Motors, near Finish Line Cafe, off the service road parallel to Hwy 169.
- Email: [transfer@ruffstartrescue.org](mailto:transfer@ruffstartrescue.org) (to notify us upon arrival)

### **Pick-Up Times:**

Please arrive at the assigned time mentioned in the email sent. We kindly request you to check your email before heading to the facility, as transport schedules might experience delays or early arrivals.

### **Safety Precautions (pick up and ride home):**

1. Upon your arrival at the facility, please email [transfer@ruffstartrescue.org](mailto:transfer@ruffstartrescue.org) with your dog's name and the description of your vehicle. You do not have to leave your vehicle, our team will promptly assist you and bring your animal to you.
2. All dogs must be sent home in a kennel. If you have a kennel please bring it with you. If not, we will supply you one. This precaution is essential as all dogs coming off the transport are considered flight risks. To maintain safety, we ask that you keep your new dog in the kennel while indoors and attach the leashes before bringing them outside upon arrival home. For further guidance during the transition period, please see the attached document about transition tips. It is crucial to be cautious during the first 48 hours, as all dogs are considered a flight risk during this time.
3. Each dog will come with a collar and a leash. For dogs over 6 months (or any extra scared younger dogs), a harness and a second leash will be provided. However, if you have additional leashes, please bring them along as we are currently running low on leashes in particular. Please refrain from using retractable leashes for foster dogs, as they are not permitted.
4. Supplies must be requested ahead of time. If you need additional supplies, please reply to me with those requests. All dogs will come with a paper bag that has a couple toys, treats, 2 cans of wet food, an adoption folder and any medications.

### **Guidelines for Foster Homes:**

To ensure a smooth transition and a safe environment for your new foster animal, we kindly request you to follow these guidelines:

1. DO NOT bring resident animals or other foster dogs to the transport location. The long travel time can cause stress to the new foster animal.
2. Please note that your foster may not want to eat immediately after the journey, which is normal. However, it is crucial to ensure they are drinking water. If needed, you can mix wet food and water with their regular food to encourage hydration.
3. We highly recommend not introducing your new foster animal to your resident animals right away. They are likely to be tired and stressed from the transport, so they need time to settle in and catch up on sleep. For their well-being, it's best to keep them separated initially. Please refer to the attached documents about introducing dogs and welcoming your new dog home for detailed guidance.
4. Many of the dogs arriving on transport were recently dewormed or will be upon their intake at the office. It is normal to see worms in their poop during the first week. To prevent transmission, please pick up their poop diligently to ensure other animals don't come into contact with it.
5. If you wish to adopt your foster animal or have additional information to contribute to their bio for potential adopters, please inform your Foster Manager as soon as possible.

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Thank you for your support and commitment to the well-being of these animals. Together, we can make a significant difference in their lives.