



FOREVER HOUNDS TRUST

Matching greyhounds and lurchers to happy homes

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Role Profile Fosterer

Overall objective: To care for greyhounds and lurchers who need to be in a home environment while they await adoption into permanent, loving homes. Each foster dog is different; some may need house/toilet training, others how to walk on the lead, ride in a car, how to get along with other pets and children, some how to deal with being left on their own. Often these dogs have come from difficult backgrounds and will need time and patience. Many have only known life in a kennel so they will look to you for guidance.

Responsible to: Volunteer Regional Homing Officer/Assistant RHO or Volunteer Homing Co-ordinator

Supported by: Volunteer Manager and/or Homing, Kennelling and Welfare Manager (staff members) and Post Homing Support Advisors

Key tasks:

- Caring for pets in your own home to provide short-term care or until they can be rehomed (including feeding, exercising, cleaning, socialising, giving medication if required, grooming)
- Liaising with volunteer homing team and local vets
- Keeping accurate records and providing regular updates.

Skills and abilities:

- Experience as a dog owner and ability to make reliable observations about dog health, welfare and behaviour (sighthound experience preferred)
- Residing within 10-15 miles driving distance from kennels and veterinary facilities (please get in touch for more information) and have access to suitable transport
- Preference given to families who are at home most of the day. Our fosterers can be single, married or retired people, ideally with a garden. Foster families can also have children and other types of pets.
- Understanding that the foster placement is temporary until a permanent home is found

- Ability to provide food and bedding for the foster dog(s)- Forever Hounds Trust will cover any veterinary costs and walking equipment
- Access to a computer and basic computer skills
- Willingness to learn and follow Forever Hounds Trust's fostering procedures

Time commitment

Time in foster care varies – it can be as short as a few days or as long as several months. You will be able to discuss with the relevant member of the Homing team what availability you have and what sort of dogs you are happy to foster (e.g. young, dogs with medical needs, dog with behavioural need).

For further information or to express your interest, please email volunteering@foreverhounds.org