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**Standard Foster Care for Dogs in Training**

Dogs in training are being patterned to live and work with a blind or vision-impaired person.

(Please Read Chapter 13, The Active Program Foster Dog)

**Please fill out the behavior record**

**Please assist with their continued development by adhering to the following expectations:**

* At home, to pattern the foster dog to good habits (no “accidents” or destruction) in your home, confine the foster dog (crate, tie down, or ex pen) if not in direct observation. Foster dogs are not allowed on the furniture.
* During feeding, ensure the foster dog is under control with four paws on the floor. If not, ask the dog to ‘sit’ before placing the bowl down.
* During YOUR meal, do NOT give the foster dog any food from the table. If the dog is at your feet and s/he begs or stares at you, use a crate or tie down away from the table.
* A dog in training is well socialized and gets plenty of exposure to the world when s/he is training during the day. The primary reason we want the dog with you is to be in a home environment. There is no need to spend time socializing your foster dog unless it is woven into your normal foster care routine.
* Leash-relieve the dog PRIORto and AFTER any neighborhood walks (“*do your business*”). Do not allow the dog an opportunity to relieve during a walk. However, if they indicate a need to relieve, say “No“ and then silently move off the sidewalk to an appropriate area such as the cement curb edge or parkway to allow relief. *Please report any relief on walks to the assigned instructor or supervisor to discuss a plan.*
* Walk all dogs in a head collar (Gentle Leader® or EZ®) and do not allow excessive pulling. The desired position for a dog when walking is on the handler’s left side next to their left leg. In addition, during walks, keep the walking purposeful and do not allow the foster dog to visit with other dogs, sniff bushes or scavenge (pick items off the ground) .
* GDB program dogs are NOT allowed in community dog parks or dog run areas such as beaches frequented by other dogs. Playtime with familiar dogs in the home is allowed as long as play is appropriate without escalation. Please read Chapter 8 for more play info.
* Please discuss with training staff any the following issues: barking, fearful reactions, distractions, relieving issues, poor house manners, aggression or growling, health issues, or anything else you may have questions about.

***Thank you for your help and cooperation!***