KEY DOS AND DON'TS OF BEING AN APA! FOSTER PARENT

DOS

- DO carefully read each email that you receive from us.
- DO follow all instructions that we provide, especially if you received a medical and/or behavior consult.
- DO make sure your resident animals are fully vaccinated before taking a foster dog.
- DO keep your foster dog separated from any resident animal for at least the first week.
- DO send us pictures, videos, bio information for your foster dog pursuant to the adoption protocol that you receive.
- DO give our Dog Foster Placement Team as much advance notice as possible if you need to rehome your foster dog (at least 4 days' notice) or if you need a sitter (at least 7 days' notice).
- DO respond to ALL adoption inquiries within 24 hours even if your foster dog is getting adopted.
- DO always let potential adopters know there is other adoption interest in your foster dog.
- DO tell us as soon as possible if you plan on adopting your foster dog.
- DO tell us immediately if you are experiencing any issue with your foster dog.
- DO utilize our Behavior Team if you need behavioral support (*insert email*).
- DO immediately report any foster dog bite pursuant to our Dog Foster Bite Protocol.
- DO shower your foster dog with love!

DON'TS

- DON'T bring your foster dog to any off-leash area or let your foster dog off leash.
- DON'T leave your foster dog unattended in your fenced yard.
- DON'T travel out of the area with your foster dog (contact our Dog Foster Placement Team if you need a sitter).
- DON'T introduce your foster dog to any dogs other than your resident dog(s).
- DON'T hand off your foster dog to a sitter or another foster without first discussing it with the Dog Foster Placement Team, especially if your foster dog requires a behavior consult.
- DON'T hand off your foster dog to a potential adopter or let them take your foster dog on a trial basis, field trip, or sleepover; potential adopters must apply, attend an in-person adoption interview, and pay the adoption fee (and a surgery deposit if your foster dog is unaltered) before taking your foster dog home.
- DON'T tell potential adopters that are out of area that they will be permitted to adopt; adoption preference is given to applicants who live in the Austin area, and out of area adoptions are subject to our approval on a case by case basis.
- DON'T allow your foster puppy(ies) to touch the ground in any public area; this includes at APA!. For Clinic visits, bring your puppy in a crate or carry them.