



GERMAN SHEPHERD RESOURCE AND RESCUE CENTER

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

FOSTER COUNSELOR

<p>POSITION DESCRIPTION</p>	<p>The Foster Counselor serves as a liaison between the Foster Home and the Center and is always an advocate for the best needs of the Foster Home and the Foster Dog.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the Foster Home and Foster Dog • Ensures Foster home has adequate supplies • Answers Foster Home questions • Provides input and makes recommendations regarding behavior assessment visits by a trainer, adoption readiness. • Coordinates and schedules vet visits, behavior assessors, obedience classes, trainer visits if required, photographers, adoption candidate visits. • Ensures that Foster Homes prepare required paperwork, e.g., Foster Dog reports, Foster Dog Profile questions. • May have to travel for dog set up, vet visits, adoption candidate visits, unless other arrangements can be made. <p>Small Caseloads. Counselors are responsible for 1 to 2 foster families.</p>
<p>WHAT YOU NEED TO DO THIS JOB.</p>	<p>You'll need a telephone, a computer, an internet connection and email.</p> <p>You will good listening skills to understand your Foster Home's needs and communication skills to inform others of your Foster Home's status.</p> <p>A lot of patience and a sense of humor also helps.</p>
<p>SHIFTS</p>	<p>Depends upon the experience level of the Foster Home and the behavior of the Foster Dog. The more experienced home and the better behaved dog, the less the time commitment.</p> <p>Typical Commitment:</p> <p>First week: Two (2) phone calls, first one on day two to check in and the second one on day 7 to assist the Foster Home with the Foster Dog report. Emails midweek if needed and if you both agree to communicate by email.</p> <p>Second week: Check in midweek and the end of the week. Foster Home</p>

	<p>may contact you with questions.</p> <p>Third week: check in midweek. Phone the Foster Home at the end of the week to assist with the Foster Dog report.</p> <p>Fourth and remaining weeks: Check in weekly.</p>
LOCATION	<p>Most duties are carried out from the volunteer's home. Some travel may be needed (e.g., Foster Home Setup, delivering the Foster Dog, potential adoption candidate visits).</p>
COMMITMENT	<p>We would prefer a 1 year commitment but will take what you can give us.</p>
TRAINING REQUIREMENTS	<p>Attend a Volunteer Orientation that explains the overall objectives of the Center as an organization. This can be done in person or by telephone.</p> <p>Complete the Volunteer Safe Animal Handling Seminar.</p> <p>Attend a Foster Counselor training session. Training sessions are set up at the time of orientation.</p> <p>Shadow an experienced volunteer for at least 1 Foster Home duration.</p>

Note: All Volunteers must complete a volunteer application, sign a release and liability waiver and receive approval from the GSRRC BOD. Completing and submitting this application does not indicate acceptance and placement. Acceptance into and continued participation in the volunteer program is, among other things, dependent the volunteer's approach and comfort level of working with animals, rescue groups, animal shelters and GSRRC's specific activities, and whether GSRRC has positions available for the volunteer's specified time slots.