



# PEEL ANIMAL RESCUE SOCIETY

## ***DOG FOSTER PROGRAM*** ***INFO SHEET for Foster Parents***

By opening your home and heart to dog/dogs in need, you help save the life of an otherwise homeless animal. The feeling of accomplishment and eventual joy that comes with knowing that a dog has been saved and is in a loving home, is the best reward you can have! All dogs in our care have an initial veterinary examination, are spayed/neutered (age & health permitting), vaccinated and microchipped.

**We provide the supplies like collars, leashes, food and medical care. You provide the love, care, exercise and your home.**

1. We hope that you can be committed to our foster program for the dog to be adopted (be willing to foster the dog from rescue to adoption). The amount of time needed to find a permanent home for a dog can vary from weeks to months. If, for any reason, you cannot continue, we request that you can give us at least 2 weeks' notice.
2. Please understand that most of the dogs are strays picked up by a pound or abandoned by their owners. They may have gone through a lot before our rescue, so be prepared for some adjustment problems in the beginning. It can be stressful for both you and the dog to be in a new situation. The first 2 weeks would be most challenging but please don't give up too soon! For any behavioural issues of the dog, we can provide professional advice/training.
3. Please give us at least one weeks' notice for supply of food.
4. Since you as the foster parent will know the dog best, we would ask that you help us to screen the potential adopter. We provide the screening questionnaire, guidelines and procedures for adoption, and any advice if necessary. We also request that you make your home available to a prospective adopter. The final decision of the adoption is still with us.

## **ARRIVING HOME**

1. For the first few weeks pay special attention when you open the front door/garage door/patio door/backyard gate, as a new dog tends to get out whenever there is a chance!
2. The dog must not be tied up/crated/confined for more than 4 hours.
3. Feed the dog 2 meals a day. A combination of Dry and Canned Food is recommended.
4. Give the dog a good long walk at least once a day and provide playtime too!
5. Supervise and leash the dog at all times when out in public. Never let the dog run at large.
6. It's best to take your dog to the leash-free park for a daily exercise (if it's dog friendly).

## **NEVER**

- Let a stranger/child pet your dog, especially on the head.
- Leave the dog unsupervised with children and when meeting new animals.
- Leave the dog unattended on a choke chain/a leash. They could get caught and strangle the dog.
- Approach or disturb the dog, no matter how gentle he is, while he is EATING or SLEEPING.
- Leave a dog alone in a yard, even if it is fenced. The dog may dig/climb/jump over fences.
- Feed the dog CHOCOLATE, GRAPES, RAISINS, ONION, GARLIC AND MACADAMIA NUTS as they are poisonous to dogs. No Chicken Bones as they can cause choking.

**Together, we will make a difference to the lives of these homeless dogs.**