

# Foster & Adoption Guidelines



Qld Bull Terrier Rescues have very few foster carers who help our Bull Terriers get ready for a new life in their forever homes. We are desperately looking for more foster carers as there are always more dogs than carers. We have dogs in kennels that urgently need a safe & loving place to stay.

If you would like to foster for us it's important that you understand the important work involved. Bullies in need of foster, need special care and attention – we rely on our foster carers to make sure that our dogs' behaviour improves during foster care and that the dog learns how to behave in the human world.

It is essential, first and foremost, that our foster carers understand normal, natural and necessary dog behaviour and that the foster dog is never put in situations that may lead them to behave in a way that will impact any opportunities for a new life. Putting a foster dog in a situation where the dog may develop a negative attitude to handling, children, other dogs or animals puts a foster dog's life in danger.

## How can you help?

We ask our foster carers to keep in touch with admin throughout the dogs stay so that the dog's behaviour can be monitored and modification and training be put in place where needed.

Keep a behaviour diary with as much detail as possible – this can be useful to help spot any issues that need work and to help to develop recommendations in relation to finding the right home for the dog.

## Helping Your New Foster/Adopted Bull Terrier To Settle In

Do not give your foster dog the run of the house – use baby gates to confine him/her to a small area.

Have your foster dog wear a drag line (house line) while being supervised only – it's important not to grab your foster dog by his/her collar or any body part so you can restrain the dog if needed easily with the house line.

Your foster dog should not have access to any area of the house unsupervised.

Do not allow your foster dog interact with your resident dogs or other pets without first following our [Introductions guidelines](#) carefully and always supervising them together.

Start **housetraining** from day one.