

Welcome to the New Life for Paws Foundation's Foster Family!

Thank you for volunteering your time and energy to provide a safe and loving home to one of the many neglected, abused, or abandoned Cunucu dogs of Aruba. You are saving a life.



PREPARING FOR YOUR FOSTER'S ARRIVAL



Veterinarian. Have a vet prepared in case your puppy needs to visit one while in your care. New Life for Paws Foundation will help with any medical bills that may incur. If there is an emergency, please do not hesitate to have them examined.

Puppy-Proofed Environment. Eliminate all potential dangers. Power cords, certain house plants, medicines, cleaners, small objects, and valuable items should be put away or out of reach. Your puppy will want to investigate their new surroundings, so keep an eye out for possible hazards.

The Essentials. Picking up these basics ahead of time will help ensure you and your puppy have a great start.



Reputable puppy food



100% pumpkin puree (helps settle tummies)



Food and water bowls



Poop bags



Treats



Chews (they will be teething!)



Toys

The Extras. These aren't required but may make your life easier!



Crate or dog bed



Animal first aid kit



Potty pads



Baby gates



Spot cleaner

Please Remember. The average timeframe you will have your foster puppy is 7-10 days. If you need assistance getting any of these items, New Life for Paws Foundation is willing to help.

PICKING UP YOUR FOSTER FROM THE AIRPORT

Once you are matched with a puppy, New Life for Paws Foundation will connect you with their travel companion to coordinate pickup. You will also be given their flight number so you can stay up-to-date on estimated departure and arrival times.

After Arriving at the Airport ...

Meet the travel companion near their luggage carousel

Welcome your puppy to their new start

Don't forget to grab their documents and medical records

BRINGING YOUR FOSTER HOME

Your puppy traveled a long way to find their 'forever' home in the United States. They are entering a brand-new environment with sights and sounds that can be overwhelming at first. Be calm. Talk quietly. Move slowly.

When you get home, it's important to provide a quiet space for the puppy to relax for a while. This time is called the "decompression phase" and it varies with each puppy – some take longer than others. One of the most important parts of your job as a foster is to be patient. Help convince your puppy that humans are kind and loving. Remember that they don't understand who you are, or what's happening. They will come out of their carrier when they are ready to interact, and over the next week you will see them blossom.

Capture the moments. Quality pictures and videos can go a long way in helping your puppy get adopted to their forever home.

Most importantly, we ask that treat your foster puppy like a member of your family – make sure they are happy, healthy, and loved.





FINDING YOUR PUPPY A 'FUREVER' HOME

Adoption applications must be completed by anyone who is interested in taking a puppy home from New Life for Paws Foundation. If you happen to know one of the applicants, please flag that for us and we will take that into account during their interview. It is important that everyone goes through the same screening process.

Once an adopter is approved, New Life for Paws Foundation will connect you with them to coordinate a meet-and-greet. (The adopter will travel to you!) You have the right to decide if they are a good fit for the puppy – we trust your judgement.

Last steps include the new owners paying a \$495 adoption fee. This covers the medical care costs the puppy received while in Aruba and their plane ticket to the United States. What it does *not* cover is the spay/neuter procedure required once they reach the appropriate age.

**This is handled by the New Life for Paws Foundation, and it is not your responsibility as a foster to collect this financial contribution. **

Questions or concerns?

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