

# SAYV ANIMAL ORGANIZATION FOSTER-TO-ADOPT OVERVIEW

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If you're foster-to-adopting, you are essentially doing a "trial" adoption. We usually do foster-to-adopt for two reasons:

1. The animal doesn't have complete medical (still needs to be spayed/neutered, microchipped, etc.)
2. We want to do a trial to ensure that the animal fits into your home and family

## WHAT'S THE PROCESS?

1. You submit an application to adopt ([sayvanimals.org/adopt](http://sayvanimals.org/adopt))
2. You are approved to be an adopter
3. The animal moves into your home
4. We continue to stay in touch to complete medical and/or confirm it's a good fit
  - Our preference is to communicate via Facebook Messenger, but if not, you will have a text chat
5. You commit to adopting
  - This is two weeks after the animal comes into your care
  - A 50% **non-refundable** deposit is due at this point in time (two weeks after the animal enters your care) if you are foster-to-adopting due to pending medical
  - If your adoptive animal is fully vetted you will pay the full adoption fee at the two week mark after committing

A non-refundable deposit is required to solidify your commitment to the animal that you're wanting to adopt and help SAYv cover medical costs and costs of care the animal.

Adopting an animal is akin to adding a new family member. It's a serious commitment.

If you return an animal your deposit will not be returned.

## WHAT ARE FOSTER-TO-ADAPTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR?

- Supplies for the animal that you want to adopt (cage, food, bowls, toys, etc.)
- The non-refundable deposit (mentioned above)
- Communicating with the SAYv team in a consistent and respectful manor
  - SAYv can decide during the foster-to-adopt process that you are not a good fit for the animal in your care. If that is decided, any paid deposits will be returned (ONLY in this scenario will it be returned). We take respect very seriously; if you're not respectful to us, we aren't confident in your ability to respect the animal you're adopting
- Heartworm meds for adult dogs
- Flea and tick meds beyond preliminary supplies provided
- Medical care outside of the routine medical care we cover
  - Check our documentation on what medical SAYv covers for reference (generally - spay/neuter, vaccines, microchip, deworming, preliminary flea and tick meds)
  - Example: you want to get your foster-to-adopt animal's teeth to be cleaned (we don't cover unless prior arrangements have been discussed)
  - Example: your foster-to-adopt animal hurts his/her leg in your care (we don't cover)
  - Please ask for approval from the SAYv team before bringing your foster-to-adopt animal outside of our vet network/approved clinics
  - **UNLIKELY:** If for some reason medical care that is usually covered by SAYv is covered by your vet we will deduct **what we would have paid at our clinic partners** from the adoption fee