



Foster Home Information

BAARK needs temporary homes for Cocker Spaniels: we are hoping that you will open your home and your heart so these very adoptable Cockers won't be euthanized in a shelter simply because there is no place for them to go. You can volunteer to become a foster parent to a loving and needy Cocker Kid.

Fostering FAQ







Why do we need fosters?

Fosters allow us to pull more dogs from area shelters while others are still waiting for adoption. It is always preferable to have a dog in a home environment where he can be loved and socialized rather than staying in a shelter. Cocker spaniels are sensitive dogs and the noise, and distress of other dogs, in the shelter is very hard on them. Being put in the shelter, away from people, is a frightening experience and they may not display their normal temperaments. Having a dog in a foster home allows us to better see the dog's true personality. Additionally, boarding costs are prohibitive for a rescue group that is already struggling to stay afloat.

What does it take to foster?

The foster parent's role is to love and socialize these babies while we find them homes. We provide for all vet costs, any medications, and dog food.

We have many of the same requirements for fosters as we do potential adopters. These requirements include that you:

-  Be an adult with responsibility for maintaining a household (no students)
-  Have a fenced yard
-  Have current identification showing address and/or phone number
-  Have the knowledge and consent of all adults living in household
-  Provide an environment for the dog that will keep it safe and secure
-  Be an experienced dog owner – and willing to ask questions and share

information

I work an 8 hour day, could I still foster?

Hey, so do most of us. So do most of our adoptive families. We would not expect you to be at home with the dog all of the time. (It would be nice, but we're realistic.)

However, it is crucial that you check in with the foster dog before you go on about any evening activities away from your home.

How long will the dog be in my care?

The amount of time a dog stays in your care varies. Some dogs are adopted within 2 to 3 weeks; occasionally a dog may spend longer waiting for a forever home.

What happens if I become too attached to the dog?

It happens. Many of our former - and current - fosters are "adoptive parents." It is often hard not to become too attached to the dogs in our care, but with any luck we will find a home for the dog before that happens.

Please email us if you have more questions or are interested in becoming a foster at info@baark.org.