



Maricopa County Animal Care and Control

Foster Procedures for Short- and Long-Term Fosterers

Thank you for opening your heart and home to help us save lives and make happy “tails” by becoming a Foster! Here are some helpful guides for how to select your foster pet as well as the process for adopting out your foster dog once you’ve found their new forever home!

How to Select a Dog for Short- or Long-Term Foster with MCACC:

1. Visit the [Dogs Available for Foster](#) link to search for dogs you are interested in fostering.
2. Once you have a dog (or a few!) picked out, email ACCFoster@maricopa.gov to schedule a day and time to come to the shelter to meet them.
3. If you would like to meet multiple dogs, when you arrive, we will give you kennel cards for each dog and ask that you meet them through their kennel first.
4. After you have narrowed it down to one/your top choices, we will take you to the yard or into the office to meet them outside of their kennels.
5. While meeting the dog(s), we will go over all the dog's medical record and behavior notes with you so that you can get a better sense of the shelter pet.
6. Once you have selected a dog to foster, we will get them fitted with a collar and leash and provide you with some additional foster supplies to help you get started as a new foster hero!
7. To confirm that you understand the dog's available medical and behavior records, you will be asked to sign the meet-and-greet report that we reviewed with you.
8. You will then be on your way with your new foster dog! We will email you periodically to request follow-ups from you so that we can promote the dog on our social media. We will also email you whenever there is a potential adopter interested in your foster dog.

How to Adopt Out your Short- or Long-Term Foster from MCACC:

1. You will be sent home with an adoption contract for your foster dog. If you need a new adoption contract, email us at ACCFoster@maricopa.gov, and we will get you a replacement copy.
2. Please process the adoption for your foster dog within 24 hours of receiving the completed contract by submitting the packet to MCACC.
3. If there is an adoption fee for your foster dog (you will be advised of any fees when you are taking your foster dog home from the shelter), there are several payment options for the adopter:
 - Cash
 - Check (with driver's license # written on the check) made out to Maricopa County Animal Care and Control.
 - NOTE: If they would like to pay by credit card, they will need to process the adoption at the shelter. Please make an appointment with us for you and the adopter to meet at the shelter.
4. If your dog is adopted during a Bissell event, the Bissell survey must be filled out by the adopter. Please email us at ACCFoster@maricopa.gov for the current Bissell survey.
5. Make sure to give the new adopter the adoption packet that we provided to you. Also, advise they have 10 days from the date of their adoption to use their free office visit with one of the veterinarians listed in the packet.
6. If there is no fee for your dog's adoption, you can email the adoption contract (and Bissell survey, if applicable) to ACCFoster@maricopa.gov. If there was an adoption fee and the adopter paid by cash or check, please bring the completed application (and Bissell survey) to the shelter.
7. The dog's license will be mailed to the adopter's Maricopa County address once we process the adoption at the shelter.

NOTE: If you get an email from us about a potential adopter, please reach out to them within 24 hours. You do not have to schedule a meet and greet within 24 hours, please just make the initial contact.