



# Fostering

What does it mean to foster a sled dog? Fostering means that you get to provide the love, attention, food, and a warm or cool place for your foster to stay. Fostering is deeply rewarding, and being involved in a Sammy's rescue story and happy ending can be a truly life-changing experience. We make sure that our fosters are matched with a Sammy that is compatible with their family, lifestyle, and preferences to ensure a good experience for everyone.

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## What is Fostering?

Fostering is the act of temporarily opening your home and heart to care for a Sammy that has been rescued by SRT and is in rehabilitation or waiting to be adopted.

## What are the benefits of fostering?

Fostering is greatly beneficial to our Samoyeds. Not only does it offer a safe place for the Sammy to rest and recuperate both physically and emotionally, but it builds confidence and trust. A foster home is a stable environment for the Sammy to strengthen positive behaviors such as crate training, proper pack behavior, and basic commands. Our fosters love watching each scared, confused, Sammy transform into a peaceful, confident pup ready for their new home. Fostering is also a great option for those who would like to enjoy a dog yet are not in the place to make a long-term adoption commitment.



SRT success story Mya, a Samoyed who was abandoned and left out on the train tracks. With the help of fosters and volunteers, Mya was able to find a loving home, with Lola & Bali.

### What is a foster responsible for?

A foster is responsible for providing a safe, nurturing environment for the Sammy to rest and recuperate both physically and psychologically. Foster parents are responsible for all aspects of caring for the Sammy while he or she is waiting for their forever home. This includes providing food, love, medical care, grooming, etc. Non-emergency veterinary visits are arranged through, and paid for by Samoyed Rescue of Texas. Foster homes are required to provide a quality grain free dry food, with the brand /variety to be determined by SRT depending on the dogs specific dietary needs. Toys, grooming supplies, and leashes are usually provided by Foster home. Foster parents are also responsible for purchasing (unless other arrangements were made), and administering monthly heartworm preventative, and flea and tick control. Responsibilities may also include administering prescribed medication and traveling to vet visits, occasional local adoption events, or Meet & Greets with approved potential adoptors who have gone through the adoption process. Another exciting responsibility is getting to know the Sammy's cute quirks, personality traits, likes/dislikes, and various areas for growth (such as fear of the dark). This information helps SRT make a strong adoption match.



### What is a foster not responsible for?

A foster is not responsible for paying for medical care, any necessary medication or behavioral/obedience training. We require a wire crate for safety reasons, at least initially until your Samoyed is acclimated. SRT may even have a 'loaner crate'. Fosters are also not responsible for finding the Sammy's forever home or following up with adoptors, though we always welcome the help!

### Can we foster if we have a dog of our own?

Of course! We will have a Meet & Greet to make sure that the pups get along. Prior to foster care, our Sammys are microchipped, current on vaccinations and heartworm preventative (Unless otherwise advised by a veterinarian and under medical treatment), and are spayed or neutered. We do require that your dog is also vaccinated.



Yeti enjoying his multi-dog foster home adoptors

Woody at his new forever home!

Lola turning on the charm for potential

### How long do fosters generally take care of one of our Sammys?

This time varies greatly depending on how quickly an adoption match is made. The norm is anywhere from a few weeks to several months. You can foster once or as many times as you'd like!

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Fostering saves lives. By fostering a Samoyed, you are allowing another one to be saved. We have heard many people turn down the opportunity to foster because they fear they won't be able to let their Sammy go. However, our foster families take great comfort in knowing that we are dedicated to placing the Sammy in a home that is just as loving and as safe as their own. There are always other SRT pups that would love a warm home to rest in on their journey as well! And yes, deciding to adopt is always an option if you happen to find the right one for your family.

If you would like to foster one of our Samoyeds, please click [here](#) to fill out the attached application. If you have any other questions, feel free to ask!

Once your application is approved, we should schedule a home visit to recommend great ways to prepare your home for a Sammy guest! Then we would let you meet the available Sammys that we believe would be a good match for you and let you decide which one you'd like to foster!

Thank you for your consideration!



\*\* Some expenses may be reimbursable, however expenditures over \$75 require prior SRT Board approval.

