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Off-Site Adoption Etiquette for Foster Families

This brief document provides some information about showing your foster pet to a prospective adopter or adoption event. If you have additional questions, or would like additional assistance in fostering, please email: foster@yvpr.org.

ALWAYS make prior arrangements to show your foster animal.

Dogs
- Be sure that your foster dog can handle being in a stressful situation like an off-site where there are crowds of people and other animals.

- Make sure that you bring the appropriate adoption paperwork for the animal(s) you are taking.

- Please identify yourself to management/event organizers upon arrival.

- **Keep your dog under control at all times!** You can achieve this by keeping your dog on a short leash. Never let your dog go up to a customer unasked. Never let your dog go up to another dog. If another dog comes up to your dog, please ask the owner politely to remove their dog from your area. If the owner ignores your request, please move to another area. We want to avoid dog- fights at all costs!

- Do not let your dog jump on people or property.

- Pick up any feces that your dog may leave outside. Promptly clean up any accidents your dog may have inside the store.

Cats
- Be sure that your foster cat can handle being in a stressful situation like an off-site where there are crowds of people and other animals.

- Always bring your cat in a carrier and make sure that you bring the appropriate adoption paperwork for the animal(s) you are taking.

- Please identify yourself to management/event organizer upon arrival.

- Do not let people pet your foster cat if it exhibits the following signs: flattened ears, hiding in the back of the cage, growling or hissing. These signs indicate that your foster cat is stressed and may bite. Instead, remove your foster cat as soon as possible and try another time or rely on a different method of advertising your foster cat.