

Things you can do to find your foster dog a home

Hi all,

The rescue and your case manager can do some things to help get your foster placed, but as the foster parent a lot starts with you; after all you have the most access.

Here are ideas.

- Keep taking photos. The PetFinder and AdoptAPet post can get stale. A cute new photo might get someone to give the post a 2nd look. We can set you up with a photographer, but a shy dog might not show their best that way. So keep snapping with your smart phone and maybe a great one will happen. If it does send it to your case manager to add to the post, and put it on GDR's Facebook page and one of the page's administrators can repost it to get it seen.
- Get a video. A photo can only be a moment in time, but a video can really capture personality.
- Always walk your dog with an "Adopt Me" sleeve or bandanna on the leash, and be ready to talk to anyone that asks about him or her.
- One of our volunteers keeps all of the dogs posted on craigslist, but you can post there too. Even better join sites like NextDoor and post your foster dog there. Create an Instagram page for him or her,
- Work on the issues your dog might have. Talk to your case manager to get advice.
- Rewrite their post occasionally. Especially if you are changing out the photos or the original post was written when you first got your foster and they have changed as they settle in.
- Do some cute things with the photos you take to make them stand out. See here for ideas: <http://kenneltocouch.com/2016/01/27/create-engaging-shareable-animal-images-to-increase-adoptions/>
- Keep liking the GDR posts on Facebook. Getting more response to our posts will keep them higher in people's feeds (at least I think that is how it works).
- Respond quickly when you do get an application.