



Foster Manual

🌟 Welcome & Thank You!

Welcome to the **The Comeback Pack** foster family!

Your dedication gives dogs a second chance at life, and we are incredibly grateful for your willingness to foster. Our rescue efforts are only possible because of kind-hearted volunteers like you.

This manual will guide you through your responsibilities and provide tips for success. If you ever need help—we're here for you.

🐶 Our Mission

Our mission is simple: help as many dogs as we can—especially the dogs that need an epic comeback story. The ones others might overlook... the euth-listed, the injured, the “different.” Tripods, cyclops, underdogs, seniors, abandoned puppies—we love them all.



What We Provide

You'll be supplied with all the essentials to care for your foster dog:

- Crate
- Leash
- **Martingale collar** (prevents slipping out when spooked)
- Dog food
- Toys and treats (when available)
- Blankets/beds
- Other supplies you need for your foster pup!

*If you start to run low on supplies, provide us at least a few days' notice so we can order more!



Time Commitment

Unless otherwise arranged, your foster commitment lasts **until the dog is adopted**. We do everything we can to support you during this time, including medical care, supplies, and guidance.

If a situation arises where you **cannot continue fostering**, please notify us immediately. We ask for **at least 2 weeks** to find a replacement home, as most of our foster homes are full.



The 3-3-3 Rule

Adjusting takes time! The first few weeks take a lot of patience. Expect your foster dog to follow this general pattern:

Time Frame	What to Expect
3 Days	Decompression—nervous, shy, unsure
3 Weeks	Learning your routine and expectations
3 Months	Feeling at home and showing true personality

Please see our comprehensive 3-3-3 Guide on our website thecomebackpack.org

Introducing Your Foster to Other Pets

Slow, supervised introductions help reduce stress and prevent aggression. Tips:

- Begin outdoors, with leashes and neutral territory
 - Allow sniffing but keep it brief
 - Monitor closely
 - Allow foster dogs and existing dogs in the home some private space to decompress (a crate or baby gate works great for this)
 - **Never leave dogs unsupervised** until you are sure they get along
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Training is Encouraged

Training increases your foster dog's chances of adoption!

We encourage you to:

- **Crate train** for structure and security
 - **Potty train** to set good habits
 - **Leash train** for safe, enjoyable walks
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Leash & Collar Policy

- For the **first 1–3 weeks**, keep your dog **on a leash**, even in the yard
 - The **martingale collar must always stay on** – it prevents escapes
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Unvaccinated Puppies

Do **not** take unvaccinated puppies into public spaces like parks, sidewalks, or stores. Their immune systems are not yet ready, and they are especially vulnerable to **parvovirus** and other deadly illnesses.



Vaccination Schedule

All vaccines except rabies are administered by The Comeback Pack. Let us know when your foster is due!

For Puppies:

- **4 Parvo (DA2PP) vaccines**, each 2-3 weeks apart
 - **1 Bordetella vaccine**
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Vet Care & Emergencies

If your foster shows signs of illness or injury:

1. **Contact Jennifer or Marc**

Marc - (440) 387-9774;

Marc.thecomebackpack@gmail.com

Jennifer - (760) 672-2360

thecomebackpack@gmail.com

Text is the fastest way to reach us!

2. **Do not go to a vet** unless you receive **prior authorization**

We cannot reimburse unapproved expenses. We will arrange care as needed.



Transportation

Fosters must be able and willing to:

- **Transport dogs to vet appointments**
- **Attend adoption events** (mostly in **Murrieta, Menifee, and Temecula, CA**)
- **Arrange “Meet and Greet”** with approved applicants and a **Comeback Pack adoption coordinator**



Adoption Process

All potential adopters must:

1. **Submit an application**
2. **Be approved by our team**
3. **Meet and love the dog**
4. **Pay the adoption fee and sign the Adoption Agreement (and Spay/Neuter Agreement when applicable)**

Direct adopters to:



thecomebackpack.org

Here they'll find adoptable dogs and adoption fees.



Photos & Updates

Regular updates help us get your foster adopted!

Please send:

- Clear, cute **photos (portrait mode is a plus!)**
- Notes on their **personality, behavior, and progress**

We use this info in online bios to match dogs with the right homes. Please send us info through our The Comeback Pack social media pages (Facebook and Instagram) or email **thecomebackpack@gmail.com**.



Staying Connected

Please join our private Facebook Group – “The Comeback Pack Fosters & Volunteers”

This is where we post updates for our volunteers.

You can also follow us and contact us through our public social media profiles on Facebook and Instagram (The Comeback Pack).



Going on Vacation?

Planning time away? Let us know **at least 2 weeks in advance** so we can find a temporary foster. Our resources are limited, so we appreciate early notice.



We're So Grateful

Thank you for opening your home to a dog in need. Your love, patience, and effort are what make successful adoptions possible. These guidelines help ensure every foster dog gets the care, consistency, and safety they deserve.

We're here to support you every step of the way. Let's save lives—**together**.



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