

Are you a dedicated dog-lover? Do you have a soft spot for dogs who need a little extra love and attention? Would you jump at the opportunity to help a dog in need find his or her perfect forever home? If this sounds like you, and you have space in your heart and in your home, we have just the role for you!

Objective: Provide long-term foster care and rehabilitation for under-socialized dogs.

Responsibilities:

- Provide [potentially] long-term foster care and socialization for under-socialized dogs
- Implement behavior correction methods as needed and as instructed by HEA Foster Team
- Provide consistent socialization opportunities for the animal
- Evaluate foster animal's personality and provide recommendations for ideal home environment
- Transport your foster dog to the Adoption Center and/or Sanctuary for scheduled meet & greet and/or adoption appointments, and to vet visits when needed
- Act as part of the "marketing" team to help get your foster adopted. This may include:
 - Participating in meet & greets with the animal (helping to introduce them to potential adopters)
 - Taking photos that showcase the animal and meet HEA's brand standards
- Communicate regularly with HEA's Foster Coordination Team to:
 - Report any progress or concerns as it relates to the animal's behavior/health
 - Provide photos and updates for the animal's biography
- On occasion, administer medications and/or provide care for minor illness
- Present a professional appearance as a representative of HEA when meeting potential adopters for appointments

Qualifications:

- An ideal living situation that includes:
 - Another dog in the home who interacts well with other dogs
 - Adequate space and capacity for a foster animal and supplies (i.e. a crate)
- Willingness and ability to be trained on dog behavior, behavior correction, and socialization methods
- Patience and understanding, and a willingness to give your foster animal the time/space they need to come out of their shell
- Ability and willingness to commit to long-term fostering

Reports to: HEA Foster Team

Commitment: The time commitment will vary, but we expect that many of these dogs will require months-long foster stays before they find their forever home. Our ideal fosters would be willing to commit to fostering an animal until he or she gets adopted (unless extenuating circumstances arise).

If you are interested in filling this role, or if you'd like to find out more, please email our Foster Coordination Team at foster@heanokill.org.