

**"I Could Never Foster Because I Would Want to Keep Them All!"**

Many people say that, but the question is "How can you NOT foster and risk a beautiful and kind golden could be taken to Tricounty Animal Shelter?"

Foster families can rest assured that Golden Retriever Rescue of Southern Maryland is only going to adopt to exemplary families. That doesn't mean a family has to live in a mansion to qualify to adopt, but it means we feel so good about a prospective adoptive family that we would let our own golden retrievers live there.



**Want more information or are you ready to become a foster family? Contact Us**

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Dedicated to finding permanent, loving homes for golden retrievers in need in St. Mary's, Charles, and Calvert Counties in Southern Maryland.

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**Could You Take Care of Me Temporarily?**



### What is a Foster Family?

A foster family is an individual or family who are willing to temporarily allow a golden retriever to live with them until a permanent home can be found.

### What are the Requirements to be a Foster Family?

Foster families need to be willing to provide a safe and loving environment for a dog who may be very confused. Golden Retrievers are fun-loving, trusting and can be mischievous. Foster families need to be willing to have fun, provide structure, teach manners, if necessary, take the dog to the vet, if needed, and allow prospective adopters the opportunity to meet their "temporary" golden.

Of course golden retrievers need to be primarily house dogs as they want to be part of the family. Some young dogs may need to go to a foster family whose yard is fenced to allow the dog to get needed exercise.

We ask that you complete an application so we know what type of golden retriever would best fit into your lifestyle – young, active, male, female, couch potato, etc. We'll visit your home to answer any questions you may have.

When Golden Retriever Rescue is contacted to take in a dog that needs a temporary home we'll contact you to see if you are available.



### What are the Costs Involved with Fostering a Golden Retriever?

That's the beauty of fostering a golden retriever – there are no monetary costs! Golden Retriever Rescue of Southern Maryland provides vet care, flea and heart worm preventative and even food!

### Why Would Someone Give Up a Golden Retriever?

The most common reasons for giving up golden retrievers are:

- Not enough time to care for the dog.
- Someone in the family is allergic or develops significant health problems.
- The owner dies.
- The family moves into a house or apartment that does not allow companion animals.
- The dog escapes or has other behavior issues.



### How Long Does a Dog Stay With a Foster Family?

The length of time a dog stays with a foster family varies. Every effort is made to adopt dogs to permanent homes as quickly as possible. Young, healthy dogs are typically adopted within a month. Older, special needs dogs take longer.

### What if We Fall in Love with Our Foster Dog and Want to Adopt?

You can! That's one of the reasons many families decide to foster. We ask that if you think you may want to adopt your foster dog that you do so before he/she becomes available to prospective families. We don't want to disappoint a prospective adoptive family who falls in love with the golden retriever you're fostering and then you decide to adopt.

