



SAPA! Foster Quarantine

7 days: During the first 7 days of bringing your new foster pets into your home, SAPA! requires a quarantine period. The quarantine process requires that all fosters are segregated from other family pets as well as monitored closely with family member interaction, especially children.

Why Quarantine?

1. Some illnesses have an incubation period which means an animal may not show signs that they are sick for several days. Within 7 days, if an animal is not showing symptoms, most common & contagious illnesses can be ruled out. This helps prevent your family members and family pets from contracting common & avoidable illnesses.
2. The shelter is a very stressful atmosphere for animals, as is transitioning directly into a new home. A quarantine period allows animals to settle into a home and become relaxed, therefore helping to limit the need to exhibit aggression or reactivity out of defense or fear.
3. During the quarantine period, you can take time to learn the animal's personality and behavioral traits. You can observe and anticipate how the animal will interact with other family pets or fosters when introduced. Properly introducing fosters to family pets is key. It is recommended that foster dogs, after their quarantine period, are leashed and introduced on neutral ground.
4. In general, a quarantine period helps to ensure the safety and health of your family members, family pets, and foster members.

What Does Quarantining Entail?

1. All fosters are recommended to be kenneled in their own room. If this is not a possibility, it is recommended that there is at least a 10ft distance between kennels with other animals. Sheets or blankets draped over kennels can be used as additional protection from the spread of airborne illness.



2. Animals undergoing their quarantine period should not share water bowls, food bowls, toys, or bedding with other animals in the home to prevent the spread of contagious illnesses.
3. If it is identified that the animal is carrying a contagious illness, do not introduce them to family pets or other foster pets-until cleared by a member of the SAPA! Medical Team as noncontagious.

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