Foster Operations: Quick Reference

This document sets out Greatest Need Rescue's operating standards for foster families, including escalation, veterinary authorization, and reporting rules. Read it alongside your dog-specific care plan and the executed foster agreement.

Keep with your dog-specific care plan and coordinator contacts.

Before placement

Receive primary and backup GNR contacts, approved veterinary contacts, medications, individual behavior instructions, and an isolation plan.

Emergency

Seek emergency stabilization immediately. Call/text GNR as soon as safely possible; do not wait for approval when life or serious injury is at risk. Obtain GNR authorization for ongoing/non-stabilizing care.

Report immediately

Lost dog; human/animal bite with injury; serious injury; medical emergency; unsafe home situation. Provide written incident details within 12 hours.

Report within 24 hours

Illness, missed medicine, meaningful behavior change, resource guarding, or worsening stress. Earlier if serious.

Always

Secure crate, pen, or room when unsupervised; separate resident pets unless specifically approved; supervise all child contact; leash outdoors; reward-based handling.

Never without approval

Nonurgent veterinary expenses, boarding, third-party overnight care, out-of-area travel, dog parks, adoption meetups, or transferring the dog.

Routine

Send factual weekly updates. Keep vet records, medications, and incidents documented.

Contacts — complete at placement

Primary: _____ Phone: _____
Backup: _____ Phone: _____
Approved vet: _____ After-hours clinic: _____

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