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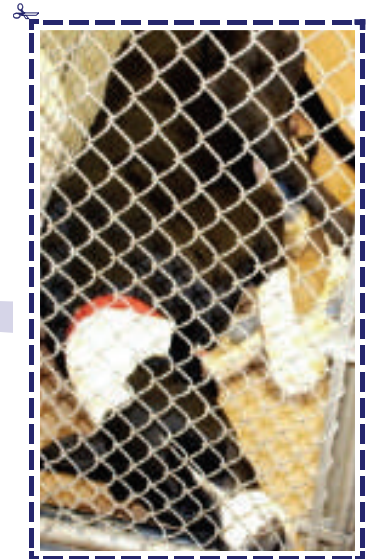
Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue



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Fostering a MAGDRL GREAT DANE

*Questions and answers if
you're considering fostering.*



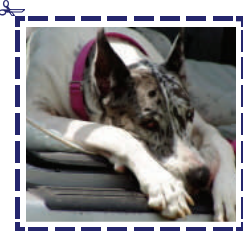
Why Foster a MAGDRL Dane?

Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League is looking for caring, responsible Great Dane lovers to join our foster team by opening their homes and their hearts to a rescued Great Dane.

These Gentle Giants do not 'kennel well' and our foster system allows volunteers to provide our orphans with a home environment in order to evaluate their habits and behaviors. Since foster volunteers get to know their orphan dog "up close and personal", they offer a potential adopter more information about the dog which helps MAGDRL make a better match between the dog and their adoptive family.

Quick Facts

- ✂ Foster applicants go through the same approval process as adoption applicants
- ✂ You should verify that your homeowner insurance covers this breed
- ✂ You should have a way to separate a foster from your pets, family and visitors
- ✂ You may have to medicate or provide post-surgery support for your foster
- ✂ With prior approval, foster expenses may be paid by MAGDRL
- ✂ Orphans stay with their foster until they are adopted
- ✂ You must be willing to crate a foster
- ✂ Although fostering is not trial ownership, in some cases you may adopt your foster orphan
- ✂ If you work away from home, you must provide a midday relief solution
- ✂ Resources may be available to assist you in changing a foster's undesirable behavior
- ✂ No-cost training may be available for fosters



Questions & Answers

What will I need to do as a foster parent?

Daily care of the foster Great Dane includes feeding, exercising, medicating (as necessary), socializing, brushing and grooming, reinforcing basic obedience commands, observing and evaluating general behavior and temperament.

How long does the dog stay in foster care?

Great Danes stay in a foster home from a minimum of a few days to as much as several months, depending on the dog, his/her personality, his/her age, his/her health, and other factors.

Do I need a fenced yard?

Yes, the fencing requirement applies for fosters just as it does for adopters. Our foster homes must comply with the same requirements as our adoptive homes.

Do I have to be with the dog all day?

No. Many of our foster family members are currently employed full or part-time, yet they still provide a quality environment for the dog.

How much time does it take to be a foster parent?

At minimum, two hours a day to as much time you can spend with the dog. In some cases, the more quality time you spend with your foster, the more quickly you can prepare it for placement in its forever home.

May I choose which dog I foster?

Most of the dogs on our web site are already in foster homes. Your MAGDRL Coordinator will work with you to select an appropriate incoming dog which we will match with your family. The foster application allows you to specify requirements such as a foster must get along with your dogs, cats, or kids.

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What if I go on vacation? Or if I travel for my job?

Unfortunately MAGDRL does not have facilities to temporarily house foster dogs. As a result, foster caregivers often develop support systems to provide care in their absence or they stagger the times when they foster.

How much does it cost to foster a dog?

Lack of funds shouldn't prevent you from fostering, but you will have some expenses: good quality dog food, and any toys you wish to provide. Although necessary veterinary expenses, including heartworm preventative, are paid by MAGDRL, remember that we are a nonprofit organization so anything you donate to your orphan's care can be deducted from your taxes.



Will I become attached to my foster dog?

Yes, you undoubtedly will. Great Danes bond quickly and they give so much back in return for your attention. But when you meet the new family that's ready to provide a permanent, loving home for the dog you helped rescue, you will feel more than satisfied to see him move on to his new and better life.

What if I want to adopt the Great Dane I am fostering?

If you decide to be a foster parent, it should be with the understanding that you are working toward helping a deserving Great Dane prepare for its "forever home", and not with the goal to "try out" a Great Dane you may later wish to adopt.

I'd like to foster, what do I do next?

Once your family has decided together to foster a Great Dane, please contact your local MAGDRL Coordinator listed on the back of this brochure. If you provide your evening/weekend phone number, a volunteer will contact