



# FOREVER HOUNDS TRUST

Matching greyhounds and lurchers to happy homes

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## Role Profile

### Fosterer

**Overall role objective:** To care for greyhounds and lurchers who need to be in a home environment while they await adoption into permanent, loving homes

**Responsible to:** Volunteer Regional Homing Officer/Assistant RHO or Volunteer Homing Co-ordinator

**Supported by:** Volunteer Co-ordinator and/or Homing Support Co-ordinator (staff members)

**Overview:** Like many rescue charities we rely on foster families to help us care for some of our greyhounds and lurchers awaiting adoption into loving permanent homes, and we are currently looking for foster homes.

Ideally, we need families who are at home most of the day and are prepared to give the time and effort required by each individual dog. Our fosterers can be single, married or retired people, ideally with a garden. Foster families can also have children and other types of pets.

Each foster dog is different; some may need house/toilet training, others how to walk on the lead, ride in a car, how to get along with other pets and children, some how to deal with being left on their own. Often these dogs have come from difficult backgrounds and will need time and patience. Many have only known life in a kennel so they will look to you for guidance.

Fostering for FOREVER HOUNDS TRUST is immensely rewarding. Although it can be very difficult to let your foster dog move onto their forever home it is also very satisfying knowing that you have helped in the process. FOREVER HOUNDS TRUST need foster families who are happy to re-home their foster dog in readiness for the next one. Time in foster care varies – it can be as short as a few days or as long as several months.

When you foster with FOREVER HOUNDS TRUST we will cover any veterinary and medical costs but we do, however, ask that our foster homes provide food and bedding. Our foster families are home checked in the same way that our prospective adopters are to enable us to answer any questions that you may have and offer advice in the fostering process. Ideally, fosterers will have some experience with sight hounds (e.g. greyhounds, lurchers, whippets, salukis) but information and support will be given. We often know very little about the dogs that come into our care and part of

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the fun with fostering is to learn about the dog and assess them so we can match them to the right home.

For further information or to express your interest, please email [volunteering@foreverhounds.org](mailto:volunteering@foreverhounds.org)

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