

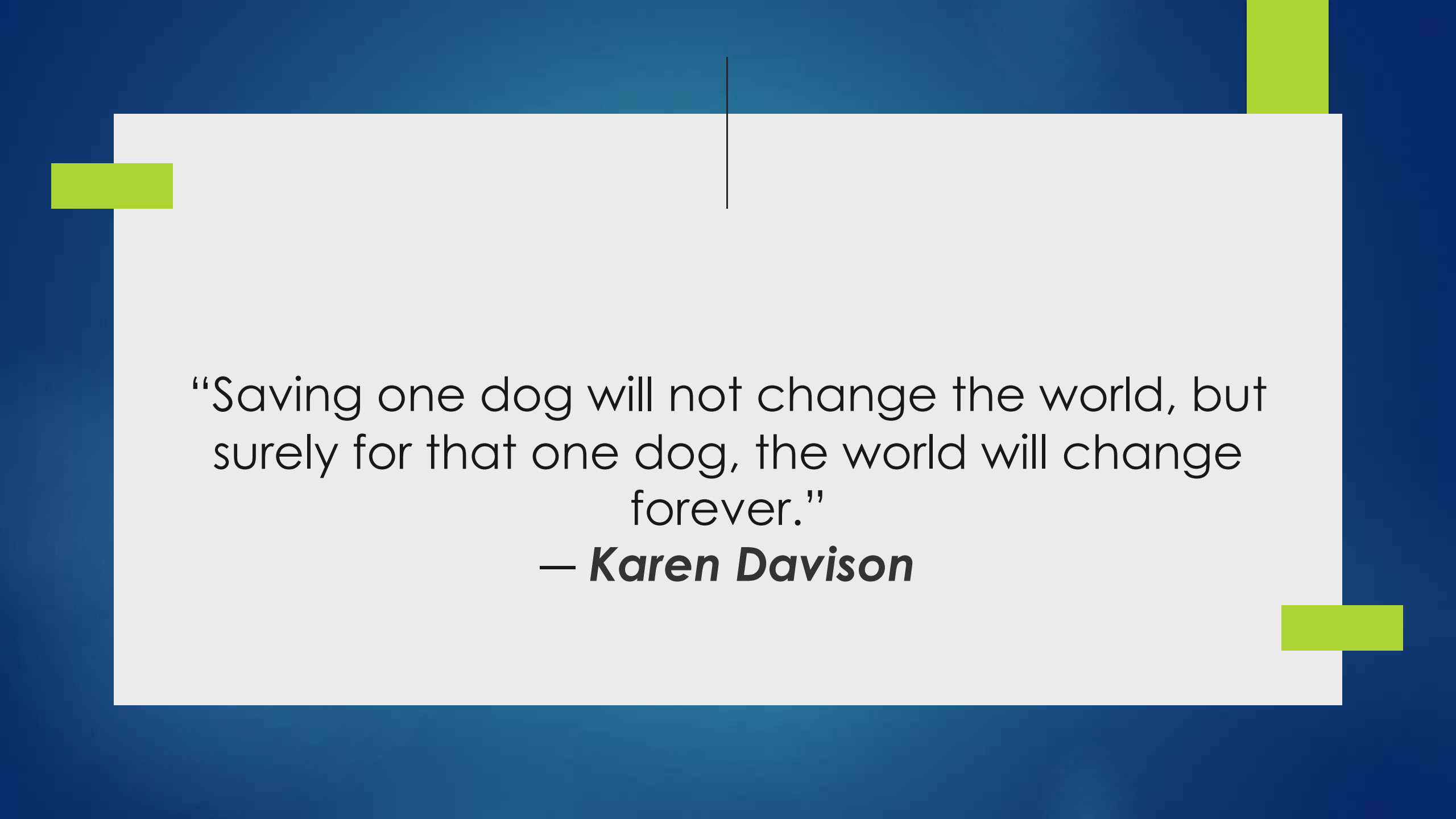


## FOSTER HOME ORIENTATION



## Outline

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“Saving one dog will not change the world, but surely for that one dog, the world will change forever.”

— ***Karen Davison***

# West Coast Boxer Rescue

Founded 2012 by Jackie Snell and Yoshika Hedberg West Coast Boxer Rescue is a 100% volunteer based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We are dedicated to improving the lives and welfare of homeless Boxers. Our mission is to rescue and find homes for stray, abandoned, neglected, abused and surrendered Boxers. We currently serve California and Nevada. We are a group of people who love boxers and want the best possible lives for our rescued dogs..



Luke  
Duke



Lucy



Sebastian



MVRK  
2.0



Patch &  
Blue Ivy



Raskal



New Dog  
Rex



Kimo



Gia

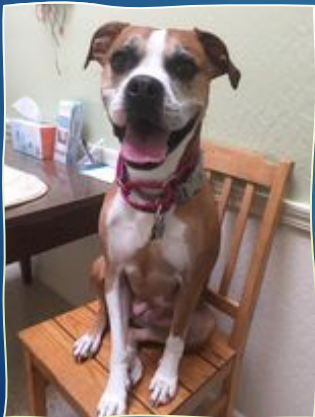


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# Board of Directors

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Adoptions/intakes



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# Foster Mentors

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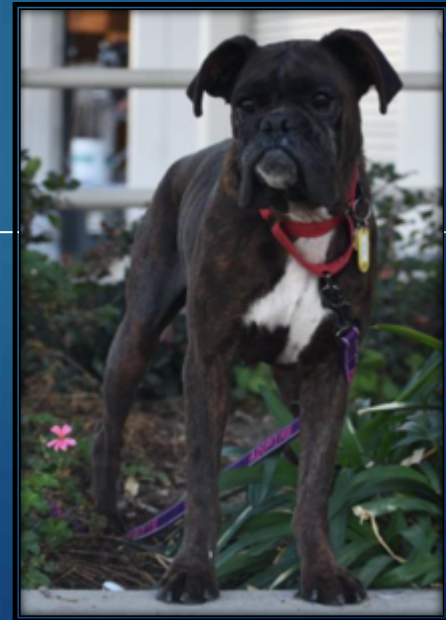


# Foster vs. Foster to Adopt vs. Fospice

**Foster:** Providing TEMPORARY care, love, training, housing for a boxer in WCBR care. This is usually a minimum of 2 weeks time commitment but can be as long as is needed to find the appropriate adoptive home.

**Foster to Adopt:** Providing care, love, training and housing for a boxer in WCBR care with the intention of adopting the dog when they are approved and ready for adoption. This is a rare occurrence and requires prior board approval. Please do not ever expect to be able to adopt your foster.

**Fospice:** Providing long-term care, love, training, and housing for a terminally ill (or "medical") boxer in WCBR care.





## What does WCBR provide for Foster homes

1. Medical Expenses
2. Dog Training tutorials via DogSense portal
3. Rx Food- if medically prescribed diet or due to financial burden (ice cream not included!)
4. Crates and Ex- pens if needed
5. Collar and Tags
6. Supportive community and guidance



# What WCBR expects from Foster

- ▶ Provide a safe supportive environment to meet the foster dog's needs. Sometimes you will have to adjust and troubleshoot the dog's environment/routine to better accommodate their needs.
- ▶ Keeps foster dog separate from other resident animals as long as needed to ensure positive safe interactions. (if foster dog is unvaccinated or ill this can be of utmost importance for resident animals)
- ▶ Provide basic training and/or behavior modifications to set foster dog up for success in adoptive home. Implement NILIF habits and routines.
- ▶ Evaluate foster dog and report updates to your mentor or the Foster Coordinator during weekly check-ins or as needed.
- ▶ Provide timely medical attention when needed including transport to scheduled vet appointments. Work with other volunteers to coordinate transport if needed. Be sure to gain board approval prior to seeking medical attention, when possible, by group texting Jenn and the BOD.
- ▶ Be available to meet potential adopters as needed. These are scheduled in advance.
- ▶ Be in contact with your Mentor or Foster Coordinator if you have any questions or concerns.

What you should expect from your foster dog...





## What to expect:

- ▶ Expect the worst and hope for the best. You have received an inmate that you are responsible to rehabilitate.
- ▶ We usually have limited, if any, information regarding the dog's medical or behavior history. Everything we know we will share with you.
- ▶ The new environment and trauma of losing a previous loving home or rescue from previous situation can mask true behavior and temperament.
- ▶ Shortly after receiving foster, if not already completed, a vet appointment will be scheduled for wellness checks, vaccines and possibly pre-op blood work if neuter or spay will be needed.

## Foster Process:

## Adoption Process:

- ▶ Application → Screening & home check  
→ Vet Check for resident dogs  
→ Rental approval → Orientation  
→ Foster Agreement → Meet & Greet  
(every time) → Take home

- ▶ Application and fee → Screening & home check → Vet check for resident dogs → Rental approval  
→ Matching → Meet & Greet  
→ Contract and adoption fee  
→ Adoption

\*Typical Meet and Greet locations:

- SoCal: Shanderin Kennels Rowland Heights, CA
- NorCal: Sam's Downtown Feed & Pet Supply San Jose, CA

# Handbook Highlights

- ▶ Please do not rename your foster dog without WCBR approval. In some cases a dog will come into our rescue needing a name, and you may be given the honor of naming the dog. Other times, the dog may have a known name of many years, and it could be confusing to have a new name in the foster home and then potentially another once adopted.
- ▶ Give the new dog time to adjust to the new environment and fellow pets before introducing him to the outside world. (2 week shut-in)
- ▶ Do not expect that your foster dog, especially if he or she just came from a shelter or is an owner-surrender, will be immediately well-behaved or housetrained. Have a quiet place ready for your new foster to adjust and be prepared to help him/her learn to potty outside and to follow house rules.
- ▶ During initial period, do not allow or expect the new dog to play freely with resident pets. Do not invite people over to meet the new dog, take the dog to a pet supply store or dog park, or do intensive obedience training. **Slow down, way down.**
- ▶ Begin introducing positive training as soon as possible with your new foster dog. **Review DogSense Training tutorials:**
  - Create a user name and password on this page: [https://dogsense.community/checkout/?add-to-cart=3706&coupon\\_code=WESTCOASTBOXERFOSTER](https://dogsense.community/checkout/?add-to-cart=3706&coupon_code=WESTCOASTBOXERFOSTER)
  - Remember to write down your user name and password. Log into the site here: <https://dogsense.community/>
  - Click on the **Training Videos** tab at the top and that will take you in!
- ▶ If there is a life-threatening emergency, you are expected to reach out to your WCBR contacts before treatment is rendered, but if the dog is in distress and you have not been able to reach one of the contacts, emergency service may be rendered as necessary while you continue to contact WCBR



# Be Connected



**Get added to Volunteer  
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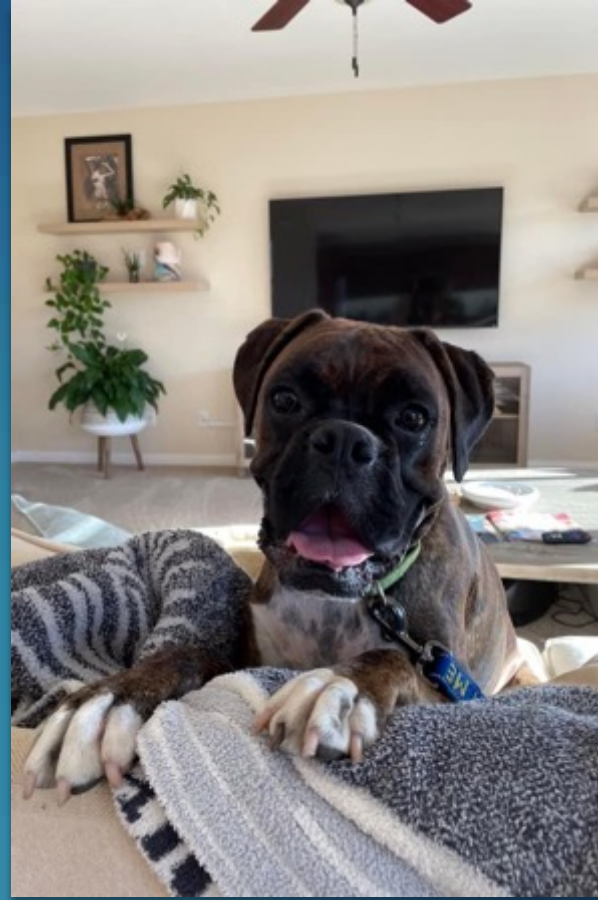
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# QUESTIONS