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Foster a dog

through Pennypaws Rescue

Be the bridge between a dog stuck in Romania and a loving forever home.

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How it works

1 **Fill out the application**

It's quick and completely commitment-free:
pennypawsrescue.org.uk/application-form

2 **We call you, then video chat**

We'll call you to introduce ourselves and arrange a video call to discuss your lives, your home – EVERYTHING – and potential matches.

3 **We guide you through it**

If you're a match, we talk you through the whole process and put a foster contract in place.

4 **Your dog arrives at your front door**

We track the journey with you, every step of the way.

5 **We're with you all the way**

You get a dedicated WhatsApp group, so you can reach us – and we can reach you – whenever you need.

What does it cost?

We cover

- ✓ All fees
- ✓ Vet bills
- ✓ Help and advice, whenever you need it

If you can, it's great if you provide

A comfy bed, food, and some basic toys and equipment – a lead, harness and bowls.

Will it work for my home?

I already have a dog

We arrange careful introductions and give you advice along the way.

I have a cat

No problem – we have cat-tested dogs.

I have children under 12, or children who visit

Sorry, not this time. Our dogs need time to decompress and further assessment before mixing with children – kids can be noisy and unpredictable. Calm children aged 10+ we can discuss.

I live in a flat

That's OK, as long as you can easily take the dog out to the toilet.

I don't own my home

That's fine, as long as you have permission from your landlord.

I don't live in the UK Sorry, we can only place dogs with fosterers in the UK.

What does fostering involve?

It's all about **love and nurture**. You'll be:

Starting their training

Gentle routines and the basics of home life.

Showing them UK life

Many have never seen billboards, bikes and busy streets – it can be scary at first.

Keeping them safe

A nervous new arrival needs secure walks and a secure home.

How long will they be with me?

First, they need a few weeks to decompress before we start to promote them. After that it can be anything from a few weeks to a few months – sometimes longer. We'll talk this through with you.

The hard bit (and the best bit)

What if I fall in love and want to keep them?

That's an option! Just talk to us.

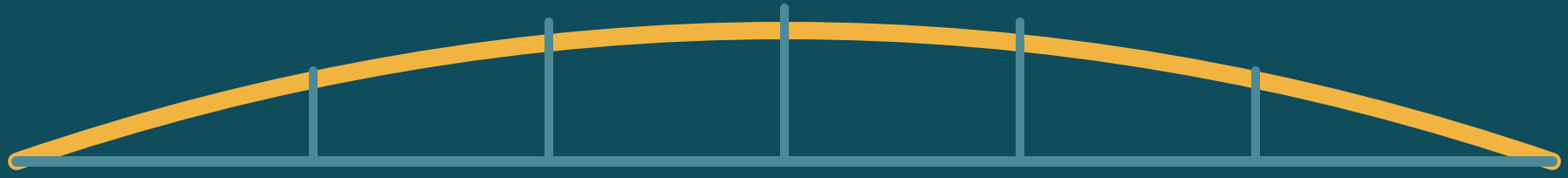
What if I get too upset letting them go?

Oh yes, you will. You will cry – that's how lovely these dogs are.

But remember: you are their **stepping stone**, not their forever home. You're keeping them safe until their family finds them.

We only place our dogs in the very best homes, so you'll be happy with where they go.

Be the bridge



Without you...

they cannot cross. They're stuck in Romania.

With you...

they find love – and the forever home that's waiting for them.

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Life goes on – we get it

What if I'm going on holiday?

It's best to pick a time when you have no trips overseas coming up for a few months. But we know life happens, so we can make temporary arrangements if needed.

What if they're with me for a long time?

If a dog is with you for many months, we can move them to another foster.

Can I foster if I work?

Yes! At first you'll need to be with your foster dog and not leave them alone. Once they're settled, it's fine to leave them for up to 4 hours a day.

Weekly updates, photos and videos

These are how we promote your foster dog and find them a home. So we need fosterers who can confidently take photos and videos and send them on WhatsApp, Messenger or email – whichever suits you.

STEP BY STEP · PART 1

Your foster journey

1. **Foster contract**
   Once your foster is agreed, we put a foster contract in place.
2. **Your WhatsApp group**
   We set up a dedicated group so you can reach us – and we can reach you – any time.
3. **Travel date arranged**
   We let you know when your dog will be on their way.
4. **Pre-foster call**
   We talk you through everything before they arrive.
5. **Track the journey**
   Follow their journey online, together with the Pennypaws team.
6. **Arrival day**
   We're on WhatsApp and the phone when your dog arrives, to check you're both OK.
7. **The first few days**
   We check in with you and keep the conversation open, whenever you need us.

Before they arrive

- **Three-point escape harness**
  Stops a nervous dog slipping free
- **A lead**
- **Some toys**
- **Chicken and rice**
  Boiled – gentle on new tummies
- **Check fences and gates**
  Nervous new arrivals can try to bolt
- **Collar and name tag**
  A legal requirement in the UK
- **A comfy bed**
- **A quiet den area**
  Somewhere calm they can retreat to
- **Pro-Kolin**
  A great binder for runny tummies (from Amazon)
- **Patience and love**
  The most important thing of all!

Tummy troubles are normal

Many dogs get a runny tummy at first, from the stress of the journey and the change in diet. Chicken and rice and Pro-Kolin help settle things. Expect a few toilet accidents too – many have never lived in a home.

Arrival day and the first few days

- **Show them the toilet spot** and let them go – they'll need it after the journey.
- **Offer food and water.** Boiled chicken and rice is gentle on their tummy.
- **Let them sleep.** It's been a very long journey.
- **Give them space** in their den if they want it, and let them come to you.
- **Talk to them softly** and put on relaxing background music, like meditation or classical.
- **Sleep near them for a few nights.** They're used to being with other dogs and are suddenly alone in a strange place.
- **Keep the first weeks calm:** no visitors, and no walks at first – just garden time, so they get used to your home. Slowly work up to collars, harnesses and leads – many have never seen these things!

Remember: every dog is different and will decompress at their own pace. Patience, love and understanding are all they need.

STEP BY STEP · PART 2

From foster to forever

8 **Updates**

We check in from time to time. Send us as many photos, videos and updates as you like – we love them!

9 **Finding the right adopter**

When good applications come in, we take potential adopters through our adoption process.

10 **Meet and greet**

We'll contact you to arrange it. The adopter comes to you and spends a few hours with the dog.

11 **Your thoughts**

We ask what you think and the Pennypaws team passes it on – no pressure, no awkward conversations.

12 **Flying the nest**

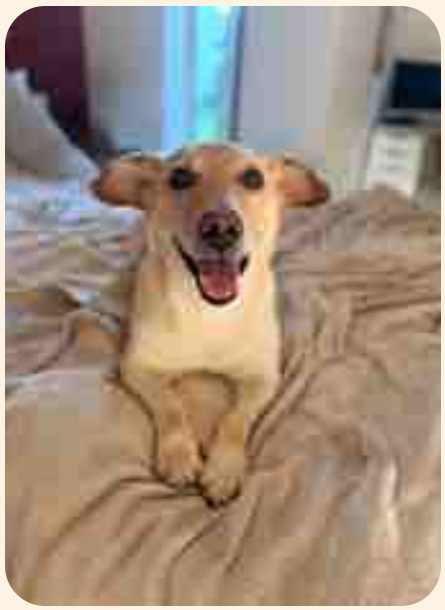
Fosterers often build a lovely relationship with the adopter and get updates once their foster dog has gone home.

13 **Job done!**

You're free to ask for another foster – or take a well-earned rest.

Look what fostering does

Every one of these dogs came to the UK through a foster home. They've now been adopted or are settled and waiting for their forever home.









Your foster dog could be next

WAITING FOR A FOSTER HOME

Could you foster Suki?



BORN
2021

SEX
Female

SIZE
Medium, about 20kg

OTHER DOGS
A friend to other dogs

Suki is confident, friendly and always happy to see people. She's a real water lover who adores splashing in the shelter pool. She's in Romania and ready to travel.

See Suki's full profile at pennypawsrescue.org.uk

WAITING FOR A FOSTER HOME

Could you foster Ebony?



BORN
2023

SEX
Female

SIZE
Small, 8–10kg

BEST SUITED
As an only dog

Ebony is a sweet girl who is shy at first. She needs a calm, understanding home where she can build her confidence.

See Ebony's full profile at pennypawsrescue.org.uk

WAITING FOR A FOSTER HOME

Could you foster Barney?



BORN
About August 2026

SEX
Male

SIZE
Medium when grown

TRAVELS
January 2027

Barney is a gentle, loving and playful puppy. He's set to travel to the UK in January 2027 and is looking for a foster or forever home.

See Barney's full profile at pennypawsrescue.org.uk

WAITING FOR A FOSTER HOME

Could you foster Buddy?



BORN
2021

SEX
Male

SIZE
Medium, 25kg

BEST SUITED
Adults-only home

Buddy is a happy, loyal boy who loves people and human contact. He can be territorial with other dogs in his space and may guard, so he needs an experienced dog owner who can guide him.

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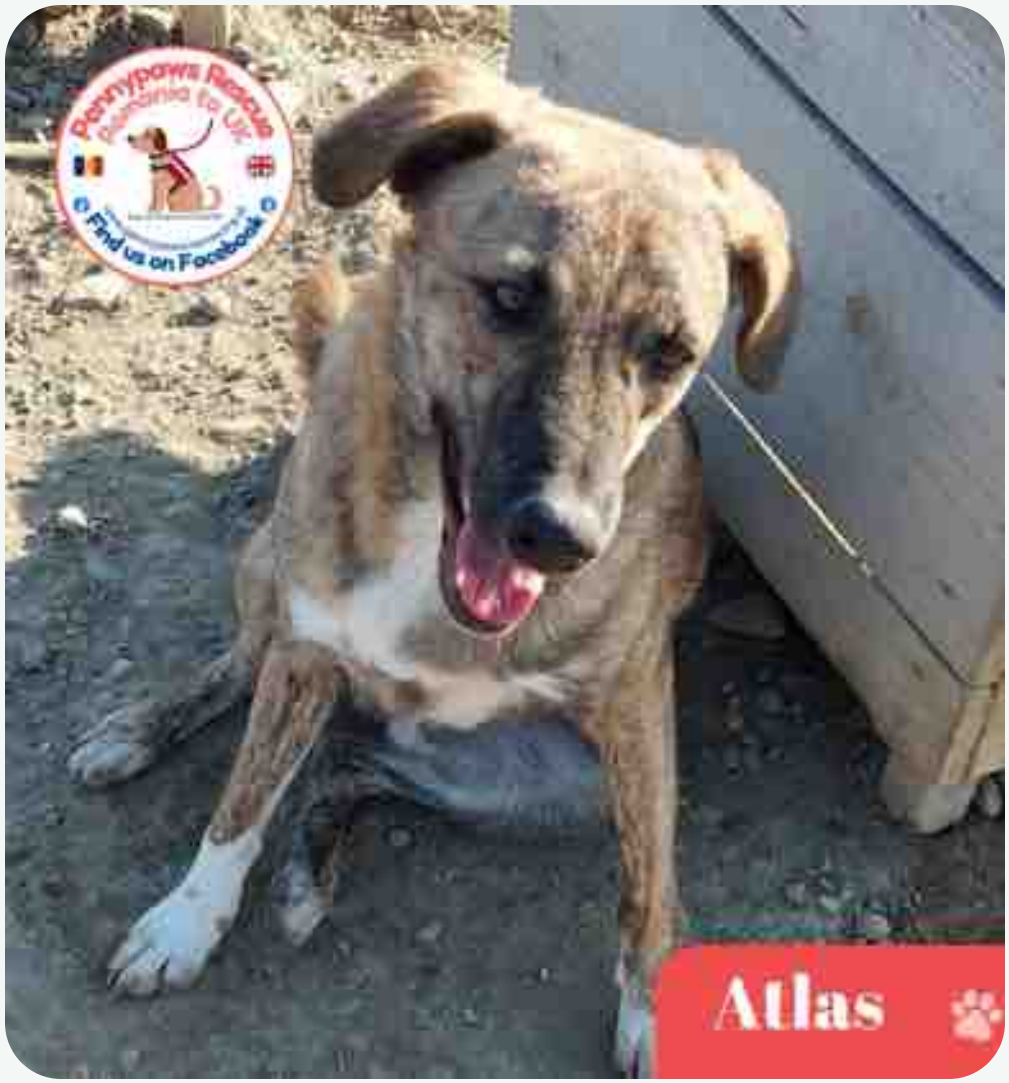
Could you foster Atlas?



BORN
About February 2024

SEX
Male

SIZE
Medium

READY
To travel to the UK

Atlas is a happy, friendly boy – affectionate and playful, though a little shy at first. He's in Romania and ready to travel to the UK.

See Atlas's full profile at pennypawsrescue.org.uk

WAITING FOR A FOSTER HOME

Could you foster Bobby?



BORN
About July 2022

SEX
Male

SIZE
Medium

OTHER DOGS
Could live with other dogs

Bobby is a happy, playful, fun-loving boy. He plays happily with his siblings, so he could share his home with another dog. He's waiting in Romania for his chance.

WAITING FOR A FOSTER HOME

Could you foster Archie?



BORN
About June 2021

SEX
Male

SIZE
Medium to large

SUPPORT
Adoption costs pledged

Archie lost his faith in people after a hard start in life, but he'll blossom with the right person. He needs someone with time and patience to help him learn to trust again.

See Archie's full profile at pennypawsrescue.org.uk

WAITING FOR A FOSTER HOME

Could you foster Sage?



BORN
2024

SEX
Female

SIZE
Small–medium, about 12kg

CHILDREN
Aged 10+

Sage is shy at first but warms up quickly – especially with treats! She loves playing with other dogs. She's in Romania and ready to travel.

See Sage's full profile at pennypawsrescue.org.uk

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Not sure yet?

Apply anyway! Submitting an application is completely commitment-free.

More questions?

Contact us – we'd love to chat. You can meet all the dogs looking for a foster on our website.

Email **admin@pennypawsrescue.org.uk**

Apply now

pennypawsrescue.org.uk/application-form

Please share – your post could find a foster home.