



PRISON INFORMATION

FOR ROCHESTER FOSTER HOMES

Welcome to the Pack

Thank you for providing a foster home for the dogs being raised in Prison Programs. Here is some basic information on the Prison Puppy Foster Program and the role you would play in training these amazing dogs. As important as it is for the inmates to train the puppies, it is also crucial that the puppies at a young age learn good house manners, and get exposed to environments outside the prisons.

Foster Request Emails

Foster request emails are sent by a Can Do Canines staff member. When you receive the email, please respond with the dates you wish to foster and the times you can pick up and drop off. Pick-ups are on Fridays from either 7-10 a.m. or 1-3 p.m., and drop-offs are on Mondays from either 7-10 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.

Dog Information

Fosters are provided with food and basic information about the pup they are fostering. When you're done fostering a dog we ask that you submit the Foster Home Feedback Form, which can be found on the Puppy Program Portal. We kindly ask you to complete this each time you foster.

Supplies

The prison staff will send out a bag with the dog you are fostering. The bag will include a basic care sheet, feeding information, dog food, and head halter. For people taking the dog for 2-weeks as a Prison Break Foster, a cape will also be included to be used on outings. When returning the bag, do not send anything extra back to the prison, but please be sure all supplies received are returned so they have them available for the next foster. Do not keep the cape at home as it belongs to the dog in training and they need it for daily use in their training.

Public Access Training

If you choose to volunteer as a Prison Break Foster, please contact Can Do Canines Puppy Program staff at puppyprogram@candocanines.org to set up a time to do your Public Access Training (cape rights) before you can take a dog out in public. This will take about an hour and we will meet at a store. You can still foster before doing the Public Access Training, but you will be limited to hanging out around the home.

Pick Up & Drop Off Details

Photos are never allowed on prison grounds. Leave your cell phone in your vehicle. Turn off your vehicle and lock it when on prison grounds.

Due to the operational needs of FMC Rochester, they only allow pick-ups and drop-offs on Fridays and Mondays between 7-10 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. Pick up and drop off is handled on prison grounds, but there is no contact with inmates. Each prison determines which dog is assigned to go to foster, as they use a rotation. Unfortunately, you cannot request a specific dog.

You may park in visitor parking at the far end of the lot (nearest the road you arrive on, furthest away from the building). Go inside to Master Control and tell them you are there to pick up a foster dog for Can Do Canines. A staff person will bring the dog to you.

Prison is a very controlled environment. If you must make changes to your established pick-up or drop-off time, or if you will be late, please call the prison's main number at 507-281-0674 to let them know at least 30 minutes ahead of time.

Staff will be waiting for you at your designated time and they must get back to their jobs as quickly as possible. The prison has count times each day. The count is critical for each prison as it is checking offender status. Nothing else happens during count. If you are asked to come earlier or later than your suggested time due to count or another reason, please understand. There is also the rare occasion that your meeting could be delayed due to an event at the prison such as a conflict, count issue, lockdown, etc. If this happens, please be patient.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Federal Medical Center—Rochester • 2110 East Center St, Rochester, MN 55904

General Phone: 507-281-0674

Sarah Bergman: sbergman@bop.gov

Stephanie Gronseth: sgronseth@bop.gov

April Nease: AMNease@bop.gov

Can Do Canines Prison Program Instructor—Dyan Larson

The prison does not help with behavior, training or medical questions. Contact Can Do Canines Prison Program Instructor, Dyan Larson.

Dyan Larson Phone: 715-556-0358

Email: dlarson@candocanines.org

24-Hour Emergency Line

In case of emergency with the Can Do Canine dog in your care, contact a member of the Can Do Canine Puppy Program Staff as soon as possible. Should the emergency become life-threatening, proceed immediately to the nearest emergency clinic.

During business hours, call 763-331-3000 and tell the operator that you have an emergency and need to speak with a member of the puppy program staff.

After hours or on weekends/holidays, call the office at 763-331-3000 and choose option 3. This will forward your call to the on call staff member. If you get voicemail, please leave a message. Your call will be returned within 15 minutes if you include:

- Your name
- Dog's name
- Telephone number to reach you