



## Virtual Foster Program Tip Sheet – Outings

The PHS Virtual Foster Program allows you to take your Virtual Foster Dog on a field trip! Follow these steps to ensure that your outing is safe and fun for everyone involved.

1. Check out with the front desk to let them know that your pet is leaving the building. A staff member will record your pet's name, your contact information for the day, where you are going, and when you are expected to return.
2. Be sure a staff member verifies that your pet's collar and harness are properly fitted. Don't forget the "adopt me" bandanna!
3. Secure the pet in your vehicle using a crate, dog seatbelt, or the help of another person who is at least 16 years old. We can't say how our pups will behave in the car, and a loose critter in a moving vehicle is dangerous!
4. Head to your favorite pet-friendly park, trail, restaurant, or brewery and enjoy it with your Virtual Foster Pet.
5. Check back in with the front desk when you return. All field trip pups must be back to PHS by 4 pm daily (3 pm on Sundays).

For safety reasons:

- Do not allow anyone except yourself to hold the Virtual Foster Pet's leash.
- Do not visit dog parks or other areas where dogs may be off leash.
- Do not allow your Virtual Foster Pet to interact with other animals when off-site. This includes your personal pets!
- In the event of an emergency, call PHS at 757-397-6004. Only a PHS staff member may authorize veterinary care for a PHS pet.

Thank you for giving one of our dogs a much-needed break from the stress of the shelter! Please post about your experience on social media using the hashtag #PHSVirtualFoster.