

## FosterSMART Areas of Observation



<b>STRUCTURE</b>	
– Update on known medical conditions	– Bowel movements – seem normal OR unpredictable in frequency, loose stools?
– Medications given (if any) – any observable reactions? Seem to be helping?	– Current weight – under or overweight?
– Eating – frequency	– How is your foster dog settling in at your home?
– Eating – type of food	
– Eating - amount	
<b>MANAGEMENT</b>	
– Housetraining	– How long is your dog home during the day?
– Confinement/Crate training	– Where does she stay while you're away?
– Furniture – is dog currently allowed on your furniture?	
<b>ACTIVITY/Enrichment</b>	
– Interactions with people	– Interactions with children
– Interactions with dogs	– Interactions with other animals
– Playing with toys?	– How much exercise is your foster dog getting (type, intensity, frequency)?
– Favorite toy	– What are your foster dog's favorite things to do?
– Could she use more/less exercise?	
<b>RED FLAGS</b>	
– RG against DOGS/OTHER ANIMALS	– Resource Guarding (RG) against PEOPLE
– Excessive Barking	– Items dog is guarding
– Car rides – difficulties	– Destructive Chewing
– Separation issues	– Handling sensitivities/aggression
– Fear/Anxiety – afraid of family members, visitors, new environments, sounds, anything that might be present in a typical home environment.	– Visitor/Stranger danger
<b>TRAINING</b>	
– Training cues your foster dog knows or is learning	
– Leash manners	

### Placement recommendations (what sort of home would dog do best in)

- Good things about your foster dog
- Possible restrictions for placement
- Things a potential adopter should be aware of