



# Utah Friends of Basset Hounds

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Salt Lake City, UT 84108  
www.utahbassethoundrescue.com

## *Foster Procedures*

Fostering a basset hound for UFBH is an invaluable donation from our foster home volunteers. The following information will help you to understand our foster home policies. If the basset hound is an "owner surrender," the foster family must not ever contact the previous owner.

### **Behavior**

Although UFBH does our best to get accurate personality descriptions from the shelter personnel and /or the previous owners, we cannot guarantee the disposition of the basset. Dogs respond to stress in much the same way as humans. High stress situations, such as living in a shelter or moving from one home to another, can make a perfectly behaved dog act out in ways that can surprise even the most dog-experienced person. With time, the basset hound should settle down. Foster parents can do two things to help ease the transition. First, immediately establish a routine and second, begin using the Nothing in Life is Free principles with the new basset. (Info on the NILIF program can be provided upon request.)

If behaviors should begin to appear that are extreme in nature, you must let UFBH know promptly. Such behaviors would include any of the following:

- Biting
- Bullying
- Extreme shyness
- Unusual house soiling

Once the foster family has made UFBH aware of the problem, we will immediately contact a trained veterinarian or behaviorist. We do not want the foster parents feeling as though they are "stuck" with a problem dog. UFBH will do everything in our power to help with the problem and if it cannot be resolved in the foster home, we will move the basset hound to a new foster home or kennel.

### **Health**

UFBH assumes full financial responsibility for the health care of the basset hound. The Intake Coordinator is responsible for authorizing all veterinary care. Once UFBH has sent the proper paperwork to the vet's office, the foster family can schedule the appropriate appointments as is convenient. Should the foster family need assistance in transporting the basset to and from the vet's office, UFBH will do our best to assist.

Should an emergency arise, such as the hound displays signs of bloat, gastric hemorrhaging, or a severe laceration, the foster home should seek immediate veterinary care for the hound. Contact UFBH's Adoption, Intake or Foster Coordinators as soon as possible. UFBH will pay the emergency medical expenses.



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## Authorized Veterinarians

University Pet Clinic  
965 E 900 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84105  
801/596-9005

All About Pets  
2255 North Freedom Blvd.  
Provo, UT 84604  
801/375-5300

## Weekly Reporting

UFBH asks foster families to report on the well being of the basset hound once a week. For now, this can be done via email with the Foster Coordinator ([foster@utahbassethoundrescue.com](mailto:foster@utahbassethoundrescue.com)). In the near future, the Members Login area of our website will provide an online Weekly Foster Report form. The more information that UFBH has about the basset, the better forever home placement we will be able to make.

## When the Basset is Adopted

Foster families do get to help choose the new adoptive family. UFBH will take under advisement any concerns or suggestions the foster family may have regarding the basset hound. The foster family has observed the dog closely and therefore would have a great deal of information that might not otherwise be obvious to the Adoption, Foster or Intake Coordinators.

UFBH asks that foster families participate in the review of the Adoption Contract along with the Adoption Coordinator and the adoptive family. As a part of this review, the foster family is asked to provide the following information to the new owner:

- Diet (What brand of food? How much? How many times a day?)
- Information regarding the basset's favorite toys, habits, etc.
- Small fleece blanket provided by UFBH for the basset

We also encourage you to keep in contact with the new family, although we do not advise visiting the newly placed basset too soon. Visiting too soon can confuse the basset and make them very upset. However, UFBH believes that follow-up contact with anyone who has adopted is very important. It is what differentiates adopting from a rescue from buying a puppy at a pet store. You staying in touch with the family is one way we can do that.