Shelter pets may have been exposed to conditions that are contagious and should be kept separate from other pets for at least 10 days. A contagious disease is a disease that can be spread from one animal to another by direct contact or indirect contact.

This foster pet has a bone plate, which is a flat metal bar that enables a fractured bone to be repaired instead of amputating the leg of an animal. Bone plates are used for fractures of the tibia, radius, and femur bones and screws hold the bone plate in place.
After surgery, a bandage will be applied to the limb the first couple of weeks to help support the limb. Cage confinement is required for a length of period determined by the veterinarian that performed the surgery. Your foster pet can be carried outside to go potty or walked outside on a short leash. When going outside to go potty make sure to wrap your foster pet’s bandage in a plastic bag so that the bandage doesn’t get dirty or wet. If at any time your foster pet’s bandage gets wet, damaged, or starts to have a foul smell please call the Second Chance Concierge at ext. 2068 immediately to make an appointment. When fostering a pet recovering with a bone plate there will be weekly bandage changes for a radius or tibia fracture the first 3-4 weeks. It is important that your foster pet have the weekly bandage changes because if a bandage stays on longer than a week it can lead to infection, skin irritation, or could lead to amputating the leg. Your foster pet must wear an e-collar at all times while the bandage to keep your foster pet from chewing on the bandage.
Your foster pet will need their staples removed 10-14 days after surgery. At 4 weeks, your foster pet will need an appointment to drop off for radiographs and exam by an AHS veterinarian, preferable by the veterinarian that performed the surgery. There will be another appointment for radiographs at 8 weeks and it will determine if your foster pet will need another surgery to remove the bone plate now that the fracture has healed. Fostering a pet for healing from a fracture fixed by a bone plate is usually 12-18 weeks long depending on age and type of fracture.

Please give all medications prescribed by an AHS veterinarian and always get approval prior to giving your foster pet anything not prescribed by an AHS veterinarian.