

# BLACK FOXES UK – REHOMING SOP

## Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

### Objective:

To ensure a smooth, responsible, and timely process for rehoming silver foxes through Black Foxes UK, while prioritising the welfare of the animals and maintaining effective communication with both current and new owners.

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### 1. Application Process

- **Step 1:** Interested parties must complete and submit the **Rehoming Application Form**.
  - **Step 2:** Applications will be reviewed within **five (5) business days**. An acknowledgment email will be sent upon receipt of the form.
  - **Step 3:** Applicants are required to **email a signed disclaimer** to Black Foxes UK before the rehoming process can proceed. No action will be taken without this signed document.
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### 2. Locating and Vetting New Homes

- Black Foxes UK will assist in locating and vetting suitable potential homes for the fox.
  - **Media campaigns** may be launched to increase visibility and expedite the rehoming process, particularly in urgent cases.
  - While the average rehoming process can take up to **six (6) months**, it is possible to rehome a fox within **days** in immediate or urgent situations.
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### 3. Vetting of Prospective New Owners

- Once a potential new home is located and vetted by Black Foxes UK, the current owner will be provided with the contact details of the prospective new owner.
- The current owner is required to contact the prospective new owner within **seven (7) days** to discuss the rehoming process.
- The prospective new owner is required to ensure a response to the current owner within **seven (7) days** to discuss the rehoming process.

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#### 4. Finalising the Rehoming Agreement

- The current owner must vet the new owner and negotiate the final terms of the rehoming agreement. This agreement should ensure that the welfare of the silver fox is prioritised.
- Black Foxes UK is not responsible for the terms of the agreement; the responsibility lies with the current owner.

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#### 5. Communication and Updates

- Throughout the rehoming process, both the current and new owners are required to provide regular updates to Black Foxes UK.
- Upon the successful rehoming of the fox, the new owner must confirm receipt by emailing Black Foxes UK with:
  - **Photographs and video footage** of the silver fox in its new enclosure.
  - These materials will be used for Black Foxes UK's **social media platforms** to help raise awareness of responsible fox keeping.

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#### 6. Post-Rehoming Obligations

- The new owner is required to maintain communication with Black Foxes UK for a period following the rehoming to ensure the well-being of the animal and compliance with the agreed terms.

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#### Contact Information:

For questions or further information, please contact us at [blackfoxesuk@gmail.com](mailto:blackfoxesuk@gmail.com).

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#### Approval & Sign-Off

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