



BIG AND SMALL RESCUE FOSTER APPLICATION FORM

Thank you so much for helping give a deserving dog a second chance at their forever home!

Fostering rescue dogs is a very rewarding but sometimes challenging endeavor. Please review the following responsibilities required to foster a rescue dog, and if you are able to meet these responsibilities, please complete the foster application form.

As a foster, you will need to be able to provide love, patience, vet care (paid for by Big & Small), exercise, shelter, and quality food for the foster dog.

Please keep in mind, as most of our rescue dogs are strays, we have very little background information on them, and as such, have no idea of learned behaviors such as house training, obedience training, compatibility with children or cats etc. but we have a brief understanding of their temperaments.

Big and Small Rescue has no way of knowing the history or temperament of many of the animals coming into its rescue program. Therefore, we want you, as the foster, to be aware and use due caution when handling the foster animal. We ask that you remain aware that any animal may bite if provoked. Please do not permit your foster dog to be provoked by another dog, child or person.

The dogs can come with existing health issues, can be dirty, unkempt and/or un-groomed. Based on these known factors, it is imperative that all resident cats and dogs are up to date on all of their vaccines (DHPPV, Rabies and Bordetella). Please consult your veterinarian prior to submitting your foster application.

We ask that the Foster home will honor and fulfill the following:

Temporarily house and care for animal(s) belonging to Big and Small Rescue

Treat this animal in a humane and loving way at all times, and to ensure that anyone else caring for or coming in contact with this animal will do the same.

Meet and respond to queries with potential adopters in a timely fashion, go to adoption events and vet appointments.

Provide this animal with any necessary medication or vet services approved by and paid for by Big and Small Rescue.

Keep the animal clean, well-groomed and safe from harm. Feed a wholesome pet food, (generally supplied by Rescue) and have fresh water available at all times.

Maintain the animal inside the premises of the Foster Home, not outside, nor in a garage or shed, etc. When foster parents are not around, the foster dog must not be left alone with any child under 18 years of age. For all children under the age of 18, parental monitoring must occur for any interactions between the children and the foster dog.

The foster dog is NOT transferrable. Please do not leave the foster dog with anyone else other than you. Do not hand over the dog to anyone else for temporary or permanent care without the express and written permission of Big and Small Rescue. Contact your rescue co-ordinator if you are having scheduling issues.

Keep this animal on a leash when the animal is outdoors at all times, unless the animal is in a securely fenced area or securely fenced yard.

Allow Big and Small Rescue to make all serious decisions regarding this animal's welfare, e.g. obedience training, nutrition, method of discipline and vet care.

If you are willing to accept these responsibilities for fostering a rescue dog, thank you! Please complete the following questionnaire. PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS WHERE APPLICABLE.

Name:

Address:

Contact number:

Email:

Why are you interested in fostering?

Have you ever fostered a dog before? Y/N If yes what was the rescue organization?

Big and Small Rescue will handle all vet costs and will make appointments according to your schedule but you must be able to get the dog to the appointment, is this an issue? Y/N

Big and Small Rescue may request a visitation with you and the dog at a mutually convenient time, is this an issue? Y/N

Are you willing to foster a dog that may need some training? IE: potty training? Y/N

Are you willing to foster long term if necessary IE: several months? Y/N

Do you have any fostering restrictions? IE: size, breed, age?

Are you fostering with intent on adopting? Y/N If yes are you able to cover vet costs should the dog become ill or injured? Y/N

Your Family

Full Name (and Partner, if there is one):

(1)

(2)

Who will have primary responsibility for the animal?

Driver's License # (optional but required on foster/adoption contract)

No. of adults (over 21) in home? Your age (approx.)?

No. of children in home? Ages?

Are the children used to dogs? Y/N

No. of seniors in home?

Are seniors used to dogs? Y/N

How busy is your family?

Very

Moderate

Sometimes

Not at all

How would you describe your lifestyle?

Sedate

Leisurely

Moderately Active

Very Active

How would you describe the pace of your home?

Quiet

Moderate

Busy

Hectic

How would you describe yourself?

Nervous

Loud

Calm

Quiet

How would you describe members in your house?

Nervous

Loud

Calm

Quiet

Are you planning any of the following in the next month?

Moving

Change in Schedule

Holiday

Where would the dog stay during a holiday?

Your Home:

Address:

City:

Province:

PC/Zip:

Home Phone Number:

Cell:

E-mail address:

What type of home is it?

House

Condo

Townhouse

Other _____

Do you own or rent?

How long have you lived at current address?

If renting, do you have landlord approval?

Landlord's name:

Phone:

How large is the yard?

Is the yard fenced? Y/N

How many hours will your dog spend alone during the day?

Where will the dog stay while you are away?

Crate

Loose inside

Outside

Other _____

Where will your dog sleep?

Crate Loose inside Outside Other _____

Pets

Who would be the dogs' primary caretaker?

Do you have dogs now? Y/N How many? Spayed/Neutered?

Breeds? Sexes? Ages?

Are the dogs used to other dogs? Y/N

Do you have cats? Y/N How many? Ages?

Are cats used to dogs? Y/N Are cats indoor or outdoor?

Are cats declawed? Y/N

Do you have birds, fish, pocket animals or reptiles? Y/N

If no animals at this time, have you had any in the past 6 years? Y/N

If yes, what happened to them?

What outdoor activities do YOU engage in?

What kind of activities would you enjoy doing with your dog?

Do you live close to a dog park, beach, or other area where the dog can socialize with other dogs, play and have fun?

Are you prepared for the fact that even with great vigilance puppies can sometimes chew furniture, clothing, shoes etc.?

Are you aware that small objects are a very real choking hazard for dogs? Y/N

Are you aware of foods that are dangerous for dogs to ingest? (E.g. Xylitol- a sweetener in candies, toothpaste, chewing gum etc. chocolate; grapes; and?)

Problems willing to work on:

Are you willing to work on any behavior issues? Y/N

Have you ever done special training with a dog? Y/N If so, what type?

Are you willing to attend obedience training with your dog? Y/N

Will all members take part in training? Y/N If no, explain:

What form of exercise will you provide the dog and how often? (Hrs. per day)?

What is your philosophy or method of training a dog?

Have you ever owned a "rescued" animal before? Y/N If yes, describe:

Have you ever had a special needs animal before? Y/N If yes, describe:

Have you dealt with behavioral issues before? Y/N If yes, describe:

Have you crate-trained an animal? Y/N Was it difficult?

Have you house-trained an animal? Y/N Was it difficult?

If necessary, how will you discipline your animal?

What are you expecting from your dog?

Are all members of your household aware of your plans to foster an animal? Y/N

For what reason would you return a companion animal?

Have you ever volunteered for the SPCA or other rescue group? Y/N

Have you applied to any other rescue shelters/groups? Y/N Which ones?

How did you hear about this animal?

Other relevant information you wish to provide?

If you have pictures of your home and yard, please send them with this application.

EMPLOYMENT (include partner if there is one):

(1) Employer:

(2) Employer:

Occupation:

Occupation:

Work hours?

Work hours?

How many yrs.?

How many yrs.?

Can you be contacted at work? Y/N

If yes, work phone (1)

(2)

I hereby certify that all information supplied on this application is true.

NAMES: _____