



FOSTER APPLICATION

Please note: we require all of the information before considering your foster application, together with landlord consent (if renting) and photos of your property. Failure to provide the information may result in a delayed or rejected application.

Please email to: Contact@NZChihuahuaRescue.co.nz

Date: _____

Personal Details

First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last name: _____

Street Address: _____ Suburb _____

City: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Mobile: (02) _____ Other phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age _____

Residency Status: _____

Please select:

- I am interested in a particular dog advertised. Named: _____
- I would like to be considered for that dog alone – please don't retain my details.
- I would like to go on the list of potential foster for any rescue Chihuahua available in future.

Home Details

Yes / No (If no – please provide a written letter of consent from your landlord)

Amount of time at current address? _____

Do you have a fully-fenced back yard? No / Yes

Do you agree to a property inspection, if required? No / Yes * Please also attach photos of your property

Do you have a pool, lake or other body of water on the property? No / Yes

Family and Life Circumstances

Have you ever been convicted of animal cruelty? Yes / No

Do you have any charges pending in respect of any animal cruelty matters? Yes / No

Who will be the main care-taker of the pet _____

Number of people in household and ages:

Have you discussed fostering a dog with these people: Yes / No

Does anyone in your family suffer from pet related allergies? Yes / No

Do you have any children living with you? No / Yes (If yes, please note how many and their respective ages)

Which areas of your house or property are off limits to the dog: _____

Are you employed? If so, please confirm whether you are part time, full time or other and details of work schedule:

Will there be someone home during the day? Yes / No

Plans for the dog while you are not home? _____

How many hours a day will the dog be left without human company: _____

Do you travel or move regularly for work or other activities: Yes / No

What would happen to the dog should your family go on holiday?

Foster Experience:

Have you fostered a dog before? No / Yes - Details of Breed: _____

Have you owned any dogs before? No / Yes - Details of Breed: _____

Have you fostered any Chihuahuas prior? Yes / No

Have you owned any Chihuahuas prior? Yes / No

Do you require a dog who is already trained? Yes / No

Are you confident and capable to train a dog yourself? Yes / No

How many fostered Chihuahuas can you comfortably accommodate? _____

When can you begin fostering: _____

Maximum amount of time you can foster: _____

Are you able to medicate a Chihuahua if necessary? Yes / No

Do you have the basics available (food, bowls, bedding)? Yes / No

Please list recent foster experience (if applicable):

Details of your current pets:

SPECIES (DOG, CAT ETC.) *For dogs please note breed	AGE	SEX	DE-SEXED ?	VACCINATED?	REGISTERED ?	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (if any)

How many dogs are you allowed by the Council to keep on your property? _____

Where do your existing pets sleep? _____

Where will the foster dog sleep? (if inside – list the room, ie. laundry): _____

What diet are your existing dogs on _____

How often will you exercise the dog? _____

Would the dog have access to indoors or outdoors only? _____

Have you ever surrendered a pet to a shelter? Yes / No

Your current veterinary clinic: _____

Are we able to contact your veterinary clinic for a reference? Yes / No

Please consider the below carefully and tick the boxes which apply:

Are you comfortable fostering a dog who is....	Yes	No
Injured		
Sick		
Pregnant		
A Puppy		
Special needs (deaf / blind / other)		
A Senior dog		
Timid/Scared/"Shut down"		
Requiring human socialisation		
Requiring socialisation with dogs		
Fearful - Aggressive/Nippy		
Does not like children		
Is not cat friendly		

Please tell us any additional details that may assist with your application – hobbies or whether you have any special training or skills (ie. vet, trainer etc):

Why are you interested in fostering?

AGREEMENT:

In order to take part in the foster programme run by the New Zealand Chihuahua Rescue Trust ("**The Trust**"), you, as the ("**foster carer**") hereby agree to the following:

1. The dog remains the sole property of The Trust, until such time as The Trust determines the permanent placement of the dog.
2. The foster carer is to look after the dog according to all instructions given to the foster carer by The Trust and provide all of the necessities of life to the dog, including transport to and from vet appointments, inside shelter, food, human interaction and general care.
3. Applying to The Trust to become a foster carer does not create an obligation on The Trust to supply the foster carer with a dog.
4. No dog placed by The Trust is to be used for breeding purposes prior to being de-sexed.
5. Should any current pets of the foster carer become seriously unwell, The Trust is to be notified as soon as practicable.
6. The dog is to be in the same or better condition when returned to The Trust at the end of foster care.

7. Application Process

- 7.1 The foster carer is to return the application form to the email below, together with any required evidence from a landlord.
- 7.2 By submitting the form to The Trust for consideration, the foster carer confirms that all information supplied is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief; and that they have no pending charges or prior convictions related to animal cruelty.
- 7.3 The information on the forms will be retained by The Trust.
- 7.4 The dog is not the property of the foster carer and as a result, cannot be adopted or otherwise given to any other person other than the main care taker listed above.
- 7.5 The Trust reserves the right to remove any dog placed in the care of a foster carer, reasoning will be provided if requested.

8. The Foster Process

- 8.1 A home check and interview may be conducted with the chosen foster carer, at the Trust's discretion.
- 8.2 The foster carer is approved on the information supplied to The Trust in their application form. Should there be a significant change in circumstances. The carer will need to notify The Trust and may be asked to re-apply for suitability.

8.2.1 “A significant change in circumstances” includes but is not limited to: death of a household member, change of residence, significant loss of income.”

8.3 The foster carer is to keep The Trust informed, with regular phone or email updates as to the progress of the dog, the dog’s general health etc.

8.4 The Trust reserves the right to continue to advertise for a permanent placement of any foster dog placed with a foster carer.

8.5 The foster carer may suggest a permanent placement for the dog (ie. Family member who has bonded with the dog). However, The Trust reserves the right to approve or decline said person.

8.6 The Trust reserves the right to approve or decline any foster carer at any stage of the process. No reasoning will be entered into.

8.7 If the carer is unable to continue to foster the dog. The Trust is to be notified as soon as practicable. The foster carer will not be discharged from their obligations under this contract until the dog is back in the physical care of The Trust.

9. Adoption Process

9.1 Each foster carer has the right to notify The Trust of their wishes to permanently adopt of the dog in their care. If this is the case, the Trust must be notified of the foster carers intention to adopt, as soon as practicable.

9.2 The welfare and best interests of the dog will be the primary consideration in determining whether an adoption should proceed. Other considerations include, but are not limited to: desire to achieve continuity of care, the particular needs of the dog, the presence of support from members of the household, extent of bond between carer and dog, ability to financially provide for the dog and potential for the dog to remain in that home for life.

9.3 The adoption fee of \$400.00 is to be paid prior to confirmation of the adoption.

9.4 The Trust reserves the right to refuse to grant adoption of any dog, no reasoning will be entered into.

9.5 Should The Trust determine that the foster carer be accepted as the permanent home for the dog, the foster carer will be advised in writing. The dog will then be considered to be the property of the foster carer.

9.6 The decision of The Trust is final.

10. Costs

10.1 The foster carer is expected to have the basics required for fostering, such as extra bedding, toys and leads. The Trust may supply these at the Trust’s discretion. The foster carer should indicate during the application process, should they require assistance from the Trust in order to provide these.

- 10.2** The Trust is not responsible for any damage or loss suffered by the foster carer, which has been caused by the dog, while in the foster carers care.
- 10.3** Any personal funds spent on the dog, while property of The Trust, does not constitute a right to ownership for the foster carer of the dog. The dog remains the property of The Trust.

11. Vet Care

- 11.1** In the event that the dog requires medical treatment while in foster care, to the extent that it is practicable, the carer is to urgently inform The Trust and receive written authorization from the Managing Trustee. Failure to do so will result in the foster carer being liable for payment of all costs associated.
- 11.2** If a dog in foster care is harmed while in a foster carers care, by any act, or omission to act that can be attributed to either the foster carer themselves, the foster carer’s family, or the foster carers own pets, it is the responsibility of the foster carer to meet those costs from their own available funds.
- 11.3** In the case of 11.2 The Trust reserves the right to re-assess the suitability of the foster home and/or remove the dog from the carers care.
- 11.4** In the event that veterinary care is required for the dog during normal hours, the foster carer is to utilise the nominated veterinary practice of the Trust, after receiving confirmation from the Managing Trustee.
- 11.5** Emergency situations will be assessed on a case by case basis. Should such a situation arise the carer is to urgently contact the Managing Trustee.

12. Termination of Agreement

- 12.1** The Agreement may be terminated by the Trust for any breach of this Agreement with little (or no) notice given to the foster carer.
- 12.2** In the event that the dog fostered by the foster carer is to be placed with an adopter, the Agreement is to be terminated on the date that the dog is given to the adopter.
- 12.3** The foster carer may terminate this Agreement by notifying the Trust of their intention to return the dog into the care of the Trust. The Agreement is terminated once the dog has been returned to the care of the Trust.

Please INITIAL each page and SIGN below to confirm you have read and understood the contents of the above:

Name:

As a “Foster Carer” for the New Zealand Chihuahua Rescue Trust