



FOSTER APPLICATION

Instructions: We require all of the below information before considering your application, together with landlord consent (if renting) and photos of your property. Failure to do so may result in a delayed or rejected application.

Please send your application to: Contact@NZChihuahuaRescue.co.nz and retain a copy for yourself. If you cannot scan the document back to us by email please post to: NZ Chihuahua Rescue, PO Box 20579, Bishopdale 8543, Christchurch.

Date of Application: _____

Personal Details:

First Name: _____ **Middle:** _____ **Last name:** _____

Street Address: _____ **Suburb** _____

City: _____ **Postcode:** _____

Email: _____

Best contact number: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____ **Age:** _____

Residency Status: _____

Do you have a partner residing at or staying at the property often?

- No
 Yes – Please fill out the below section so we know who will be around the dog on a regular basis

Details of Spouse or Partner at the Home Regularly:

First Name: _____ **Middle:** _____ **Last name:** _____

Best contact number: _____ **Other phone:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Age** _____

Occupation: _____

How many hours per week does your partner work? Please note on what days and any other details of work schedule: (ie. How many hours per week, Which days, Are they on a roster? Are there any other details of the work schedule we should know?)

Please select:

- I am interested in fostering a particular dog - named: _____
 I would like to go on the list of potential fosters for any rescue Chihuahua available in future in my City.

PLEASE NOTE - Foster to Adopt: We do not offer a foster to adopt programme as we offer a one-month trial on all adoptions! If you are considering adding a member to your family but unsure whether they will be the correct fit, we suggest filling out an adoption form and submitting this instead. Foster care forms are strictly for those who (from the outset) are looking to foster only.

Home Details

Do you own your own home?

- No (If no – please provide a written letter of consent from your landlord or Housing New Zealand – you should also consider what would happen to the dog if you moved from your current rental)
 Yes

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? * Please also attach photos of your property

- No
- Yes

Do you have a pool, lake or other body of water on the property?

- No
- Yes

Family and Life Circumstances

Do you have any charges pending in respect of animal cruelty and/or have you ever been convicted of animal cruelty?

- No
- Yes

Who will be the main care-taker(s) of the dog: _____

Number of people in household and ages:

Have you discussed fostering a dog with these people?

- No
- Yes

Does anyone in your family suffer from pet related allergies?

- No
- Yes

Do you have any children living with you?

- No
- Yes (If yes, please note how many and their respective ages)

Do you any children that may visit you (ie. grandchildren, foster children, etc.)

- No
- Yes (If yes, please note how many and their respective ages)

Do you suffer from any illness or disability which may impact on your ability to care for a dog?

- No
- Yes
- I'm not sure if it qualifies - but I have some health concerns. *If you ticked yes or "I'm not sure" please clarify further below:*

Employment

Are you employed?

- No
- Yes

Job Occupation: _____

- Beneficiary
- Student

Please select the applicable option:

- Full Time Worker
- Part Time Worker
- Retired
- I work from Home
- I am able to take the dog with me to work.

How many hours per week do you work and on what days and any other details of work schedule: *(ie. How many hours per week do you work? Which days do you work? Are you on a roster? Are there any other details of your work schedule we should know?)*

What are your plans for the dog while you are not home?

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

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

Do you travel or move regularly for work or other activities?

- No
- Yes

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

Details of your current pets:

Have you owned a Chihuahua prior?

- No
- Yes

Details of breeds owned: _____

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? _____

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

Have you ever surrendered a pet to a shelter or rescue?

- No
- Yes

Are we able to contact your veterinary clinic for a reference?

- No
- Yes

Current clinic: _____

Length of time at clinic: _____

Please consider the below carefully and tick the boxes which apply: Please be as honest as possible as we need to know what you are looking for in a companion...

Are you comfortable fostering a dog who is.... ?

<p>With a known injury that can, or cannot be healed? (ie. requiring future orthopaedic surgery for luxating patellas a condition very common in Chihuahuas – please research this)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure – I think I would be open to this</p>	<p>Requires assistance with toilet-training?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No – MUST be toilet-trained. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – I am able and willing to assist a dog in getting in to this routine. <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure – I think I would be open to this</p>
<p>Requiring ongoing medical treatment (ie. May require meds for a condition such as the heart or require a special diet due to liver or kidney health)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure – I think I would be open to this</p>	<p>Requires obedience training?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
<p>A Puppy? (ie. 6months – 1year)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No – must be over _____years old (state age here) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>	<p>Is not cat friendly?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No – This dog MUST like cats. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure – I think I would be open to this as it does not affect me.</p>
<p>Special needs (deaf / blind / other)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure – I think I would be open to this</p>	<p>Does not like or is fearful of children?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No – They must like and get along with children <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
<p>A Senior Dog? (ie. Over 7-8 years of age)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No – must be under _____years old (state age here) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Over 7-8years is fine.</p>	<p>Fearful? – These are dogs that may require extra support, those who are timid and wary.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – I am confident in dealing with this behaviour. <input type="checkbox"/> As long as they do not nip out of fear.</p>
<p>Requiring socialisation with dogs?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – I am confident in dealing with this behaviour.</p>	<p>Requiring human socialisation (ie. Dogs that are timid at times, wary and may require more support).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – I am confident in dealing with this behaviour.</p>
<p>Pregnant?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – I have fostered pregnant dogs prior. <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure – I think I would be open to this</p>	<p>Timid / Shutdown / In need of an expert fosterer:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure – I think I would be open to this</p>

Please list your current pets here – note breeds of any dogs: Use additional paper if needed to confirm all pets in the household.

SPECIES (DOG, CAT ETC.) <i>*For dogs please note breed</i>	AGE	SEX – M or F?	DE-SEXED ?	LAST VACCINATION DATE?	REGISTERED WITH COUNCIL?	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS <i>(if any)</i>

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):

Foster Experience:

Have you fostered a dog or dog(s) prior?

- No
 Yes For: _____ (name of organisation ie. SPCA)

Details of Breeds: _____

Have you owned a dog prior?

- No
 Yes Details of Breeds: _____

Have you owned a Chihuahua prior?

- No
 Yes

Do you require a dog who is already trained?

- No
 Yes

Are you confident and capable to train a dog yourself?

- No
 Yes

How many foster dogs 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?

- No
 Yes

Do you have the basics required to foster a dog for the trust (toys, blankets, dog-beds, bowls, bedding)?

- No
 Yes

I need assistance to get the following items in order to foster:

Are you able to transport the dog to and from veterinary appointments in Canterbury, during weekdays if necessary? (ie. Do you hold a full or restricted licence and have access to a car?)

- No – Sorry but we cannot have fosters that are unable to attend veterinary appointments during the day with dogs.
 Yes

Please list recent foster experience (if applicable):

Why are you interested in fostering for NZ Chihuahua Rescue?

Have you read the below Agreement and terms?

- No
- Yes

Do you agree to be bound by the below Agreement and terms?

- No
 - Yes
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Checklist before sending your application in:

Please ensure you have the following in order to successfully apply to become a foster carer. Failure to provide the information will result in a delayed or refused application.

- Form completed with answers for each question
 - "signed" your name by typing in the box below
 - Landlord consent attached – if renting
 - Housing NZ consent attached – if renting
 - Pictures of your property and home
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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. Should any current pets of the foster carer become seriously unwell, The Trust is to be notified as soon as practicable.
4. Please advise the trust as soon as practicable if you notice any potential injury or illness relating to the foster dog.
5. The dog is to be in the same or better condition when returned to The Trust at the end of foster care.
6. The foster carer agrees to be bound by the terms of this form or any updated forms, they acknowledge by signing that they are aware of their obligations in terms of becoming a foster carer.

Application Process

7. 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. Carers are chosen based on location and the needs of the particular dog that comes into the care of the Trust.
8. The foster carer is to return the application form to the email below, together with any required evidence from a landlord. The original signed copy is to be retained and posted to the Trust.

9. By submitting this 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.
10. The information on the forms will be retained by The Trust and may be shared with other team members.
11. A home check and interview may be conducted with the chosen foster carer, at the Trust's discretion.
12. 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.

11.1 "A significant change in circumstances" includes but is not limited to: death of a household member, change of residence, health issues of the foster carer or their immediate family members, and significant loss of income."

Duty to Keep the Trust Informed

13. 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 and any other information relevant to the foster dog.

Council Licensing

14. The foster carer undertakes that they have confirmed with their local council the amount of dogs able to be housed on their property (at any one time) and hold any relevant licenses required by their local council.

14.1 Should the foster carer neglect to do so and receive penalty fees as a result of their decision, the trust is not liable for any payment of fines. We expect that you are licenced to care for the foster dog and any permanent dogs you may have.

15 Adoption of the Foster Dog by a Third Party

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

15.1 The foster carer is expected to assist with "meet and greets" and provide information as to the personality of the dog in order for the trust to create a "bio" of the foster dog.

16. 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 Applicant. If the foster carer believes they have a prospective Applicant they must refer the Applicant to the trust and ensure the appropriate forms are completed.

17. 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.

Adoption of the Foster Dog by the Foster Carer

18. Each foster carer has the right to notify The Trust of their wishes to permanently adopt the dog in their care. If this is the case, the Trust must be notified of the foster carer's intention to adopt, as soon as practicable and before advertising of the dog has commenced. If the dog has already been promised to a family or attending meet and greets with a certain adopter, it is already too late unfortunately.
19. 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 foster carer may ask for the one-month trial if desired. The foster shall need to sign an Adoption Agreement in respect of their foster dog.

- 20** The adoption fee (as per the profile of the dog on the website) is to be paid prior to confirmation of the adoption. This fee assists the trust in recouping some of the funds spend on the foster dog which can be used for other dogs in the care of the trust. Failure to pay the fee may result in the dog being uplifted.
- 21** The dog will be considered successfully adopted upon the end of the trial period. The foster carer – turned Adopter is now responsible for the dog.

Costs and Damages

- 22** The foster carer is expected to have some basics required for fostering, such as extra bedding, toys and leads. The Trust can supply these at the Trust's discretion. The foster carer must indicate during the application process, should they require assistance from the Trust in order to provide these.
- 23** 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.
- 24** 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 regardless of any funds the foster carer has chosen to spend on the foster dog.

Vet Care, Accidents and Emergencies

- 25** The Trust will de-sex, micro-chip and vaccinate all of the dogs in its care. Together with providing flea and worming and any other medical treatments required.
- 26** No dog placed by The Trust is to be used for breeding purposes prior to being de-sexed.
- 27** The dog will be micro-chipped to the Trust and registered with the local council in the name of the Trust. The Foster carer will not be added to the registration or microchip details unless they adopt the dog in their care. Legal ownership of the dog is vested in the Managing Trustee until such time as they transfer this.
- 28** The foster carer is expected to have the time required, relevant licensing and transport facilities to be available to transport the dog to any veterinary or other medical appointments while he or she is being fostered.
- 29** 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.
- 27.1** In the case of Clause 27, the Trust reserves the right to re-assess the suitability of the foster home and/or remove the dog from the carers care.
- 30** In the event that veterinary care is required for the dog during normal hours (Mon – Fri 8am – 6pm) the foster carer is to notify the Managing Trustee immediately and receive their approval to book an appointment with the Trust's Vet. Failure to follow this process will result in the foster carer being liable for full payment of all costs associated.
- 31** In the event that the dog requires emergency medical treatment outside of the hours above, the Trust vet clinic is to be called pursuant to the process noted in the foster handbook. To the extent that it is practicable, the carer is to urgently inform the Managing Trustee and receive authorization from the Managing Trustee. Failure to do so will result in the foster carer being liable for payment of all costs associated.
- 31.1** 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.

- 32** Do not take the foster dog to your personal vet and/or spend your own funds on de-sexing, microchipping, vaccinations or other vet care expecting to be reimbursed without express authorisation from the Managing Trustee.

Foster to Adopt

- 33** We do not offer a foster to adopt programme as we offer a one-month trial on all adoptions. Under our adoption process, if the dog placed in the Adopters care does not suit the Adopter or their family, the adoption fee is reversed and the dog is placed back into the care of the Trust.

Termination of Agreement

- 34** The Agreement may be terminated by the Trust for any breach of this Agreement. The foster carer will be informed as to the trusts decision.
- 35** The foster carer may terminate this Agreement by notifying the Trust of their intention to return a foster dog into the care of the Trust and cease to be a foster carer for the trust. The Agreement is considered terminated once the dog has been returned to the care of the Trust.
- 36** In the case where foster carers have fostered for the Trust prior, no new application is required. Should a pre-approved or long-standing foster carer which to cease fostering for the Trust, In this case, the Agreement shall be deemed to be terminated upon notice from the foster carer to the Trust that they no longer wish to act as a foster carer, or return of the foster dog if already in their care.
- 37** The Trust reserves the right to remove any dog placed in the care of a foster carer for any concerns relating to the welfare of the dog or skill of the foster carer.
- 38** The decision of The Trust is final.

Please read through the above Agreement thoroughly and contact us if you have any queries. Once considered, please sign your name (or type your name in the box below in replacement of your true and usual signature), to confirm that you have read and understood the contents of the above and you accept the terms of our Agreement and agree to be bound by them and/or any updated or subsequent foster Agreement.

As a "Foster Carer" for the New Zealand Chihuahua Rescue Trust