

Rescue Pets Serving Vets, Inc.

Foster Application/Agreement

The primary reason for foster care is to provide a temporary home for an adoptable animal who has been taken into our program after being rescued from living in a shelter, most times to help with overcrowding. Although previous fostering experience is not required, ideal foster care provider will have basic knowledge of animal care and training and be committed to preparing their foster animal for a safe and loving "forever home". As a foster care provider, you will provide the animals with care including food, water, shelter, training, grooming and love & attention.

Fostering a shelter animal is a wonderful and rewarding experience but can also be time consuming and hard work. Please seriously consider all of the aspects of the foster care program before deciding to apply to foster. **All first-time foster care providers must complete the following application.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phones- Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address (please print clearly): _____

How long have you been at this address?: _____

Any addresses you have lived at in the past 3 years: _____

Have you fostered before? ___ No ___ Yes- for which organization? _____

If yes, what animals did you foster? What was the outcome? _____

How did you hear about Rescue Pets Serving Vets foster program? _____

What type of animals are you interested in fostering? (Please check all that apply)

	No!	Possibly...	Definitely!
Mama dog & pups	_____	_____	_____
Puppies only	_____	_____	_____
Injured dog	_____	_____	_____
Sick dog (kennel cough, skin condition, etc)	_____	_____	_____
Under socialized dog (lots of TLC needed)	_____	_____	_____

What length of time can you commit to fostering (weeks, months, etc): _____

Your home: ___ Own ___ Rent ___ Other (please explain): _____

If you do not own your home, are you allowed to have animals where you live? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Don't know

If you rent, are there weight/size or breed restrictions? _____

Please provide your landlord's name and phone number:

Are you planning on moving in the next 2-3 months? ___ Yes ___ No

Will you allow a home visit to ensure that your home is appropriate for fostering? ___ Yes ___ No

Do you have a fenced yard? ___ Yes (How high is the fence? _____) ___ No

Are you employed? ___ Yes (If yes, ___ Full time ___ Part time) ___ No

If/when you travel, how do you intend to provide for your foster dog while you are away? _____

How much time will you devote to your foster animal's care and socialization each day: _____

How many adults in your home? _____ How many children? _____ Their ages? _____

Name(s) of other adult(s) in the household _____

Is anyone in your home allergic to animals? ___ No ___ Yes (if Yes, ___ dogs, ___ cats)

Current Pets:

Name	Type/Breed	Age	Indoor/Outdoor?	Time in your care	Spayed/Neutered
_____					Yes ___ No ___
_____					Yes ___ No ___
_____					Yes ___ No ___
_____					Yes ___ No ___

Do your pets have their vaccinations? ___ No ___ Yes Name & Ph # of Vet: _____

Please tell us about any pets you have had within the last 5 years who are no longer living with you.

Name	Age	Reason no longer with you	Spayed/Neutered
_____			Yes ___ No ___
_____			Yes ___ No ___
_____			Yes ___ No ___
_____			Yes ___ No ___

Have you ever given up a pet? Yes ___ No ___ **If yes**, where did the animal end up? _____

Have any of your resident animals ever had a litter (had babies) before? ___ Yes ___ No

Have you ever had multiple dogs in your home before? ___ Yes ___ No

What energy level are you able to handle in a foster dog? ___ High energy (needs lots of exercise, running, etc)
___ Medium energy (daily walks, moderate exercise) ___ Low energy (senior or couch potato- yard time is sufficient)

How do you plan on exercising your foster dog? _____

Where will the foster dog be when you are home? _____

Where will the foster dog be when you are **not** home? _____

Do you have a safe place to keep your foster animal separate from resident animals for the short-term and long-term if needed? ___ No ___ Yes (**If yes**, where?) _____

Are you comfortable administering oral and/or topical medications? ___ Yes ___ No

How long are you willing to allow your new foster pet to adjust to your home/new schedule?

What will you do if your foster dogchews or scratches in unwanted areas? _____

What methods will you use to housebreak your foster dog, if needed? _____

Under what circumstances would you not be able to complete the foster program (i.e. return the animal before an adopter is found)? _____

Please list two personal references (names & phone numbers):

Please read the through the following foster policies and initial to indicate you agreed to comply:

_____ I agree to comply with all local and state laws and ordinances relating to the care of domestic animals, and will not engage in any illegal activity with my foster animal.

_____ I understand that Rescue Pets Serving Vets, Inc. is not liable for any personal injury to myself or anyone else in my home and is not responsible for any damage or destruction of personal property while fostering an animal on behalf of the rescue.

_____ I understand that no foster animal is allowed outside unattended and unrestrained.

_____ I understand that no foster dog is allowed to go to off-leash dog parks while in the foster program.

_____ I understand that no foster animal is allowed to be left unattended with children.

_____ I understand that the animal I am taking into foster care may not be housebroken and I am willing to train the dog and give it time to adjust to house breaking and crate training.

_____ I understand that the animal I am taking into foster care may not be used to living indoors and may scratch or soil my furniture or belongings. If my foster animal is destructive I will confine my foster animal to a safe area where it cannot do damage and will work to positively modify its behavior.

_____ I will use only positive reinforcement for training and will not use any kind of physical punishment regardless of behavior issues.

_____ I understand that there are no guarantees of the behavior, health or disposition of my foster animal.

_____ I understand that the shelter environment is very stressful and my foster animal may take some time to adjust to new situations, people and other animals in the home.

_____ I understand that a foster animal cannot be given away to a new home without the being approved by Rescue Pets Serving Vets & finalizing all adoption paperwork.

_____ I understand that a foster animal cannot be adopted until they are spayed/neutered.

_____ If I decide that I can not follow through on my foster care commitment, I will give 24 hours notice

but if at any time I feel that my safety or the safety of my family or resident animals is at risk I can return my foster animal immediately.

Thank you!