



FOSTER CARE INFORMATION

Firstly, we just want to say [THANK YOU!](#)

By opening your HEART and offering your TIME, ENERGY and LOVING home to a dog in need, you prepare them for adoption into a loving and safe FOREVER home! How REWARDING is that?!

Here at Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue, we specialise in saving those LARGE to GIANT breed dogs that have been let down by humans and surrendered to the concrete kennels or those that are living in unsuitable conditions, we are here to help them find QUALITY OF LIFE again. These dogs usually have minimal information known about them and their past, and most of the time have no normal doggy manners, so please don't expect them to behave a certain way until they can feel safe and secure.

Once safe and in foster care, we then proceed to have any necessary vet work completed and once we think they are ready, we start the search for their happy ever after!

Fostering is a VERY important role in rescue. Dogs are matched to the best of our ability to the foster home/family to ensure a happy and successful experience is had by everyone involved, including the dog placed in your care.

WHAT DOES FOSTER CARE INVOLVE?

- ❖ Welcoming a dog in need into your home until they find their forever home, this includes allowing the dog to spend just as much time inside with you as outside, especially being allowed to sleep inside.
The timeframe is extremely variable and can take anywhere between 1 week and 6 months or even longer.
If you have a certain time restraint on how long you are able to foster for, please let us know when applying.
- ❖ Having a safe, secure and high fenced backyard for the foster dog to get used to living in a home again (above ground level apartments/no yard apartments aren't really suitable).
- ❖ Loving and caring for the dog, establishing a routine and providing basic training such as commands ('sit', 'stay', 'come' etc), toilet training and other manners that every dog needs.
- ❖ Ensuring the dog is secure which means the dog is not off lead/on a retractable lead in public places.
- ❖ Ensuring that the dog is safe in your home and no dangerous items or food are on the premises (snail bait, rat sack etc).
- ❖ Providing appropriate essentials including food and bedding.
However, we will supply any donations that we receive to foster carers if available.
- ❖ Helping us get to know the dog via a team Facebook chat and providing information such as their likes, dislikes, personality traits, social behaviour etc as well as sending loads of regular photos/videos.
Anything we may need to know to place them into a suited forever home.
- ❖ Transporting the dog to their required vet visits and in some special needs cases, working with a professional trainer.



INTRODUCTIONS

Introducing your new Foster dog is best done slowly. If you have a current dog/s of your own, allow your new Foster dog to sniff and explore their new 'for now' home on their own FIRST to gain some security/knowledge.

Ideally, your current dog/s and your new Foster dog's first meeting should be on NEUTRAL ground (park/walk etc) and at a distance, slowly decreasing the distance until everyone is happy and acquainted.

Once introduced on neutral ground, the same can be done in the home environment, with one dog on a leash, and one dog off initially.

Bonding can be instant or it may take a week or two to get to know one another well and adjust to their new lifestyle.

Please ensure animals are fed separately and all bones/toys are removed from the backyard or house to avoid any resource guarding/jealousy. Once settled and adjusted to one another, these could be slowly reintroduced under supervision. It will be necessary to separate the animals when unsupervised until trust, boundaries and characteristics can be known and formed for unsupervised integration.

Children must be supervised at all times with all animals.

Rules are best established from the very start and followed consistently. It is important to love, welcome and empathise with, but not 'baby' your new Foster dog too much as this may allow them to get too big for their boots. These Foster dogs need a sense of security and safety, setting rules and sticking by them can help achieve this.

Reward-based training for your new Foster dog has SO many benefits. You are establishing good habits for a lifetime and it can be fun for both you and the dog. The more the dog sees you as a source of GOOD things, the more attentive he/she will be to you, and the stronger your bond will grow. Reward-based training even reduces stress!

As a precaution, place one of our tags (sent to you) on the Foster dogs collar, especially for when you leave the dog alone for the first few weeks.



WHAT DO WE PROVIDE TO THE FOSTER CARER?

- ❖ We pay for all of the dogs vet work up until they are Adopted
Vet work will include Desex, Microchip, Heartworm Test, up to date Vaccinations, Worm/Heartworm and Tick/Flea Treatments
We do try and negotiate rescue rates for the vet work to be completed at a Vet close to you for minimal disruption
- ❖ At times when we have donations on hand, we are able to supply a Foster Pack which can include any or all of the following:
 - Lead
 - Collar/Harness
 - Toys
 - Food/Treats
 - Bedding etc
- ❖ If our team deems that a Professional Trainer is required in special cases, they will be sourced and paid for by us
- ❖ 24/7 Support
As our rescue is solely ran by volunteers with other commitments also such as work, children etc we find that Facebook Chat is the easiest way for us all to stay in regular contact with you
A chat would be setup by us with all of our Admin members and yourself which is where you will be able to send through any questions you may have or when you just require general support, this is also where you will be able to send us regular updates and photos/videos of the Foster dog
We pride ourselves on being extremely responsive to our Foster Carers and this avenue helps us to do so

If you would like ANY further information on Fostering for us,
please DO NOT hesitate to Contact Us!

We would LOVE you to be part of our Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue Family!



FOSTER CARER APPLICATION

APPLICANT DETAILS

Full Name: _____ Date Of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Contact Phone Number/s: _____

Email Address: _____

Driver Licence Number: _____

Please Attach A Copy To This Application

Emergency Contact Details

Full Name: _____ Date Of Birth: _____

Relationship To You: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

No. of Adults Who Will Be Living With The Foster Dog: _____

Details Of Other Adult/s Who Will Be Living With The Foster Dog:

<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Relationship To You</u>	<u>Date Of Birth</u>	<u>Contact Phone Number</u>

No. Of Children Who Will Be Living With The Foster Dog: _____





Age/s Of Children: _____

Have These Children Been Around Large Breed Dogs Before? _____

ABOUT YOUR HOME

Is Your Home Rented/Owned/Other? _____

If 'Other', Please Explain: _____

If Rented/Other, Do You Have Written Approval To Keep A Dog? _____

****If Yes, Please Attach A Copy To This Application****

Yard Fencing Type? _____

Including Height

If You Have A Pool, Is It Securely Fenced Off? _____

****Please Attach Several Photos Of Your Yard & Fencing To This Application****

Where Adopted Dog Will Sleep/Undercover Areas/Pool Fencing etc

Do You Have Current Home Insurance That Includes Liability Cover? _____

Has Your Home Environment Ever Been Exposed To Parvovirus? _____

FOSTERING PREFERENCES AND EXPERIENCE

I Am Willing To Foster The Following Dog/s:

- Senior
- Adult
- Special Needs/Illness
- Puppy
- Litter Of Puppies
- Pregnant Mother & Her Puppies (Until 8 Weeks Old)

Restrictions On Dogs You Can Foster? _____

If Yes, Please Explain: _____

Are You Currently Fostering For Another Rescue/Organisation? _____



If Yes, Please Explain: _____

Have You Fostered Previously? _____

If Yes, Please Explain: _____

Do You Have Any Experience With Large Breed Dogs? _____

Including Training

Are There Any Breeds You Will Not Foster? _____

Have You Introduced New Dogs Into Your Home Before? _____

If No, Would You Require Assistance/Advice? _____

Any Restrictions On How Long You Can Foster For? _____

If Yes, Please Explain: _____

CARING FOR YOUR FOSTER DOG

Will You Provide Basic Training To Your Foster Dog/Are You Willing To Work With A Professional Trainer If Required? _____

Are You Able And Willing To Transport Your Foster Dog To Their Vet Appointment When Required? _____

Will Your Foster Dog Be Allowed Inside And/Or Outside? _____

Where Will Your Foster Dog Spend Majority Of His/Her Time? _____

Where Will Your Foster Dog Sleep? _____

Do You Have A Secure Outside Undercover Area/Warm Kennel For Sleeping? _____

Are You Able To Safely And Securely Separate Your Foster Dog If Necessary? _____

From any of your current animals if they do not get along or from any other problem temporarily?

If Yes, Please Explain: _____

Do You Work Or Study Full Time/Part Time/From Home/Unemployed/Retired etc?



If You Work Or Study, How Many Days/Hours Per Week? _____

Any Other Commitments That Take You Away From Your Home? _____

Sports/Business/Travel etc

How Long Will The Foster Dog Be Alone At Home For Each Day? _____

Are You Able To Provide:

- Food
- Bedding
- Lead/Collar/Harness
- Toys

Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue has limited donated supplies, therefore we are only able to supply these if available to us. If unavailable on our end, the Foster Carer must be able to supply these

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE FOLLOWING?

EXERCISE

Majority of dogs require a minimum of 30 minutes of exercise per day (In addition to play time) and some larger breeds need more

TIME

Basic needs take time (Training, Exercise, Vet Care, Grooming, Play Time)

OBEDIENCE

Chewing, Digging, General Obedience

SOCIALISATION

Maintaining a dog's socialization skills (Dog Parks, Obedience Lessons)

NEW ENVIRONMENTS

Can be stressful for your Foster Dog and they may exhibit uncharacteristic behaviour?





CURRENT/PREVIOUS PET INFORMATION

Do You Currently Have Any Other Dogs? _____

If Yes, Please Explain: _____

Sex/Age/Breed _____

If Yes, Are They Desexed? _____

****Please Attach A Copy Of Certificate To This Application****

If Yes, Are Their Vaccinations Up To Date? _____

****Please Attach A Copy Of Most Recent Certificate To This Application****

If Yes, Are They Social? Please Explain: _____

Temperament _____

Do You Have Any Other Pets/Animals? _____

If Yes, Please Specify: _____

Current Veterinarians Details? _____

Name of Business/Phone Number _____

Please Remember To Include The Following When Returning Your Application:

- ❖ Copy Of Your Driver Licence
- ❖ Written Approval From Your Landlord To Keep A Dog On The Premises (If Renting)
- ❖ Photos Of Your Yard And Fencing
- ❖ Copy Of Your Current Dogs Vaccination/Desexing Certificate (If Applicable)





THE AGREEMENT

I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM ENTERING INTO A BINDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN MYSELF AND FORGOTTEN SOULS DOG RESCUE FOR PROVIDING FOSTER CARE TO A RESCUE DOG AND I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ THIS ENTIRE AGREEMENT CAREFULLY AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL ASPECTS BEFORE SIGNING

Please Tick Each Box Below To Show Us That You Understand And Agree:

- I understand and support the mission of Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue, which is to provide shelter and care for dogs, provide programs and services that enhance the bond between dogs and people and to be advocates for dogs as they cannot speak for themselves
- I understand that the primary Foster Carer must be 18 years of age or over
- I agree to allow a Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue representative to conduct a standard yard check of my property at any time before or during Fostering a dog for Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue
- I agree that this dog is being cared for as a companion pet and will be provided with proper food, water, shelter, exercise and access to provide necessary veterinary treatment, the dog will be given a loving home and not be kept solely in the yard without interaction, the dog will not be allowed off lead or on retractable leads in public places, no dangerous poisons such as Rat Sack or Snail Bait will be held on the premises or accessible by the dog
- I agree to maintain the care of the dog (at my own cost) with all essentials needed
Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue will supply some things if they have donations in stock
- I understand that the dog is owned by Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue, not myself, and that this dog cannot be sold or given away under any circumstances and I will return the Foster dog to Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue if I am requested to do so
- I understand that in the event that I can no longer Foster the dog, I will notify Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue immediately and will work with them until the dog is placed in an approved home
- If the dog requires Veterinary Care, I confirm that I will first contact a Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue representative and transport the dog to an approved Veterinary Clinic
I agree to bear all related costs where Veterinary Care was not approved prior– unless it is an emergency and you are unable to get a hold of a Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue representative
- While Fostering a dog for Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue, I will immediately notify them before I take in another Foster dog from another Rescue group
- I fully understand that Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue expect high standards of moral and ethical treatment of the dog under my care
I will adhere strictly to these standards in my capacity as a volunteer
- I understand and have thought about the emotional consequences if the dog in my care has to be euthanised due to unresolvable health issues or behavioural issues
Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue will seek Veterinary/Professional advice before doing so



- I understand that I am a vital part of any successful Adoption and that I will need to be willing and available to undertake meet and greets with potential Adopters (Adoptions are NOT based on a 'first in, first to adopt' basis, the successful applicant will be who FSDR (with your help) thinks is the most suitable, therefore, multiple Meet & Greets will need to be undertaken
- I understand that public relations are an important part of a volunteer's activities, I hereby authorise Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue to use any photographs of me in its possession for public relations purposes
- I understand that my role is solely as a temporary home for the Foster dog, and that although my opinion regarding the match between the Foster dog and potential Adopters is very important given my relationship with and knowledge of the Foster dog, the ultimate placement of any dogs I Foster will be conducted by Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue
It is Forgotten Souls Dog Rescues responsibility to review, interview and ultimately approve potential Adopters
- I understand that once Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue receives an approved Adoption Application from a potential Adopter regarding the Foster dog in my care, I am not able to Adopt the dog myself
- My services are provided strictly in a voluntary capacity as a volunteer, and without any express or implied promise of salary, compensation or other payment of any kind whatsoever
- My services are furnished without any employment-type benefits, including employment insurance programs, worker's compensation accrual in any form, holiday or sick leave
- I will remember in all my dealings with the public as a Foster volunteer that those members of the public will consider my words and actions to be representative of the attitudes and positions of Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue as an Organisation
I understand that as an individual, I am not authorised to speak for Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue, nor can I enter into any agreements on behalf of Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue
- I understand that Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue cannot guarantee or be held responsible for the temperament, behaviour or health of any Foster dogs that I may handle
I am aware that Foster dogs may cause damage to my personal property, other pets, and humans
I will keep Foster dogs securely housed at all times while in my care
- I understand that the handling of animals and other volunteer activities may place me in a hazardous situation and could result in injury to me or my personal property
On behalf of myself, and my heirs' personal representatives and assigns, I hereby release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue and its Directors, Officers, and Agents from any and all claims, causes of action and demands of any nature, whether known or unknown, arising out of or in connection with my volunteer activities
- I understand that Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue may reclaim the dog if, in their opinion, any of the above conditions are not met, or the Foster dog is being mistreated or abused
I understand that I will be liable for any fees and costs incurred by Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue out of the enforcement of this agreement
I agree that in the event that the Foster dog is demanded back due to non-compliance with this agreement, I forfeit all rights to the Foster dog and no compensation shall be provided

Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue

Rescued | Re-Homed | Remembered

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The purpose of this Foster Application Form is to ensure that both the Foster Dog potential Foster Carer/Family are matched for a rewarding experience together and that the Applicant understands and accepts the position of a Foster Carer with knowledge and understanding of the agreement and the position of Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue.

At Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue, we are committed to the safety and well-being of our rescued dogs as well as our Foster Carer's and their current pets. We appreciate that all situations are different and will consider all applications equally. Submission of this Foster Application Form does not ensure Foster Care of any dog, all applications are carefully reviewed and a decision is provided to the Applicant as soon as practicable.

By submitting this application, I accept a position as a volunteer Foster Carer as per the agreement above and I have considered all the aspects of responsible pet care involved with Fostering for Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue and I am satisfied that I can provide a loving foster home for this/these dogs.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____