FOSTER HOME APPLICATION  V2.2

We ask that you complete this application in full, after you have considered all aspects of whether or not the fostering is appropriate for your home and family.

Some questions are geared for strictly a Dog- Others are applicable to both Dog and Cat.

*This is a Microsoft Word document.**Please complete all sections on your computer – each answer area will automatically expand to accommodate the length of your response.  Once complete, save and email to us as  an email attachment.  Do not scan or use SkyDrive (or similar).   If you are unable to use Microsoft Word, please contact us for an alternate format****.****Incomplete applications will not be reviewed or considered.**Thank you.*

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| Who are you interested in Fostering?- Name of pet if listed :  | Dog ?  |

**By placing an X in the column below, I am indicating that I understand and agree to comply with*:***

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| I have carefully considered the commitment required to care for a dog or cat for its time in foster care |  |
| I am ready to proceed with the foster process as outlined and have reviewed/ Read the Pet Rescue’s Policies & Processes, FAQ and Foster Rules |  |
| We ask that each approved foster home additionally review the adoption policies/ procedures as well to ensure accurate information is provided to any incoming inquiries that the foster may receive.  |  |
| Everyone who lives in our home must attend the initial viewing. This includes any existing dogs. This is to ensure it is a fit for everyone before the pet is placed, and not cause undo stress to the foster pet or existing pets for unsuitability.  |  |
| I/we are aware that the pickup of the foster pet, may be from a temp foster location, vet, or meeting a fellow volunteer and agree to help when able too. |  |
| Everyone who lives in our home must agree to fostering |  |
| I may have to housetrain litter/ train or leash train the pet, give basic directions for manners, respect etc as the pet transitions and learns the rules which requires time and patience. I commit to communicate- inform / update the rescue of how the pet is doing and of any struggles during transitioning to ensure they are able to provide advise/ tips/ suggestions and hands on where possible. As such the rescue will also touch base as needed for follow-up to ensure things are going well. |  |
| Foster animals experience transition stress which takes time to abate – often more than two weeks. I may experience- the pet being shy/ scared/ hiding , peeing, barking, whining, crying, panting, pacing, restlessness in a pet .I understand an anxious/ bored pet may look for something to chew and will ensure to give them plenty of exercise, playtime to ensure their environment is safe and have items that are unsafe to be chewed removed from their access. Rescue will not be held liable for any monetary value for household items that are chewed/ destroyed d/t  lack of supervision, items not moved out of reach and poor pet safe environment /safety. |  |
| The founder and coordinator of this rescue and Rescue board will review my completed application |  |
| This application does not guarantee fostering  – all animals will be placed in homes which suit their needs according to Pet Rescue’s experienced evaluation |  |
| The pet will require time each day for interaction, exercise, training   and grooming. |  |
| Rescue will not place a dog into a foster home with intact existing dogs. This is for the safety of the pets. Existing dogs in the home must/ have been previously exposed to cats and are accepting to ensure the safety for all pets. |  |
| False, misleading or omitted relevant information will be cause for denial of this application and could result in termination of a foster   arrangement upon substantiated abuse or neglect, Pet Rescue will confiscate the pet immediately |  |
| I/We understand that the rescue advises against the use of Dog parks for the health risk of parasites and behavioural issues of dogs that may frequent there. Foster dogs are not permitted to access such places for their safety. Rescue does not support cats being outside – and only places as indoor pets/ fosters .Rescue is non-profit and it costs other pets their lives, critical care when funds are used for things that can/ could have been avoided. Should a foster pet be take to a dog park and become injured requiring vetting/ care we- the foster home will incur these costs. |  |
| All completed applications become the property of Adopt-a-Pet/Pet Rescue and will be retained in its files |  |
| You acknowledge that the pet in question may not be located locally to where you are living and agree to  travel to have the meet/ greet with all family members and any existing dogs in the home and … to confirm suitability at where the pet is located before it is placed in your foster care. This may require an additional trip. |  |
| We understand there is no timeline for the rescue to know in how long it will take or how fast the foster dog will be adopted. We understand that rescue will only approve an application that fully suits the dog’s needs. Each interested applicant will be required to follow the full adoption process in the best interest of the dog. We understand that it can take anywhere for 3 months or much longer for the foster pet to receive the right approved applicant. |  |
| At anytime should this fostered pet need to be returned to rescue , I / we the fosters will be involved to make arrangements for the return, incur any cost of gas from travel , and assist to implement the arrangements to ensure the return of the fostered/ adopted pet to the immediate care of PetRescue or to the designated location. Pet rescue is open to working with fosters who are limited and unable to drive , but needing to be informed in a timely manner to which the Rescue has time to make the needed arrangements. |  |
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**References & Emergency contact**

**Your references are strictly for confirmation & emergency contact only and will not be shared.**

**\*\* Please provide 2 full reference Contacts for each Adult Applicant \*\***

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| Applicant #1Next of Kin Name:Address-Phone- Email |  |
| Applicant #1Reference Name:Address-Phone- Email |  |
| Applicant #2Next of Kin name:Address-Phone- Email |  |
| Applicant #2Reference Name :Address-Phone- Email |  |

**SECTION 1: Contact Information**

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| Date: |  |
| Applicant(s) Name: |  |
| Address: City/Town |  |
| Address: Street |  |
| Address: Postal code |  |
| Home Phone #: |  |
| Cell Phone #: |  |
| Home email: |  |
| Occupation: |  |

**SECTION 2: Home Profile**

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| Is your home detached, semi-detached, townhouse, apartment or other? |  |
| Ownership (own, condo, rent) If renting, Landlord contact name and number: |  |
| Neighbourhood type (i.e. urban, suburban, village, rural): |  |
| What type Is your area where you live-1.       An active Neighbourhood? Busy neighbours/ kids / public schools in the area? 2.       Middle activity/ traffic 3.       Quiet- minimal activity/ traffic/ people  |  |
| How far do you live from the road? |  |
| Approximate yard (or accessible green space) size? |  |
| For dogs, how will you confine the pet outdoors:*Fence: type & height- is the yard completely enclosed?**Kennel Run: What is it made of, and what size is it?**Garage; Porch; Leash; Chain/Tie-out/Runner;  or Other, please explain:* |  |
| Having a fence is not always necessary to proceed.  If you do not have a fence, how will you proceed with potty breaks and exercise when you’re sick, tired, in the middle of the night or when it’s raining or freezing outside? |  |
| Do you have a swimming pool? *If yes, is it fenced so the animal cannot access it?* |  |
| Do you or your landlord use fertilizers or pesticides on your lawn or garden?   *Please note it is now illegal to purchase chemical lawn and garden fertilizers for private use in Ontario.* |  |
| Do you have any hazards on or adjacent to your property (i.e. creek, river, ravine, sink hole, etc.)? |  |
| Would you consider your level of socializing   with guests in your home to be - None- Minimal- Daily -Weekly/ weekends |  |
| Do you understand newly fostered dogsneed time to settle { a min of a month } before having guests in or taking them to multiple homes or a cottage to visit? |  |
| Do you regularly attend or own a cottage / trailer/or campground site that you frequent and entertain/ socialize at ?- 1. Would the dog be in attendance? 2. if Yes what frequency? weekends- summer events  3. What level of  entertaining /socializing would there be        None- Minimal- a lot ?  Daily /Weekly/ wkndsAre there Children / Neighbourhood who come into your home/ yard unannounced / without permission ? |  |
| Are their children in neighboring yards ? or is there be children in your neighborhood that the dog/ cat would have exposure to? If yes when / how often? Ages |  |

**SECTION 3: Foster Family Profile**

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| How long at current address?*If less than 5 year, Previous (Full) Address & Time at Previous Address* |  |
| How many times have you moved in the last 5 years? |  |
| When are you planning on moving next? |  |
| How many people reside in your home? *Please list by name, age and activity level.* |  |
| Who will be responsible for taking care of the pet? |  |
| Are there any children in the home?      *If yes, what are their names and ages?**Are they used to and respectful of pets?**Describe their typical behaviour with pets.* |  |
| Are the children in or visiting your home used to, and respectful of, pets?*Describe their typical behaviour with pets.**What behaviours/ interactions will you permit visiting children and adults to direct to your new pet.?**What interactions do you feel a pet should tolerate/ be accepting of**#1 – from family members?**#2  -  from Visitors/ strangers  ?* |  |
| Does anyone in your home - or anyone that visits your home - have animal allergies?      *If yes, what symptoms do they display?   If unsure, have all family members and frequent visitors been exposed to pets for more than a day?* |  |
| Are there any babies expected in the near or distant future for the household?  |  |
| Do you have children visiting your home?  *List ages and frequency of visits:* |  |
| Describe how children and guests in your home are to interact with dogs / cats :*While they are eating**While they are resting**While they are playing with toys**How do they generally greet dogs/ cat?* |  |
| Do you have dogs visiting your home? *List by name, age, gender, disposition, energy level and whether fixed or not.* |  |
| When is your next anticipated vacation/trip? *How long will you be away?* |  |
|  **SECTION 4: Pet Ownership History**  |  |
| Has anyone in your home ever been bitten by a dog?   *If yes, please provide specific details of the incident:* |  |
| Do you have any other pets?*List them by name, species, age, sex (and if fixed or not), and how long they have lived with you:* |  |
| 1.       What type of energy is your existing dog? – Low- medium- high?2.       What type of play style does your dog have? – Minimal- soft- medium- active- Rough? |  |
| Are they indoor or outdoor pets? |  |
| What type of food do you feed your dogs? |  |
| Do all of your current pets have full (combo and rabies) vaccinations and flea treatments?   *If holistic, please describe method:* |  |
| Have your pets displayed any of the following behaviors with humans or animals:  uncertainty, fear ,dominance;  aggression;  possessive of food/toys/space;  protective of you/your family;  or other negative reactions?  *Describe in detail and how you deal with it. Have you been successful with this approach?* |  |
|  Do your current pets get along with dogs of all sizes and breeds?    *If no, describe their reactions/concerns:**1.*       Off your property on leashed walks etc?*2.*       At off leash parks?*3.*      Having strange dogs on its home turf? |  |
| Have you had any other animals in the past?   *If yes, please list them by name and animal type, age at death, sex (and if fixed or not), indoor or outdoor and their cause of death (i.e. euthanasia, natural causes, poisoning etc).* |  |
| Have any of your animals ever been picked up by animal control or have you been warned/ spoken to by animal control   *If yes, why?* |  |
| Have you ever been ordered to confine or euthanize a pet by the authorities? *If yes, why?* |  |
| Have you ever terminated a fostering experience?  *If yes, why?* |  |
| Do you have ANY questions about our policies? *If yes, what are they?* |  |
| How did you hear about our Rescue?  *Please note if you have spoken to one of our volunteers or attended a Rescue event and give name of the volunteer and event:* |  |
| Do you have a veterinarian?          Vet’s Name:Animal Hospital Name: Address:             Phone Number:Fax Number:     Under what name(s) are the pets’ records?: |  |
| May we contact them if your application is approved for a viewing or Foster / adoption?   I accept the above terms by answering yes and hence, I authorize the veterinarian listed above and their agents to release to Adopt-a-Pet Pet Rescue Lucknow any information pertinent to evaluating my history of pet ownership. |  |
| Do you have any formal dog training/ experience?  *If yes, please describe:* |  |
| Describe what you would do if a dog growls*At you/your children**At another pet**At visitors**At people/pets outdoors* |  |
| If indoors, will there be rooms / areas are off limits to the dog (example: kitchen)?  *If yes, what method will you use to keep the animal out of the undesired areas?* |  |
| Do you plan on crating/crate training? |  |
| Have you ever successfully housetrained a dog before? |  |
| Describe the process of how you would housetrain? |  |
| How would you correct the pet if it goes to the bathroom in an inappropriate place? |  |
| Do you feel showing or exposing an animal its waste is appropriate? |  |
| How would you prevent the animal from chewing, scratching on items?  |  |
| What would you give a teething animal to relieve its discomfort?   |  |
| Will you boundary train the dog? *If yes, how?* |  |
| How would you prevent car chasing? |  |
| How would you correct a dog when it barks / scratches or jumps up on children or guests?  |  |
| If the dog has something that it is not supposed to have, how would you get the dog to drop it?  |  |
| How would you deal with a behaviour problem?  With a Dog  |  |
| How will you correct the dog  if it misbehaves?   *What would you do if the undesirable behaviour continued?* |  |
| When traveling in a vehicle, where would the pet ride?  |  |
| What would your first few days with the new pet consist of? *Describe routines and schedules.* |  |
| What issues do you feel you need more info on?   For example: housetraining; crating; toys; adjustment; intros to pets; children & pets; activity level; breed; treats, nutrition; activity level; obedience;  vaccination; boundary training; micro-chipping; transition; other: |  |
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**SECTION 5: Preferences**

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| Does anyone have concerns or hesitations about fostering animals?    *If yes, what are they?* |  |
| Size preferred:  dog : (X-Sm 1-9 lbs, Sm 10- 25 lbs,  Med 26-40 lbs,   Lg 41-80 lbs,  XL over 80 lbs) |  |
| Age preference of dog or cat ? (newborn, pup, teenager, young adult, mature, senior): |  |
| Energy level preference (couch potato, a little active, moderately active, very active)? |  |
| Coat preference (hairless, short hair, medium hair, long hair): |  |
| What traits and behaviors are you expecting in a newly fostered dog (good with dogs/cats/kids, vocal/quiet, playful, attentive, etc.)? |  |
| What qualities or behaviours do you find unacceptable in a dog barking, biting, etc.)? |  |

***Place an X in the boxes as appropriate for each situation listed on the left:***

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| *Situation* | *Have experience with & willing to work through* | *might end fostering* | *not willing to work on* |
| rough with kids |  |  |  |
| destructive chewing, scratching of walls and or furniture |  |  |  |
| jumping up |  |  |  |
| Barking / meowing |  |  |  |
| digging |  |  |  |
| shedding |  |  |  |
| housetraining errors / issues |  |  |  |
| territorial marking |  |  |  |
| territorial barking |  |  |  |
| territorial for toys/ space |  |  |  |
| difficult to walk  |  |  |  |
| needs too much exercise |  |  |  |
| too hyper |  |  |  |
| too lazy |  |  |  |
| aggressive to dogs/ cats/ people |  |  |  |
| mouthing |  |  |  |
| biting |  |  |  |
| growling |  |  |  |
| scratches floors |  |  |  |
| gets into garbage |  |  |  |
| unable crate train/ litter train |  |  |  |
| reaction to strangers |  |  |  |
| won’t stick around/ interact |  |  |  |
| chases cars, etc. |  |  |  |
| health problems |  |  |  |
| separation anxiety |  |  |  |

**SECTION 6: Lifestyle Profile**

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| Rescue provides food for all Foster animals. If you are wishing to donate/ Pay for this animal’s food – what do you plan on feeding the pet? *Please name a specific brand of food.* |   |
| Do you plan on feeding real bones or rawhide?  |  |
| Do you plan on feeding the cat specific treats ? is yes .. what kinds? |  |
| How much time are you willing to commit daily to the foster pet?  |  |
| On an average day how long would the pet be left alone? |  |
| Where will the dog usually be?  *If outdoors, describe the pet house, shelter or access to a building:* |  |
| How much time can you dedicate to grooming? |  |
| Where would this dog/ cat be when you are out of the home during the day? And the night? |  |
| Where would this dog/ cat be when you are at home during the day? And the night? |  |
| What would a day in the life of your pet be like? *Please describe your preferred routine (i.e. waking up, going for a walk or run, having breakfast, etc.)* |  |
| Dog only - How much time will the animal be allowed outside (yard or dog run) each day? |  |
| How much time will the dog be on leash for walks with you or a family member each day? |  |
| How much time will the dog be off leash for play time or socialization each week? |  |
| Will you normally walk your dog on-leash or off-leash? |  |

**Foster Home Authenticity Agreement**

It is my intention to integrate any animal I may foster into my home and life as a pet and companion.. I understand that fostering entails a level of commitment to provide basic safety, rules, and care responsibly with the assistance of Pet Rescue for the pet's needs for the duration that this animal is in my care. I am over age 18, and I am ready to make this commitment.     *By typing my name below, I certify that the above information is true.*

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| Name: |  |
| Date: |  |

**The following are optional to help Pet Rescue continue to help other animals:**

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| Do you wish to be notified of any upcoming events? |  |
| Would you like to volunteer with us? |  |
| Do you know of/have a site where we can advertise events and sell raffle/event tickets? |  |
| Do you know of/have a company that would be interested in sponsoring an ad for us? |  |
| Do you know of a company who may be willing to donate goods or services *(i.e. grooming, veterinary care, training, kennel services, food, treats, crates, toys, beds, collars, leashes etc.)?* |  |
| Do you have a specialty craft/item you would be willing to donate for use in a fundraiser? |  |