



## **FOSTER CARE INFORMATION**

*Thank you for your interest in becoming a foster carer for Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue.*

**Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue specialises in saving Large Breed Dogs that are left behind in pounds and/or surrendered due to their size. Once these dogs are safe with us in foster care we then complete any necessary network and look to re-home them into a loving and safe forever home.**

Fostering is a very important and crucial role in rescue. Dogs are matched to the best of our ability to the perfect foster home to ensure a happy and successful experience is had by the people/families involved and the dog placed in your care.

### **What does fostering a dog involve?**

- Welcoming a dog in to your home until they find their forever home. This can take anywhere between 1 week to 6months or longer (if there is a time restraint on how long you are able to foster for, please let us know)
- Helping love and care for the dog, establishing a routine and providing basic training, such as; sit, stay, come, shake etc, toilet training and other manners that every dog needs.
- Ensuring the dog is secure and that the dog is not offlead or on a retractable lead in public places. Ensuring that the dog is safe in your home and no dangerous items or food (Such as Snail Bait or Rat Sack) are on the premises.
- Providing food and bedding. We will supply any donations of food that we receive to foster carers when available.
- Providing a safe and secure environment while helping us get to know the dog, their likes/dislikes, personality and also by providing pictures to help us help them find their forever home.
- May also involve taking your foster dog to their required vet visits and in some special needs cases your foster dog may require working with a professional trainer.
- Providing the FSDR team with lots of gorgeous pictures and videos of the dog for their adoption ads.

### **What does Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue provide?**

- We pay for all of the dogs vet work up until they are adopted. All dogs in our care will be desexed, microchipped, heartworm tested and kept up to date with vaccinations, worming/heartworming and flea treatment.
- We try and negotiate rescue rates for the dogs vet work at a vet close to the foster home for minimal disruption to the foster parent.
- 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, treats, food etc.
- We provide 24/7 support and back up and love to stay in regular contact.
- In special needs cases when a professional trainer is required, they will be sourced and paid for by us.

*If you would like any further information on fostering for us, please do not hesitate to ask, and thank you once again for helping to save a life!*



# **FOSTER CARER APPLICATION**

*Thank you for your interest in becoming a foster carer for Forgiven Souls Dog Rescue. By offering your time, energy and home to an animal in need, you prepare the animal for adoption into a permanent home.*

## **APPLICANT DETAILS**

Name:		Date of Birth:	
Street Address:			
State:		Postcode:	
Home No.:		Mobile No:	
Email Address:			
Driver's License No:			

## **YOUR FAMILY DETAILS PARTNER/PARENT/HOUSEMATE (ANSWER IF APPLICABLE)**

Name:		Date of Birth:	
Mobile No.:		No. Of Children:	
No. of Adults in household:		Ages of Children:	

## **FOSTERING PREFERENCES AND EXPERIENCE**

I am willing to foster the following animal/s (tick any that apply)	
Adult Dog <input type="checkbox"/>	Puppy <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnant mother plus her puppies till 8 weeks of age <input type="checkbox"/>
A litter of puppies <input type="checkbox"/>	Dog with illness or special needs <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you currently Fostering for another Rescue organisation? If yes, which organisation?	
Have you fostered before? If yes, which organisation?	
What large breeds are your preferred breeds to foster?	
Are these the only large breeds that you will foster?	
Please list what large breeds you are <u>not</u> willing to foster:	
Are you willing to Foster long term until such time that your Foster dog in Adopted or only short term dogs?	





**ABOUT YOUR HOME**

Is your home (please indicate):	Rented / Owned / Other
If 'other', please state what sort of housing:	
If Rented/Other, do you have written approval to keep a dog (if yes, copy must be supplied):	Yes / No
What type of fencing do you have & how high is it?	
Approximate size of yard:	
If you have a pool, is it securely fenced off?	
Have you ever had a dog with Parvovirus in your yard?	
Do you have current Home Insurance that includes Liability cover?	
<i>Please supply us with Photographs of your yard, fencing and where your Foster dog will sleep.</i>	

**YOUR CURRENT PET/S INFORMATION**

Do you have any other dogs?	
What sex/age/breed are your other dogs?	Dog 1 –
	Dog 2 –
	Dog 3 –
Are your other dogs spayed/neutered/ Desexed?	Dog 1 –
	Dog 2 –
	Dog 3 –
Are your dog's vaccinations up to date?	
Are your dog's social? Please elaborate to what extent.	
Do you have any cats?	
Do you have any chickens?	
Do you have any other pets? (Provide details)	
Current Veterinarians Details (Name of business, address and phone number)	





**CARING FOR YOUR FOSTER DOG**

Where will your foster dog sleep?	
Where will your foster dog spend the majority of its time?	
Do you work Full time/Part time/Retired?	
How many days a week do you work?	
Will your foster dog be alone for a period longer than 8hours per day? (Please detail your work commitments in hours)	
Travel / Transport: Do you have the ability to take the foster dog to any required veterinary appointments, ability to pick up a foster dog to commence fostering?	
If extra training is needed for your foster dog, are you able to attend obedience classes or are you willing to work with a professional trainer?	
Any other commitments that take you away from your home? ( sports, work/Business travel etc )	

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE FOLLOWING?**

Exercise: Majority of dogs require a minimum of 30 minutes exercise per day (in addition to play time), and that some larger breeds need more?	
Time: Basic needs take time, consider the time for training, grooming, exercise, veterinary care, playtime?	
Obedience: Chewing, Digging , General Obedience	
Socialisation: Maintaining dog's socialization skills (Dog parks, obedience lessons etc.):	
That a new environment can be stressful for your new pet, and they may exhibit uncharacteristic behaviour?	





## THE AGREEMENT

The purpose of this application is to ensure that both the animal and potential foster family are matched for a rewarding experience together and that the foster carer 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 animals and our foster carer's and their pets. We appreciate that all situations are different and will consider all applications equally. Submission of this application does not foster care of any specified animal, all applications are carefully reviewed and a decision is provided to the applicant as soon as practicable:

I understand that I am entering into a binding agreement between myself and Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue for providing foster care to a rescue animal. I confirm that I have read this entire agreement carefully and fully understand all aspects before signing.

- I understand and support the mission of Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue, which is to provide shelter and care for animals; to provide programs and services that enhance the bond between animals and people; and to be advocates for animals as they cannot speak for themselves.
- 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 circumstance.
- I understand that the primary foster carer must be 18 years of age or over.
- I agree to allow a Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue volunteer 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. That the dog will be provided with proper food, water, shelter, exercise and access to provide necessary veterinary treatment. That the dog will be given a loving home and not be kept solely in the yard without interaction. That the dog will not be allowed off lead or on retractable leads in public places and that no dangerous poisons such as Rat Sack or Snail Bait will be held on the premises or accessible by the dog.
- While fostering a dog for Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue, I will 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 animals under its care. I will adhere strictly to these standards in my capacity as a volunteer.
- I agree to maintain the dog (at my own cost) up to date with all food, flea treatment (if required) and intestinal worming treatments. Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue will supply these things if they have donations in stock.
- Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue agree to provide the foster dog with all vaccination, heart worm testing appropriate for the age of the dog.
- If the animal requires veterinary care, I confirm that I will first contact a Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue Team Member and take the dog to an approved veterinary clinic. I agree to bear all related costs of any other veterinary care and costs where vet 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.
- I understand that in the event that I can no longer foster the animal, due to injury, illness, accident or any other reason and are unable to fully care for the dog, I will notify Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue immediately and will work with them to place the dog in an another home.
- 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. Although Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue will seek veterinary or a professional trainers advice before doing so.
- I understand that Forgotten Souls Dog Rescue may reclaim the dog if, in its option, any of the above conditions are not met, or the 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 dog is demanded back due to non-compliance with this agreement, I forfeit all rights to the dog and no compensation shall be provided.



- 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, supply pictures of my foster dog regularly or make the foster dog available for photographers for portraits for advertising.
- I understand that public relations are an important part of a volunteer's activities, I hereby authorise Forgiven 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 a foster pet, and that although my opinion regarding the match between the foster pet and potential adopters is very important given my relationship with and knowledge of my foster pet, the ultimate placement of any pets I foster will be conducted by Forgiven Souls Dog Rescue. It is Forgiven Souls Dog Rescues responsibility to review, interview and ultimately approve potential adopters.
- I understand that once Forgiven Souls Dog Rescue receives a completed 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 acknowledge that any foster pet is the property of Forgiven Souls Dog Rescue and I will return the foster pet to Forgiven Souls Dog Rescue if I am requested to do so.
- 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 Forgiven Souls Dog Rescue as an organisation. I understand that as an individual, I am not authorised to speak for Forgiven Souls Dog Rescue, nor can I enter into any agreements on behalf of Forgiven Souls Dog Rescue.
- I understand that Forgiven Souls Dog Rescue cannot guarantee or be held responsible for the temperament, behaviour, or health of foster pets that I may handle. I am aware that foster pets may cause damage to my personal property, other pets, and humans. I will keep 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 Forgiven 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.

**By submitting this application I have considered all the aspects of responsible pet care involved with foster care and I am satisfied that I can provide a loving, foster home for this/these animals. I also accept a position as a volunteer foster carer as per the above agreement.**

Signed:	
Print Name:	
Date:	

*(Either typed or signed signatures are accepted. Forgiven Souls Dog Rescue requires proof of identity, a scanned copy of Driver's Licence must be provided.)*

**Please remember to include the following when returning your application:**

- Copy of your Drivers Licence
- Written approval from your landlord to keep a dog on the premises (if renting)
- Photographs of your backyard& fencing
- Photographs of where your foster dog will sleep (if they are to sleep outside)

