



STAFFIE AND STRAY RESCUE ADOPTION APPLICATION

PLEASE HAVE A READ OF THIS PAGE CAREFULLY.

We specialise in working with dog reactive dogs. Because of this, we are predominantly looking for pet free homes. It is very rare that we see dogs who can live with others. Further to this, if you are looking for a dog who is social with others out on walks, please consider that we might not be the right rescue for you.

We can never fully know a dog's background. We carry out assessments to get an idea of the dog's behaviour and what type of home the dog would be most suited to. Dog's behaviours can change in time as they settle in the home. We trust that you as an applicant will be willing to work with any issues that arise, especially with a rescue dog who has already been subjected to a degree of change and upheaval potentially many times already in their life.

Please read our policies and ensure that you are eligible before applying:

- We currently rehome within a two hour driving radius of Bournemouth (Exceptions can be made for distances up to 2.5 hours for the perfect applicant who is willing to travel)
- We only place dogs in homes where children are at least 6 years of age (Each dog will have differing needs as show on their profiles on our website.
- We ask our applicants to have their own private and secure garden
- We prefer applicants to have experienced with large breeds and bull breeds. The majority of our dogs are reactive towards other dogs and often need to be on lead at all times and also muzzled. Please be aware of the types of dogs we take in and rehome before applying.

We get dogs from all sorts of backgrounds, including strays, cruelty cases and unforeseen circumstances within the home. All dogs are given a 'health MOT' when they arrive into rescue. We ensure that all dogs are spayed/neutered, microchipped, vaccinated, given flea and worming treatments alongside any other needs the dog may have. There is an adoption fee of **£250 (or £400 for a puppy adoption under 1 year)** which contributes to these treatments and assists the rescue with the costs.

If you are interested in adopting, please fill in the included application form. Following this, please drop the attached veterinary reference form to your vets, they will complete and return it separately to us.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

STAFFIE AND STRAY RESCUE ADOPTION APPLICATION FORM

Date of Application:

Title: (Mr) (Mrs) (Miss) (Ms) (Dr) Other

Name:

Age(s):

Phone Number:

Email:

YOUR HOME

Full Address:

Please list all members of the household and their ages in the space below:

Length of time at this address:

Do you have your own private and secure garden? YES/NO

Is the rear garden securely fenced? YES/NO

Are there any gaps in the fences anywhere? YES/NO

Height of lowest fence in back garden? **Must be minimum 5ft.**

If you have answered NO to any of the garden fence questions, are you willing to resolve this so it is suitable for a dog to be placed with you? YES/NO

Is your home a: House/Bungalow/Flat/Other

Is your home: Owned/ Privately Rented/ Council/ Housing association/ Parents? **Delete as appropriate.**

If your home is rented, we will need to see written permission. Please tick whether you have supplied written permission with this application:

- Yes**
- No**

Do any other children visit the home? YES/NO

If YES, what ages are they?

How frequently do other children visit the home?

Where do you plan for the dog to sleep at night?

Who will walk the dog?

WORK AND LIFESTYLE

Do you go out to work? YES/ NO

Please describe your work hours including days/times that are worked.

Work hours for Adult 1:

Work hours for Adult 2:

Work hours of additional adults in the home:

If anyone is currently working from home, is this a permanent plan? YES/NO

If you plan to take the dog to work, where will s/he be kept?

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If you plan to take the dog to work, will there be other dogs present? YES/NO

Do you have permission to bring the dog to work? YES/NO **If yes, please supply written permission with this application. We will also require a photo/video of the workplace and where the dog will be.**

How many hours would the dog be left alone in total per day? (Include work, shopping, leisure activities etc.)

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OTHER ANIMALS

Do you currently have any other dogs? YES/NO

If YES, how many and breed of dog(s)

Are they neutered? YES/NO

What are their ages?

What sex?

Do you have cats? YES/NO

Do you have any other pets? (Rabbits, gerbils, tortoises, budgies? Etc.) YES/NO

Are all the animals currently in your home vaccinated annually? YES/NO

PLEASE NOTE, IT IS UNUSUAL FOR US TO HAVE DOGS THAT CAN BE REHOMED WITH OTHER ANIMALS. WE ENCOURAGE ALL APPLICANTS TO EXPLORE OTHER RESCUES DUE TO OUR LONG WAITING LISTS (PLEASE SEE COVER NOTE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM EXPLAINING WHY)

EXPERIENCE

Have you owned a dog before? (Not including childhood dogs) YES/NO If yes, what breed(s)?
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Why are you looking to rehome a dog?
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How long have you been planning to rehome a dog?
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Are you ready to adopt a dog now?
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Are you prepared to travel at least twice within the Dorset area to meet with a dog of interest?
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What experience do you have with bull breeds?
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What experience with rescue dogs do you have?

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Do you have any experience with dogs who display difficult behaviours such as reactivity to other dogs? Please write down your experience in the space below:

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What could you not realistically manage in a rescue dog?

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MY PREFERENCES

Is there a particular dog that you are interested in? If so, please state dogs name:

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My Adoptee Preferences: Please tick as applicable.

SIZE OF DOG:

- Small (eg. Terrier)
- Medium (eg. Staffie)
- Large (eg. Labrador)
- Any

AGE OF DOG:

- Please state what age of dog you are looking for

GENDER OF DOG:

- Male
- Female
- Any

I would be prepared to work with my rescue dog and put in additional work and training: YES/NO

ABOUT ME

I am a first time dog owner: YES/NO **NOTE: IF YOU HAVE ONLY HAD CHILDHOOD PETS, THIS MEANS THAT YOU ARE A FIRST TIME DOG OWNER**

This is my first time rescuing a dog: YES/NO

Do you have any health conditions that affect your mobility? YES/NO

How far could you comfortably walk a dog? (This can assist us in our matching process)

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OTHER ANIMALS & BEHAVIOUR

NOTE: Not all behaviours can be resolved with rescue dogs, we look to manage behaviours rather than fix them. The vast majority of dogs are not dogs who will eventually be able to run and play off lead with other dogs etc.

I need a dog that likes other dogs: YES/NO/DOESN'T MATTER **NOTE: IF YOU HAVE FRIENDS/FAMILY WHO HAVE DOGS AND YOU WISH TO SOCIALISE YOUR DOG WITH THEM, PLEASE SELECT 'YES' TO THE ABOVE QUESTION.**

I need a dog that can be rehomed with other dogs: YES/NO

Could you cope with a dog is reactive to other dogs out on walks? YES/NO

Please tick the following statements you would you be comfortable with

- I am happy to walk past another dog in close proximity but avoid saying hello
- I am happy to walk a dog who could be vocal towards other dogs
- I would be happy to cross the road to avoid another dog
- I would be happy to muzzle a dog if required

I am happy keeping my new rescue dog on lead at all times if it is necessary and advised by the rescue? YES/NO

I am prepared to walk my dog in quieter areas if my rescue dog isn't friendly towards other animals YES/NO

I need a dog that is good with livestock: YES/NO **Note: Our dogs are not assessed generally with livestock**

LIFESTYLE

I need a dog that would be comfortable around visiting children: YES/NO

I need a dog that likes strangers: YES/NO/DOESN'T MATTER

How would you describe your home environment? BUSY/QUIET/LOTS OF FREQUENT VISITORS/INFREQUENT VISITORS

I need a dog that likes travelling in the car: YES/NO/DOESN'T MATTER

OTHER PREFERENCES

I am prepared to take on a dog that has not had basic work/training put in: YES/NO

I am prepared to work with my rescue dog and work with any issues that may arise during the settling in period: YES/NO

I would like a dog that enjoys being picked up/petted: YES/NO/DOESN'T MATTER

I would only like a dog that is already house trained: YES/NO/DOESN'T MATTER

Could you cope with a dog that pulls? YES/NO

I can cope with a dog that has medical problems? (Some fees are provided by SSR dependent on the issue) YES/NO

I can cope with a dog that may have separation anxiety YES/NO

I can cope with a dog that isn't yet toilet trained YES/NO

I could cope with a dog who is anxious and may require some patience and guidance YES/NO

I am aware that rescue dogs do come with a degree of potential challenges: YES/NO

HELPING OTHER DOGS IN NEED

Would you be willing to foster for us to help a dog in urgent need of a placement whilst you are waiting for your forever dog? **If you happen to fall in love, we would be more than happy for you to adopt your foster dog!** YES/NO

To assist us with your rescue preferences, please include any additional information here. For example, anything that you definitely couldn't cope with or anything that you feel you could confidently manage:

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Please advise the name and address of the vets that the form will be coming from: **Please note, this must be the vets that you have used for previous/existing animals.**

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If you are not supplying a vet reference, please explain why here:

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I am able to contribute a £250 adoption fee (or £400 for puppy under 1 year) on the day that I adopt a dog from Staffie and Stray Rescue: YES/NO

I can confirm that the information that I have supplied in this application are true and accurate. I understand that my personal data will be stored safely and securely at Staffie and Stray Rescue. I also give consent to have my details passed on to a third party for the home check.

SIGNED:

DATE:

NEXT STEPS: Now please print the veterinary reference form and hand it to your vet. Please ask your vet to complete the form and they will return it to us separately. We will then be in touch to arrange a home check.

In preparation for your home check, please provide a copy of formal ID. For example, a driving license or a passport.

Thank you for filling out this application form, please send it back via email to staffiesrescue@gmail.com If you would prefer to post this back to us, please get in touch for our office address.

Vets Reference Form



Name and address of Veterinary Practice & Veterinary Surgeon:

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Clients name and address:

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Name of most recent animal:

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Type of most recent animal: (i.e. - dog or cat)

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Age, Breed and Sex of most recent animal:

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Date last seen:

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Reason for death (if applicable):

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Please circle the appropriate answer

Is/was the animal neutered? Yes/No

Is/was the animal annually vaccinated? Yes/No

Is/was the animal microchipped? Yes/No

Would you be happy for this person to be responsible to foster or adopt a dog? Yes/No

Signature of Veterinary Surgeon..... Date.....

Additional comments

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PLEASE EMAIL THIS FORM BACK TO STAFFIESRESCUE@GMAIL.COM (Don't forget the 'S' in the middle of our email!)