



FOSTERING APPLICATION FORM

Foster homes must be within an hour's driving radius of Bournemouth so we can provide you with full support.

Thank you for enquiring about fostering a dog. You are applying to become a vital part of our team and this role is enormously important in finding a dog its forever home.

Fostering requires looking after a dog as if it was your own for as long as it takes to find a permanent home. The dog could be in your care for weeks or months. Fosterers are asked to regularly report feedback to the rescue about each dog to help evaluate what kind of permanent home it would suit. Regular characteristic profiles and photos are useful so that we can add in as much information as possible on our website and social media pages. We will work together to do the best for the dog. Working as a team means that we will give you full support and training. We will always be available to call if you have a problem and all veterinary treatment, food, dog beds, leads, collars etc. are funded and provided by the rescue.

Taking in a rescue dog is not always easy, but if you are an animal lover you will find it very rewarding to know that you would have helped to save a dog's life by offering a safe, loving haven.

He/she will not come with a "good behaviour" certificate or a "I will sleep all night" promise. For the first few days you will need to be around the dog for most of the time to reassure him/her. You must be patient, gentle and loving. As with any new dog, there will be a settling period.

Fostering works by helping dogs most urgently in need. Foster homes must be willing and able to bring the dog to our vets and also to meet and greet with potential adopters in the Bournemouth area. Foster homes do have the option to adopt if they fall in love! We do ask that you make these thoughts known as soon as possible to avoid disappointment from our adopters.

If you wish to help us by fostering, please fill in the application form. There is also a veterinary reference. Please take this form to the you are using or have previously used, the vet will complete the form and return it to us separately. Once this is completed, we will call to discuss fostering with us and will also carry out a home check to assess your home.

Kind Regards,
Team SSR

APPLICATION FOR FOSTERING

Date:

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Dr/Other (Delete as appropriate)

Name:

Age:

Contact number:

Email:

YOUR HOME

Address:
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Post Code:

Length of time at this address:

Full names and ages of all people living in the home:

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Do you have a private and secure garden? YES/NO

Height of fencing: **Fencing must be minimum 5ft**

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

If Flat, which floor?

Is your home: Owned/ Privately Rented/ Council/ Housing association/ Other

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

If the rescue has any concerns regarding fencing and security of the garden, are you willing to make changes so we can safely place a dog here?

YES/NO

Do you have any restrictions on where the dog can go in the home? YES/NO

If Yes, please provide more detail:
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WORK & LIFESTYLE

Do you go out to work? YES/ NO

Work hours for Adult 1:

Work hours for Adult 2:

Work hours of additional adults in the home:

If you work from home, is this a permanent set up? YES/NO/NOT APPLICABLE

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

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

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Who will be walking the dog?

Are you able to start fostering immediately? YES/NO

Are you planning any of the following?

- A baby
- A holiday

- Moving home
- Change of work hours
- Starting a new job
- Other Eg. Anything that may disrupt the fostering of a dog

If you have ticked any of the following, please add further detail below. Eg. Dates of holidays:

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EXPERIENCE

Have you owned a dog before? YES/NO

Have you got experience with bull breeds / larger breeds? YES/NO

Have you fostered dogs before? YES/NO

OTHER ANIMALS & BEHAVIOUR

NOTE: We are looking for dog and cat free homes

I am aware that foster dogs must be kept on lead at all times YES/NO

I need a dog that likes other dogs: YES/NO

Could you cope with a dog that is unfriendly towards other dogs when out on walks?
 YES/NO

I am prepared to work with SSR's behaviourist 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

CHILDREN AND VISITORS

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

I need a dog that likes strangers: YES/NO

Children in my home or visiting my home are used to being around dogs YES/NO

LIFESTYLE

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

I would be prepared to walk my foster dog in quieter areas if the dog was particularly reactive: YES/NO

I have a very busy household where there is lots of activity: YES/NO

Where do you plan for the dog to sleep?

Where would the be kept when you are out?

OTHER PREFERENCES

I need a dog that has already been trained: 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? 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

Would you be able to take on a dog that may be stressed/nervous/needing additional
behavioural training as assisted by the rescue? YES/NO

ARE YOU PREPARED TO DO THE FOLLOWING? (TICK AS APPROPRIATE)	YES	NO
Bring foster dogs to the vet? (fee's provided by Staffie and Stray Rescue) This is in Bournemouth		
Allow potential owners into the house to view a dog?		
Give up your foster dog when the right owners are found?		
Exercise the dog twice a day? (This may be subject to change depending on the dog)		
Care for a sick dog?		
Regularly send in new photos and updates on the dog for our website?		
Look after the dog for as long as it takes for him/her to find a forever home?		
Bring dogs to our rehoming events so that they can meet and greet potential new owners?		
Ensure that the dog is wearing an "adopt me" collar/lead/bandana/coat (at least one where applicable depending on weather) when out and about on walks?		
Bring dogs to Bournemouth to meet with prospective new families		

OTHER ANIMALS IN THE HOME

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

If Yes, what animal.....

Why do you wish to foster a dog for Staffie and Stray Rescue?

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Please bear in mind, when a dog is in your care, you are legally responsible for his/her behaviour in public, we do ask that you listen and follow the guidance that the rescue provides (This will be found on your fostering contract). We offer ongoing advice and support to all our foster homes, we are with you every step of the way!

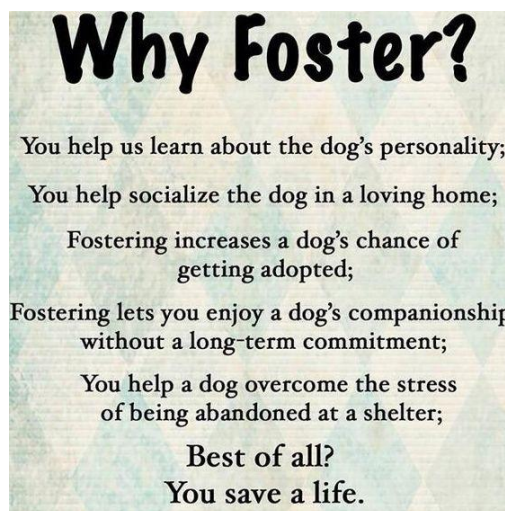
You will be assigned a contact number so that you are able to communicate with the team and alert of any vet treatments required etc.

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Please note: At the home check, every person who lives in the applicants homes MUST BE PRESENT

Now please take the Vets Reference form that is on the next page to your vets, they will complete this form and send it to us separately.



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