



## **FOSTERING APPLICATION FORM**

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.

Each case requires patience, calm and gentle handling for as long as it takes to settle the dog and gain his/her trust. 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.

There are three basic rules to settling a dog in swiftly: Regular exercise, regular routine and regular meals all accompanied by a loving human companionship.

If you wish to help us by fostering, please fill in the application form. There is also a veterinary check. 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.

**We like our foster homes to be within an hour's driving radius of Bournemouth so we can provide you with full support.**

We look forward to hearing from you.

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 other children visit the home? YES/NO

If yes, what ages are they? .....

How often do they visit? .....

**PLEASE NOTE: All back garden fences must be a minimum of 5ft high and completely secure.**

**Newly rescued dogs usually try to escape in the early stages.**

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

If Flat, which floor? .....

Do you have a garden? .....

Is the garden communal or private? .....

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

If rented: Do you have permission from the landlord to keep a dog? .....

**If YES, we will need to see written permission. Please tick whether you have supplied written permission with this application:**

- Yes
- No

Height of lowest fence in back garden (**Must be at least 5ft**) .....

Is the rear garden separate from the front? YES/NO .....

Is the rear garden securely fenced? YES/NO .....

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

**If you have answered 'NO' to any of the above questions regarding fencing and security, are you willing to make changes so we can safely place a dog here?**

YES/NO .....

Is your front garden secure? YES/NO .....

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

If Yes, please provide more detail: .....

### **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 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 **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 a day? (Include work, shopping, leisure activities etc.)

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Who will be walking the dog? .....

What time/s of day do you plan to walk the dog and how long for? .....

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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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Are you able to start fostering immediately? YES/NO

Will the dog live in the home as part of the family? YES/NO

**EXPERIENCE**

Have you owned a dog before? YES/NO

Have you got experience in the Staffordshire bull terrier breed? YES/NO

Have you fostered dogs before? YES/NO

**MY PREFERENCES**

Would you be able to take on a dog that is untrained? YES/NO

Would you be able to take on a dog that isn't house trained? 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

Would you be able to cope with a dog that is unfriendly towards other dogs? YES/NO

Where would the dog sleep? .....

Where would the dog be kept when you are out? .....

Do you have a preference on the age/sex of dog that you would like to foster? YES/NO

If Yes, please state here: .....

ARE YOU PREPARED TO DO THE FOLLOWING? (TICK AS APPROPRIATE)	YES	NO
Take foster dogs to the vet? (fee's provided by Staffie and Stray Rescue)		
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? Events occur 4 times a year.		
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?		

**OTHER ANIMALS IN THE HOME**

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? .....

Will they tolerate new dogs? .....

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

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

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Please write any additional notes in the space below, including any questions that you may have so that we can discuss these when we call you about your application:

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

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

**Veterinary Check Form**



Name and address of Veterinary Surgeon:

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Name and address of Veterinary Practice:

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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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Breed and sex of most recent animal:

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Age of animal: (If present)

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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](mailto:staffiesrescue@gmail.com)

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