

SOS DOGS

Volunteer Application and Release

Thank you for filling out this questionnaire. This greatly aids us in knowing what your limitations are and in what capacity you are able to help. Though sometimes it is hard to let go of a rescue dog, we all know that there is another one that could be just as needy if not more so just around the corner. Every individual is suited to a different aspect of rescue, and we will only ask you to help in a capacity where you are comfortable and can make a difference. Thank you for your cooperation. Please mail completed form to: **SOS DOGS 18 Downing St Cherry Hill, NJ 08003-1519**

What areas of rescue are you interested in? (Check all that apply)

Transporting Dogs to SOS Fostering Dogs Prospective Adopter Home Inspections

(If you are NOT volunteering to foster, please fill in Part I, Part III and PART VI in full, and then only the information on the rest of the form that you feel applies to your ability to transport or check homes. **A foster volunteer application must be completely filled out.**)

Part I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date:	
NAME:	Home Phone #:
ADDRESS:	Work Phone #:
CITY, STATE, ZIP	Cell Phone #:
Email at home:	Email at work:
WORK: Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> Do not work <input type="checkbox"/>	Can help: Days <input type="checkbox"/> Evenings <input type="checkbox"/> Weekends <input type="checkbox"/> Any time <input type="checkbox"/>
I can get dog on _____ hours notice	I need this much notice to get a dog:
Do you volunteer for any other rescues? If so, please list:	
What state(s) are you willing to cover for transport or home checks? Our database is organized by state	
Do you have a car to transport a dog? Describe.	
Do you have a carrying crate or leash and collar?	

Part II: YOUR HOME'S SUITABILITY FOR FOSTERING

Your household	Number of men:	Number of women:	Number of children:	Number of pets:
Boys (ages):	Girls (ages):			
Type of Dwelling : Single Family Home <input type="checkbox"/>	Apartment <input type="checkbox"/>	Apartment-style condominium <input type="checkbox"/>	Townhouse <input type="checkbox"/>	Duplex/triplex <input type="checkbox"/>
Farm <input type="checkbox"/>	House Trailer <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
How large is your yard?	Is it fenced? If so, type and height			
Can children open gates?	Are gates locked against thieves?			
If no fenced yard, how do you plan on exercising the dog or providing elimination?				
Do you have a pool?	If a pool, is it fenced?			

Part III: YOUR PETS

Dogs (breeds and ages)	
Are any above 30 lbs in size? If so, describe.	
Are they submissive or assertive?	
How would you deal with problems from your dog(s) if you bring a rescue dog into your home (e.g., marking)?	
On heartworm preventative?	On flea/tic preventative during warm months?
Are they all altered?	Are any from rescue?
Where do your dogs sleep?	Will your pets accept a strange dog into their home?
Where will THIS dog sleep?	Do you have cats? If so, how many?
Will you use a crate for this dog?	Are your cats ok with dogs?
If so, please use line below to describe under what circumstances you would use a crate:	

Part IV: FOSTERING (fill in if applying to foster)

For how long are you willing to foster?
Will you take any dog who needs a loving half way house until adopted ? Any limitations?

Will you take a different type in emergency?	How many dogs will you foster at one time?
Are you prepared to groom (brush, wash)the dog?	Where will the dog stay when you are away?
Are you prepared to housebreak if needed?	What training will you do while fostering?
Are you prepared to socialize if needed?	
Are you prepared to bring the dog to our vets in Voorhees or Turnersville NJ if needed?	What medical limitations do you have in taking a rescue dog?
How would you deal with house soiling?	
What do you call DISCIPLINE?	
Check any of the following areas where you think you may have problems with a foster dog: my dog(s) <input type="checkbox"/> my cat(s) <input type="checkbox"/> other people <input type="checkbox"/> small children <input type="checkbox"/> riding in a car <input type="checkbox"/> housebreaking <input type="checkbox"/> crate training <input type="checkbox"/> grooming <input type="checkbox"/> nail clipping <input type="checkbox"/> bathing <input type="checkbox"/> being alone in a fenced yard <input type="checkbox"/> biting <input type="checkbox"/> my working during the day <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	
Part V: TOUGH DECISIONS WHILE FOSTERING	
Are you able to euthanize a sick dog?	
Are you able to euthanize a mean dog?	
If NO, what alternative would you suggest?	
What would you do if a dog bit you?	
Can we visit your home during fostering?	
Do you realize that you cannot adopt a dog that you foster?	
Do you have the support of your family to foster?	
Are you able to provide food for the dog?	
Are you able to "let go" when the dog has to be placed?	
Can the adoptive home contact you with questions?	
Would you be willing to take a dog back if the adoption doesn't work out?	

Part VI: REFERENCES

NAME / RELATIONSHIP	PHONE	EMAIL
1.		
2.		
3.		

FOSTER HOME AGREEMENT

1. The person(s) agreeing to foster the dog (the Foster Family) will follow all relevant procedures and guidelines of SOS DOGS regarding the animal being fostered and will make no decision or take any actions regarding the animal's veterinary care (including euthanasia) or placement without prior approval of the Director of SOS DOGS.
2. The Foster Family shall provide the dog with humane care and maintain it in accordance with all current state, county and municipal laws and ordinances while the animal resides with the family.
3. The Foster Family shall provide the animal with a fully fenced yard or walk it on a leash. Under no circumstances may the dog be permitted to be loose outside, nor shall the dog be kept chained or tied to any object outside. The dog may not be crated more than a few hours a day.
4. The dog shall be kept indoors except for exercise, play or elimination purposes.
5. The Foster Family agrees to provide the dog with adequate dry quality dog food, water, shelter, affection, socialization and exercise as they would their own dogs, including basic training such as housebreaking or whatever is necessary to the well-being of the dog and to help increase its adoptability. The Foster Family will provide the Director of SOS DOGS with an honest and fair assessment of the dog's behavior in the home, both positive and negative.
6. The dog shall reside at the Foster Family's address and may not be given to anyone else or placed in any other home or facility.
7. If the dog cannot be kept by the Foster Family, said Family shall notify the Director of SOS DOGS immediately. The dog may not be sold, abandoned, relinquished to a pound or shelter or another rescue group, transferred or given to any other person, persons, group, organization or institution.
8. The Foster Family agrees to bring the dog to the rescue vet in Voorhees, NJ if the dog requires any veterinary care and the Director makes the appointment. Such appointment may require return visit for pick up after a procedure, such as neutering. SOS pays these vet bills.
9. The Foster Family understand that SOS DOGS has limited information regarding the temperament and habits of the dog and the Family will take all reasonable precautions (through the use of supervision and common sense) to ensure that the dog does not injure itself or anyone else, cause harm or injury to any person, persons, animal or property.
10. The Foster Family does hereby release, discharge and hold harmless SOS DOGS and any person, firm or corporation charged or chargeable with liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and assigns, for any and all claims, damages, costs, expenses, loss of

services, injuries, action and causes of action, whether known or unknown, belonging to the Foster Family due to any action or occurrence arising out of or in connection with fostering for SOS DOGS.

- 11. The Foster Family agrees to be courteous, helpful and honest with potential adopters and to fully cooperation in accommodating those who wish to see the dog.
- 12. The dog remains the property of SOS DOGS and can be removed from the Foster Family at any time and without any prior notice.
- 13. The Foster Family may not adopt the dogs it fosters.
- 14. Should the Foster Family not willingly cooperate with all of the terms set forth in this agreement, the Foster Family agrees to pay any and all expenses, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees, in enforcing the terms of this agreement.

VOLUNTEER RELEASE (MUST be signed by ALL volunteers)

I, (print your name) _____, hereby volunteer to represent SOS DOGS as a Rescue Representative, home inspector, transporter or foster home. I attest that the above three pages of information are true and correct. I have further read the Foster Home Agreement and should I foster, agree to abide by the terms.

I agree that I will not hold SOS DOGS responsible for any damage the dog may do to my home or other dogs, for any vet bills that I incur without approval from SOS DOGS or any other expenses incurred without prior approval. I further agree that I will not place this dog on my own, that I can not adopt it, and I will willingly relinquish it when a home is found. I understand and agree to assume all risks involved in, and/or in any way connected with my volunteer service for SOS DOGS. This includes any accident or expenses incurred in transporting, checking homes or fostering. I further agree to release and hold harmless SOS DOGS, Barbara Ross, Archie Ross, and any other volunteers from any and all liability or responsibility in connection with that service. I hereby waive any right to sue.

I have read the foregoing and execute this Release Form with full understanding of its contents on this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Signature

Address

Witness Signature

Witness print name and address above