

# Fostering Application Form

Please complete the online form below and hit submit. The details that you provide will help us to match you with the foster dog best suited to your home and circumstances.

Before you complete the form...

You must be over 21 years of age to foster a dog for Dogs in Distress.

It is necessary for the head of your household to agree to allow a dog to be fostered in your home. If you are not this person please discuss your interest in fostering with the head of household and be sure that they are in agreement before you complete the foster application form.

Fostering can sometimes be hard work but is always hugely rewarding. Without our dedicated network of fosterers Dogs in Distress could not save the lives of hundreds of dogs every year.

A foster dog may come from a situation where he spent his life isolated in a back garden, he may have spent months straying. Generally speaking, all of our foster dogs have been let down badly by human beings. We believe these dogs deserve a second chance and an upgrade in life. Our fosterers provide the love and care that in the past our foster dogs have often been deprived of.

As part of the foster application process a Dogs in Distress volunteer will phone you to discuss the details that you provide in this form. Please provide as much detail as possible, this allows us to match you with a foster dog that is best suited to your home. Dogs in Distress foster dogs must be kept in your home and treated as a member of the family. Dogs in Distress covers any veterinary costs. If you require food, bedding, toys etc we can provide them to you.

## Fostering Form

Please fill out this form and we will get in touch with you shortly.

Your Full Name:

Email:

Address line 1:

Address line 2:

Town:

County:

Landline:

Mobile:

Are you over 21 years of age?:                      Yes        No

## **Your Home**

Are you the lead of the household in which you live?                      Yes        No

If No, is the head of household happy for you to foster a dog?                      Yes        No

Why do you want to foster a dog?

What age of dog would you prefer to foster and why?

Would you like to foster a small, medium or large dog?

Is there any breed of dog that you would not like to foster?

## **Your past dog experience**

Have you owned a dog before?

Have you ever fostered a dog before?

Can you provide transport for your foster dog to and from the vets?

Some of our dogs get sick shortly after coming into foster care. How do you feel about minding a sick dog?

## **Your Home**

Do you have a garden?

If so, what size is this garden (small, medium, large)?

Is your garden secure and fully enclosed?

Do you live in a house, apartment, other?

Do you own or rent your home?          Rent          Own

If rented, is your home a council home or privately rented?          Council          Private

## **Your Family**

How many people live in your home?

Have they all agreed on fostering a rescue dog/pup?

Have you got children? If so, please list their ages:

Are these children used to dogs?

Is there anyone in the family that suffers from allergies or asthma?

Is there anyone in the family who are scared or nervous of dogs?

## **Your Routine**

Are any adult members of the family in full or part-time employment?

If so, at what time do they leave and return from work?

Are there any family members in the home full time?

On a typical day, at any one time, how long would the dog be left alone?

Over the course of an entire day, how many hours in total would a dog be left alone?

Have you got holidays booked over the next 6 months?

## **A Dog in your home**

Where do you intend to keep the dog while you're not at home?

Where will your dog sleep during the day?

Where will your dog sleep at night?

Are you looking to foster a dog with low, medium or high energy levels?

## **Other pets in your home**

Do you have another dog/s?

If yes, what age is your dog?

If Yes, Is your dog male or female?

If yes, What is the breed of your dog?

If yes, Is your dog vaccinated?

If yes, Is your dog micro-chipped?

If yes, Is your dog spayed/neutered?

If yes, What do you feed your dog?

If yes, Is your dog used to other dogs?

Do you own other pets? Please list:

## **General Training**

As most of our dogs come from pounds around Ireland we are unaware of the amount of training they have previously had. The dog that you foster may not be house trained and may not have ever been in a home before. We temperament test all of the dogs we take on to the best of our ability but they may still have some obedience or behavioural difficulties.

### **Would you like a dog who is...**

Good with children:    Yes    No    Don't mind

Good with other dogs:    Yes    No    Don't mind

Good with cats:    Yes    No    Don't mind

Good with livestock:    Yes    No    Don't mind

Good in the car:    Yes    No    Don't mind

House trained:    Yes    No    Don't mind

\* No pups under 12 weeks of age will be fully house trained.

**What date are you available to foster from?**