



DOGS' HOMES OF TASMANIA (operated by the
Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc.)
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Application to become a Foster Carer for the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Dogs' Homes of Tasmania foster carer. The objective of fostering is to house the dog in private care until a suitable home can be found or they are able to return to the Home. Not only do foster parents maximize the number of dogs rescued, they also help to care for dogs for whom a kennel environment is not suitable: puppies with immature immune systems, dogs recovering from major surgery, or those needing one-on-one behaviour rehabilitation or a break from the Home. Fostering can be extremely challenging as well as rewarding, and should be entered into carefully. Please see *Terms and Conditions of Foster Care* (attached). We are committed to providing the best possible care for our dogs in both the Dogs' Home and Foster Care setting and we ask that you complete the following application with this in mind.

Personal details

Name: _____

Address: _____ Suburb: _____

Telephone: (H) (___) _____ (W) (___) _____ Mobile: _____

Email address: _____

What is your preferred method of contact and when is the best time to reach you?

Why do you want to become a foster carer? _____

Family details

Spouse/partner's name (if applicable): _____

Number of adults in household over age 18: _____

Number & age of children in household: _____

Are ALL family members willing to care for a foster dog? Yes / No

If no, please give details: _____

House and yard

Type of residence: House Apartment Farm Other (please elaborate)

If you rent or lease, do you have written permission from your landlord to have a dog? Yes / No (Please attach permission letter)

Describe the living area available to the foster dog (please include access to house and yard details):

Type, condition & height of fencing: _____

Pets

What pets are currently living in the home (number, type, breed, age, sex etc)? _____

What pets have you previously owned and what happened to them? _____

Are all your pets currently vaccinated? Yes / No

If no, please give details: _____

Are all your pets spayed or neutered? Yes / No

If no, please give details: _____

Name and phone number of current or previously used Veterinarian:

Fostering

What type of dog do you wish to foster?

- male female any
- small medium large any
- nursing mums puppies adults seniors any

Do you have experience in, or are you willing to learn about fostering puppies / dogs with special needs such as extreme shyness, anxiety, fear of certain people or items, blindness, deafness, recovery from surgery?

Yes / No

If yes, please give details: _____

Will your foster dog be allowed in the house? Yes / No

Where will your foster dog sleep? _____

How long will your foster dog be alone on a typical: weekday _____ hours / weekend _____ hours

Where will your foster dog spend time when alone at your home? _____

Are you familiar with crate training? Yes / No

Are you willing to crate train or learn how to crate train your foster dog? Yes / No

Small disagreements are likely to occur when a new dog is brought into a home where a dog or cat is already living. There can be fear and anxiety and you must be willing to work with your new dog and existing pets during the transition time (this can be days or even weeks). Are you willing to make this commitment?

Yes / No

How long are you willing to care for the dog placed in your home?

- 1 week 2 - 4 weeks 6 – 8 weeks 12 + weeks

Where would you be comfortable meeting with prospective adopters of your foster dog?

- my home adopters home Dogs' Home neutral location any

Are you able to transport your foster dog to veterinary appointments or adoption events given reasonable notice?

Yes / No



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FOSTER CARE

As a Dogs' Homes of Tasmania Foster Carer, I agree:

1. That I am over 18 years of age.
2. That fostering a dog requires approval of my Foster Care Application, including a home visit by an appropriate member of the Dogs' Home Foster Care team.
3. To have my Veterinarian contacted as part of my foster care application.
4. To provide my foster dog with a loving environment and foster the skills they will need to become part of their new adoptive family.
5. To abide by the Animal Control Act 2000 as well as the animal control regulations set out by your relevant Council.
6. That I will maintain contact via phone and/or email with the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania to keep the Dogs' Home updated on the status and progress of my foster dog.
7. To contact the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania in the event of a foster dog requiring non-emergency veterinary care and prior to the veterinary care being provided.
8. To take my foster dog to the nearest Veterinary Surgery in the event of an emergency (life or death situation).
9. To contact the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania in the event I can no longer look after the dog placed in my foster care.
10. That while I will be able to have input into the adoptive home of the dog in my foster care, the final decision will be made by the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania.
11. That I will be offered the first right of refusal should I wish to adopt the foster dog in my care.
12. That I will report any incident to the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania, no matter how minor, that may impact on the dog's adoptability, including where training may be required.
13. To follow the prescribed Veterinary medication charts and schedules set down by the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania.
14. To ensure the foster dog wears a collar with a Dogs' Homes of Tasmania identification tag attached at all times.

15. To ensure that I will recognise the limitations and capabilities of each individual dog and will not place them in situations or environments that may lead to excessive stress or harm to the dog, other animals or people.
16. That I will not leave the foster dog unattended with children under the age of 14 years and only when you are absolutely certain no harm will come to the child.
17. **That I will never let the foster dog off lead at any time in any public place.**
18. That I will, whenever possible, be responsible for transporting the foster dog to and from check-ups and any adoption events given my availability.
19. That I am 100% responsible for the actions of the dog while it is in my care.
20. That I will not place my foster dog in the care of another person for any reason unless with prior agreement of the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania.
21. The foster dog remains the property of the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania at all times and I must return the dog to the Dogs' Home site when requested to do so.
22. To let the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania know any changes to my contact details or details pertaining to the foster application form.
23. To return equipment/items given by the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania at the end of a fostering term.
24. To not provide any false or misleading information in the adoption application or in any communication about a foster dog.
25. To not give any raw bones to the foster dog if there is another dog on the premises. Raw bones are only to be given to the foster dog whilst under your supervision.

As the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania Foster Care Co-ordinator I agree:

1. To provide as much information about the foster dog as possible.
2. To ensure the foster dog is free from illness and is vaccinated, microchipped and desexed prior to being fostered unless specifically agreed to by foster carer (these may be the reason fostering is required).
3. To provide equipment/items needed for fostering a dog from the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania.
4. To provide a list of Veterinary instructions to accompany any medication required.

5. To provide guidance and support in a timely manner for any issues that arise during a fostering period.
6. To give a reasonable amount of notice prior to requiring the transport of the dog for veterinary check-ups or adoption events.
7. To ensure all potential adopters are screened for suitability prior to visiting foster carers home to minimise time and privacy issues.
8. To accept the immediate return of any foster dog should the foster carer no longer be able to continue fostering the dog.
9. To pay the costs of all veterinary care that has received prior approval from the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania (unless in the event of emergency care where the dog should be taken to the nearest veterinary surgery at the expense of the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania).

Please note that as a Foster Carer it is important that you are aware that the dog you bring into your home may not be house trained, may chew inappropriate things, bark or display other undesirable behaviour. Your generosity and patience in teaching appropriate behaviour is providing this dog with crucial skills to make his/her successful transition to a new family possible. The Foster Care Co-ordinator and support team will provide you with as much information about the dog as possible and will be available to guide and assist with training and any difficulties you may experience.

Equipment provided (if applicable):

Special Needs and/or Requirements (if applicable):

I have read and agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions of Foster Care for the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania.

I understand that the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania reserves the right to inspect my premises at any time to ensure the safety and security of any foster dog/s in my care and to remove the dog if required and return to the Dogs' Home.

Foster Carer Applicant:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Foster Care Co-ordinator:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

