



Dog Fostering Application

What type of dog are you willing to foster? Please be specific with any breed, size, or gender restrictions you may have; the more you tell us, the better we can match a foster dog to your home: _____

What age ranges are you willing to foster? Please check all that apply:

- Young puppy (8 weeks - 6 months)
- Older puppy (6 months - 1 year)
- Adolescent (1 year - 3 years)
- Adult (3 years - 10 years)
- Senior (10+ years)

If applicable, please check any of the following "special needs" situations in which you'd be willing to foster:

- Heartworm positive (this is a common, non-contagious, treatable condition that requires the dog's physical activity to be strictly minimized during the treatment period)
- General surgery needed
- Emaciated (significantly underweight - TLC needed!)
- Mama dog with nursing puppies
- Bonded pair (e.g., siblings that cannot be separated)
- Deaf or blind (professional training assistance provided for by The Southern Dog, Inc. if needed)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Name of Applicant(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address(es): _____

Applicant's date of birth: _____ Spouse/Partner's date of birth, if applicable: _____

Place(s) of employment: _____

Driver's License/State ID number: _____

Do you live in a house, apartment/condo, mobile home, or townhome?: _____

Do you own or rent?: _____

If you rent, please provide your landlord's name and phone number: _____

Please note that if you rent, we reserve the right to request that you provide us with a signed copy of your leasing agreement before we place a foster dog in your home.

Are you in the process of moving (or anticipate moving) in the next year?: _____

Are you at least 21 years of age or older?: _____

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Please list the names and ages of all people living in the home and their relationship to you:

Name, Age, and Relationship: _____

Are all members of the household aware of the intent to foster?: _____

Have you ever been arrested for or convicted of animal abuse or neglect?: _____

Have you ever had a pet escape from your home and either be lost or seriously injured?: _____

If so, please **fully** explain the circumstances: _____

Do children (not in the immediate family) ever visit your home? If so, please specify their ages and how often they visit: _____

Does anyone in the household have allergies to dogs?: _____

How would you describe your household (e.g. active, noisy, quiet, etc.)?: _____

Do you have a fenced in yard?: _____

If yes, describe the area and the **height/type** of the fence: _____

If no, please describe how the dog will get adequate play time and exercise on a regular basis: _____

On average, how often do you go out of town and have to board your pets?: _____

CURRENT PET INFORMATION

Please complete the following for any pets currently living in your home:

Type (dog, cat, etc.): _____

Age: _____

Sex: _____

Breed: _____

Years Owned: _____

Spayed/Neutered: _____

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Are all pets current on flea/heartworm prevention?: _____
If yes, please indicate what form of flea/heartworm preventative you use: _____
If no, please explain: _____
Are all pets current on vaccinations?: _____
If no, please explain: _____
Have all of your pets been around dogs in the past without incident?: _____
If no, please explain fully: _____

Please provide the following contact information for your veterinarian (or prior veterinarian for past pets):

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone number: _____

If your vet records would be under a different name other than the one provided on this application, please provide the full name: _____

FOSTER ANIMAL INFORMATION

What is your past and/or current experience with dogs, if any?: _____

What common dog personalities are you NOT willing to foster at this time (e.g., dominant, high-energy, timid, hand shy)? Please be as specific as possible: _____

Who will primarily care for this dog (feeding, playtime, walks, scheduled vet visits)?: _____
Please be specific as to where you will keep the dog - e.g., will the dog have free run of the house, be crated inside, be crated outside, etc.?: _____

Where will the dog be kept when you're not home?: _____

Where will the dog sleep?: _____

On average, how many hours a day will the dog spend alone?: _____

Are you willing to:

House train a dog?: _____

Crate train a dog?: _____

Leash train a dog?: _____

Teach basic commands?: _____

Teach basic manners?: _____

REFERENCES

Please provide the following information in its entirety for references. Please note that we **do** call references and all references must have a working phone number in order for the application to be processed. Please do not include any members of the household as your references.

Reference #1:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Relationship: _____

Reference #2:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Relationship: _____

Reference #3:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Relationship: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please feel free to include any additional details that you feel we may need to know to best match you with the right foster dog. The more you can tell us, the better! We want to make this a positive experience for you because foster parents are the backbone of our organization, so feel free to tell us what you're looking for and any other information that might be useful: _____

I certify that I have read this questionnaire and that all information I have given is true and accurate, and that I understand that any falsification may result in the nullification of the fostering arrangement.

If filling out electronically, you certify that typing your name and date below represents a signature on your behalf.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Spouse/Partner's Signature, if applicable

Date



Fostering Agreement

_____ I understand that once a foster animal is placed into a foster home, he/she is expected to stay there until a suitable permanent home is found. While The Southern Dog, Inc. makes every effort to promote its adoptable animals and find them homes as soon as possible, there is no way to predict when an animal will be adopted and therefore fostering could be a long-term commitment spanning several months.

_____ I understand that all adoptions must go directly through The Southern Dog, Inc.

_____ I understand that the foster parent is responsible for the cost of providing quality food for the foster animal in a quantity sufficient for the animal to maintain a healthy weight.

_____ I understand that The Southern Dog, Inc. is responsible for the cost of all veterinarian/medical expenses and the cost of the animal's monthly flea/heartworm preventative.

_____ I understand that the foster parent is expected to attend adoption events set up by The Southern Dog, Inc. on a regular basis (average of one event per month) in order to maximize the opportunity for the foster animal to be adopted.

_____ I understand that the foster parent is responsible for transporting the foster animal to his/her scheduled vet appointments during the week at a vet chosen by The Southern Dog, Inc. Our primary veterinarian office is located in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

_____ I understand that the foster parent must be flexible in his/her ability to bring the foster animal to meet and greets both during the work week and on the weekend. A representative from The Southern Dog, Inc. will **always** be present at any formal meet and greet.

_____ I understand that while The Southern Dog, Inc. makes every effort to evaluate an animal's temperament and would never knowingly place an aggressive animal into any foster home, animal behavior is dependent on several environmental factors and therefore The Southern Dog, Inc. cannot be held liable for any damage done by a foster animal under any circumstances.

_____ I understand that if for some reason the foster animal must be moved to a different foster home due to a change in circumstances, the foster parent is required to give The Southern Dog, Inc. at least fourteen (14) days notice in order to provide time for the rescue to find another suitable foster home. This requirement will be waived only in emergency situations and/or at The Southern Dog, Inc.'s discretion. At NO time can a foster parent take or threaten to take the animal to a local shelter or give the animal to someone else to foster. Should the foster parent violate this agreement, The Southern Dog, Inc. has the right to seek damages up to the amount of \$500.00 plus the cost of daily boarding fees and/or impound fees from the shelter.

_____ I agree to a home visit prior to the fostering arrangement being approved by The Southern Dog, Inc.

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