



# Westie Rescue, Inc.

## Application to Provide Foster Care

Thank you for your interest in providing foster care to Westies in need. The purpose of a foster home is to provide temporary care for homeless Westies in loving environment until a suitable permanent home is found. Foster care is a very tough job, but it is a gratifying one, and most of all, a critical one. You will be rewarded with a tremendous sense of satisfaction knowing you made a difference in the life of a wonderful dog.

Please read and carefully complete the foster care provider application. This form is designed to help us and you decide what your limits are as a foster parent, what you are willing to commit to rescue, and in which areas you wish to become involved. Please answer the questions to the best of your ability. Please use the back of the form if you need more space for your answers.

### Part I - Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer (You) \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse): \_\_\_\_\_

Household date (circle): Single      Married      Sharing Home with unrelated Adults

Do the other adults in your household approve of your fostering dogs? (Circle)    Yes    No

Number of Children in Household (include sex and age of each child):

(If there are children, grandchildren, etc., who regularly visit, please include above or continue on back)

Do you own or rent your dwelling? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of dwelling (Please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

(If you rent, we will ultimately need to see the rental agreement authorizing pets)

Do you have a securely fenced yard? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type of fencing? \_\_\_\_\_

If your yard is not fenced, how do you plan to ensure that the dog receives safe and adequate exercise? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a pool or outdoor hot tub? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes to the above, it is fenced separately? \_\_\_\_\_

### Part II - Your Pets

Have you ever owned a Westie? (If yes, how many and how long?) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own a Westie(s) now? (If yes, please give details) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own any other pets at this time? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please specify type, breed, age, sex, and how long (continue on back if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, is it neutered/spayed? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have other pets, are their vaccinations current? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you think current pets would react to a foster dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you prepared to deal with negative reactions on the part of your pets? \_\_\_\_\_

If you don't own any pets at this time, have you ever owned any before? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to pets no longer in your care? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Part III - Foster Preferences**

How long are you willing to foster a Westie? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of Westie will you foster? (only males, only females, only older dogs, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Will you foster a Westie-mix? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you foster more than one dog at a time? \_\_\_\_\_

What medical considerations will you make in taking in a rescue dog? (Ear or eye infections, bladder infections, skin problems requiring baths, worms etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to foster an un-housetrained dog? \_\_\_\_\_

If you will only take a housetrained dog, do you understand and accept that even a housetrained dog may have a number of accidents when placed in a new environment? \_\_\_\_\_

How long will the foster dog be alone each day? \_\_\_\_\_

How long will the foster dog be alone each evening? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to use a crate? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the foster dog sleep at night? \_\_\_\_\_

If needed, can you isolate a foster dog from other pets? If yes, where/how will you isolate the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

If needed, can you isolate the foster dog so that it's movements are restricted, such as in the case of a dog recovering from surgery and which cannot be allowed to run, etc. ? If yes, where/how will you isolate the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Part IV - Tough Decisions**

Would you be able to handle a dog that after it has been rescued is diagnosed with an illness and has to be euthanized? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you agreeable to having dogs euthanized because of temperament problems? (Please explain why or why not): \_\_\_\_\_

If Anoa to the above, what would be your alternative solution? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you handle a situation in which a rescue dog bit you or bit someone else? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to deny an adoptive family a particular dog because the placement didn't feel right? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to work closely with Westie Rescue, Inc., in making a placement for the rescue dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you emotionally prepared yourself for the sadness that comes when the foster dog leaves your home and is placed in a permanent home? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to stay in contact with the adoptive home to ensure the placement was a success? \_\_\_\_\_

## Part V - References

Please list three (3) references that can attest to your suitability as a pet owner, and more specifically, as a foster parent in Westie Rescue. If you own any pets now, or have in the past, please **include your veterinarian** and at least one neighbor **as a reference**.

Reference #1. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day and Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #2. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day and Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #3. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( Day and Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, attest that I have read the above information carefully and have filled our this application honestly. I understand that omission of information and/or failure to answer all

questions and sign the application can result in this application being denied. Also, if an omission or untruth is discovered after this application has been accepted, I understand that Westie Rescue, Inc., reserves the right to annul any current Foster Agreement and reclaim any dog which may be in my care under the auspices of Westie Rescue, Inc. Should such a situation lead to legal process, I agree I am solely responsible for all costs, including attorney fees and Court costs.

I understand that prior to being approved for foster care in my home, all of the above information will be verified, and by signing this, I give my permission for this verification.

I agree to a home and yard visit if it is required and also to a personal interview with a member of this rescue effort or their agent to determine the suitability of my home/facility to care for a foster dog.

I agree that if at any time, in the opinion of Westie Rescue, Inc., (or an agent), that is to the benefit of the foster dog=s well being to be removed from my care, I will relinquish said dog immediately and without negative incident. Should such a situation lead to legal process, I agree I am solely responsible for all costs, including attorney fees and Court costs.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Spouse/Partner/Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This will greatly aid us in knowing what your limitations are and in what capacity that you will best be suited in rescue. Please be aware that foster help doesn=t end with placement, nor does keeping the dog in your home constitute all the needs of rescue. Every individual is suited to a different aspect of rescue. We will work with you to assign you in a capacity where you are comfortable and can make a difference.

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, just around the corner. When you are able to make successful placement, the pain is all worth it.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please return this form at your earliest convenience to:

**Westie Rescue, Inc.**  
**P. O. Box 187**  
**Bluemont, Virginia 20135**

If you have any questions about this form, please contact:  
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