

*Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California
(WRAP)
"Forever Homes for All Westies"*

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 a loving environment until a suitable permanent home is found. The primary reason most Westies are placed into foster care is for rehabilitation of a skin condition. Foster care is a very tough job, but it is a very 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.

Please print this application and mail to the address below.

Part I - Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (Day): _____ (Evening): _____

E-mail address: _____

Number of adults in household: _____ # Men _____ # Women _____

Your employer's name: _____

Employer's address: _____

Days and hours you work outside the home: _____

Children _____ Boys (ages) _____ Girls (ages) _____

Do you own or rent your dwelling? _____

What type of dwelling: (Please check/circle appropriate)

House

Townhouse

Duplex

Condominium

Triplex

Apartment

Mobile home

Farm

If other (please specify):

If you rent, do you have the landlord's permission to keep a dog? _____

Landlord's name: _____

Landlord's address: _____

Landlord's phone number: _____

Would you be willing to allow us to visit your home? _____

In which areas of rescue are you interested? (Please check/circle all that apply)

Foster Home

Adoption

Screening

Fundraising

Pick up

Animal Placement

Referral

Transportation

Shelter Contact

Home Visits

If other, please specify: _____

What type of vehicle do you drive? _____

What areas are you willing to cover with regard to transporting a rescue? (Please check/circle appropriate)

Your City

Your County

7 Bay Area Counties*

Northern California

Statewide

Anywhere in US

Other, specify: _____

* San Francisco, Alameda, San Mateo, Marin, Contra Costa, Santa Clara & Sonoma Counties.

List additional dog equipment you have (crates, leashes, collars, food bowls, etc.)

Part II - Environmental Information

How large is your yard? _____

Is it securely fenced? (If "yes" what kind and how tall?) _____

What type of gates? _____

Can children open the gates? _____

If you have a pool, is it fenced separately? (If "yes" what kind and how tall?)

Are you aware of any dangers that could harm the dog inside the yard?

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

Where will the dogs sleep? _____

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

How many hours a day will the rescue be alone? _____

Where will the rescue stay when alone? _____

If needed, can you isolate a rescue? (If "yes", where will isolate the rescue)

Part III - Your Pets

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

Where did you get your Westie(s)?

What happened to your Westie(s)?

If you have never owned a Westie, please describe the Westie personality and temperament:

Do you have any other pets at this time? What kind, sex and age?

If you have other pets, are their vaccinations current?

If you don't have a pet now, have you owned one before?

If you have other animals what has been your main health and/or behavior problem(s) with them?

If you have other dogs, would you consider them aggressive or submissive to other animals? (If "yes", please explain)

How do you think your other pets would react to a rescue dog?

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

Part IV - Foster Preferences

Are you willing to foster a Westie for a short period of time? _____

Are you willing to foster until the Westie is placed? _____

Why do you want to foster a Westie? _____

What type of Westies will you take? (only males, only females, only older dogs)

Would you be willing to take a dog that did not fit this criteria in an emergency?

Are you prepared to provide the extensive socialization that is needed to ensure that you have a well-rounded Westie for placement?

Are there any situations to which you WILL NOT be able to expose a foster dog? (Please check/circle all that apply)

Other dogs

Other people

Small children

Cats

Other pets

Riding in a car

Housebreaking

Grooming

Crate training

Obedience Training

Nail clipping

Leash training

Alone in a car

Alone in a fenced yard

Alone in a house

What medical considerations will you make in taking a rescue dog? (e.g. won't take a dog diagnosed with heartworms)

Are you agreeable to spaying/neutering EVERY dog that you foster? (Please state your reason)

How many dogs are you willing to foster at once? (Circle) 1 2 3 4+

Are you likely to do any training with the foster dog while in rescue? _____

What type of training and how much?

What is your definition of disciplining a dog?

How will you deal with behavior problems in a rescue? (e.g. aggression, urination)

Part V -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 "NO" what would be your alternative solution?

Are you willing to take Westie mixes? _____

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?

Does your family support your desire to aid Westies in rescue?

Are you willing to work closely with WRAP in making a placement for the rescue dogs?

Have you emotionally prepared yourself for the sadness that comes when you finally make a placement?

Are you willing to stay in contact with the adoptive home to ensure the placement was a success, including follow up visits and/or phone calls?

Are you willing to provide counseling/resources to the adoptive family should problems arise later on in the placement?

Please describe your experiences with obedience classes.

Please describe your competition experiences with dogs, if any.

Please describe other volunteer experiences you have had.

Please list memberships in dog and other animal related organizations:

Is there anything else that you want to tell us about your family and its suitability to foster a rescue Westie?

How did you find out about us?

Your comments or suggestions:

Part VI - References

Please list three (3) references that can attest to your suitability as a pet owner, and more specifically, a foster parent in Westie rescue. If you own any pets now, include your Veterinarian and at least one neighbor as references.

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, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate and complete at the time of signing, and I understand that falsely provided information can mean that my application will be terminated.

Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

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 just end with the placement, nor does keeping the dog in your home constitute all of 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 a successful placement, the pain is all worth it.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please return this form at your earliest convenience to:

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