

Big Dogs, Big Hearts Rescue Inc.

Volunteer Foster Application

Date: _____

Name(s): _____ and _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: New York Zip: _____

Day Phone: (____) _____ Evening Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Email address: _____@_____

How long have you lived at your current residence? _____ If less than one year, please provide address of your previous residence:

- Street address: _____
- City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Place(s) of employment/career? _____

Environment:

- Which of the following best describes your current residence? (Please check only one response.)

- I/We own a single home
- I/We rent/lease a single home*
- I/We own a condo/townhouse
- I we own a twin/duplex
- I/We rent/lease a condo/townhouse*
- I/We rent/lease a twin/duplex*
- I/We rent an apartment*
- I/We own or rent a mobile home/trailer*

* Written proof of landlord permission to foster a dog is required

How many people, including you, live in your home? _____

(add additional paper if needed)

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Relationship</u> | <u>Age</u> |
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| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

Describe your home / yard and how you will provide for the exercise needs of your foster(s).

Approximately how long will your foster be home along on an average day?

- Less than 3 hours
- 3 to 7 hours
- 7 to 9 hours
- 9+ hours

If you answered more than 9+, what arrangements will you make for the elimination and exercise needs of your foster on these days?

Are you a member of any animal-related or animal-welfare-related organizations, clubs, cyber groups, and Internet bulletin boards? If so, please list below.

A. Have you or anyone in your home ever been investigated for animal neglect or cruelty? Yes ____ No ____

B. Have you or anyone in your home even been turned down to adopt or foster an animal from a shelter or rescue? Yes ____ No ____

If you answered Yes, to A and/or B above, please explain:

Pets/Vetting:

Please list all current pets. If needed, Please copy this page and attach.

1. Name: _____ Type of Pet: _____
 - Age: _____ Length of time owned: _____
 - Sex? _____ Spayed/Neutered? If not, explain: _____
 - If applicable, what do you use for heartworm prevention? _____
 - Where is this animal kept? _____
2. Name: _____ Type of Pet: _____
 - Age: _____ Length of time owned: _____
 - Sex? _____ Spayed/Neutered? If not, explain: _____
 - If applicable, what do you use for heartworm prevention? _____
 - Where is this animal kept? _____
3. Name: _____ Type of Pet: _____
 - Age: _____ Length of time owned: _____
 - Sex? _____ Spayed/Neutered? If not, explain: _____
 - If applicable, what do you use for heartworm prevention? _____
 - Where is this animal kept? _____
4. Name: _____ Type of Pet: _____
 - Age: _____ Length of time owned: _____
 - Sex? _____ Spayed/Neutered? If not, explain: _____
 - If applicable, what do you use for heartworm prevention? _____
 - Where is this animal kept? _____
5. Name: _____ Type of Pet: _____
 - Age: _____ Length of time owned: _____
 - Sex? _____ Spayed/Neutered? If not, explain: _____
 - If applicable, what do you use for heartworm prevention? _____
 - Where is this animal kept? _____

Have you owned any other pets within the past ten (10) years other than those previously listed?

NO

YES - Please list name, breed and sex of each and explain what happened to all previously owned pets and the circumstances

(i.e., died from _____, gave away because _____, etc.)

Do you currently have a veterinarian or is there a veterinarian whom you've used in the past?

NO

YES - Please provide the following information, using additional paper if needed:

Name #1: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Length of Time Vet Used: _____ years

(please include area code)

Name #2: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Length of Time Vet Used: _____ years

(please include area code)

Name #3: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Length of Time Vet Used: _____ years

(please include area code)

*** Please be aware, all foster homes are required to utilize vets with whom BDBH has an established relationships.***

Space for any additional notes/explanations needed about vetting:

Experience

Have you owned dogs before? (If YES, please provide us with a brief history about that dog(s). Please provide all relevant experience with dogs.

YES NO

Have you crate-trained a dog before? Do you own a crate?

What dog training experience do you have? Have you taken or taught classes, or done any advanced training?

Have you ever fostered a dog for an animal organization before? (If YES, please provide list the animal organization contact information, including their website address if known.)

NO
 YES

Are you comfortable with dogs that may have special needs? (Examples include: Shy/timid, under-socialized, heartworm treatment, pregnant) If so, please explain.

Do you have friends or family in a field of animal care/training or animal welfare? If so, please provide their name(s) and phone number(s).

Personal References:

Please list the name, address, phone numbers (with area code) and email (if applicable) and relationship to the three (3) personal references (other than your veterinarian).

1. Name: _____
- Address: _____
 - City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 - Phone: (____) _____
 - Email address: _____@_____
 - Relationship: _____

2. Name: _____
- Address: _____
 - City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 - Phone: (____) _____
 - Email address: _____@_____
 - Relationship: _____

3. Name: _____
- Address: _____
 - City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 - Phone: (____) _____
 - Email address: _____@_____
 - Relationship: _____

Are you willing to take the dog to vet appointments, BDBH events, etc. ? Yes ____ No ____

ALL decisions pertaining to, but not limited to, vetting, training, adoption placement, etc. are under the sole discretion of Big Dogs, Big Hearts Rescue Inc. ("BDBH").

Applicant's Signature

Date

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We are pleased that you have decided to volunteer foster with Big Dogs, Big Hearts Rescue Inc. ("BDBH"). Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application. We will review the information you have provided. Once your references have been successfully contacted, you will be scheduled for a home visit. This is a chance to meet you, your family and current pets. **All** members of the household (including children and pets) need to be present for the home visit. Please contact your veterinarian and personal references to let them know we will be contacting them, so that they know they have your permission to speak with us.

For questions please email Heather Allen at heatheraallen98@gmail.com and/or Kelly Jeffers at dixon.kelly.ann@gmail.com

MAIL APPLICATION TO:

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