



APPLICATION TO BECOME A FOSTER CAREGIVER

The Buster Foundation thanks you for your interest in becoming a foster caregiver for one of our wonderful bull breed dogs. Because of the high numbers of bull breed dogs that suffer terrible abuse and neglect, we are very thorough in our assessment and research of possible foster caregivers. We hope you understand our reasons, and thank you for answering our questions completely and truthfully.

PLEASE READ THIS FORM CAREFULLY, AND ANSWER WITH AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE

Full name of the foster dog's main caregiver: _____

Age of the foster dog's main caregiver: _____
The minimum age required by The Buster Foundation for the main caregiver is 21 years

Address: _____

City/State/Postal Code: _____

Drivers License: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Business Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

How did you hear about The Buster Foundation?

Why did you choose to volunteer with The Buster Foundation?

Names and contact information for two people (relatives or friends) in case we are unable to reach you:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

HOUSEHOLD/HOME INFORMATION:

What are your current living arrangements? (Please check one)

- Living independently
- Parent's home
- With other family members
- Sharing living space

Please indicate which best describes your living environment:

- Apartment
- Shared room
- Town home
- Single home
- Farm
- Other _____

If you live in an apartment, please indicate what floor: _____

Do you live in an: urban suburban rural area? (circle one)

Do you live in an area with breed restrictions or breed bans? _____

Do you own or rent? _____

If you rent, do you have your landlord's permission to foster a dog which is a pit bull, pit bull mix or other bull breed? _____

The Buster Foundation will require written authorization from your landlord allowing you to have a foster dog.

Do you have a fenced yard? _____

If so, what type and height is your fence? _____

If not already fenced, would you be able to fence an area? _____

If you are unable to provide a fenced area, how will you accommodate the dog's toileting and exercise needs?

Do you have a crate? _____

If so, what type and size? (wire, vari kennel) _____

How many adults live in your home? _____

If you have children, please list their ages: _____

Please note that The Buster Foundation requires that children should never be left unattended or unsupervised with any foster dog.

Is anyone in your home allergic to dogs? _____

Is everyone in your home in agreement to provide occasional fostering for one of our dogs, with the understanding that the Buster Foundation foster dog is not a permanent member of your family?

Do you currently own a dog or dogs? _____

Breed _____ Age _____ Spayed/Neutered? _____

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Do you have any other pets in the household? _____

What kind? _____

Are all your pets current with their vaccinations? _____

You will be asked to provide a statement from your veterinarian that all animals in your home or under your care are current with their vaccinations and free from communicable diseases.

ABOUT YOURSELF:

Will you be the main caregiver of the foster dog? _____

If not, please let the main caregiver complete this application.

How many hours per day will the foster dog be left alone? _____

What accommodations will you make to have the foster dog let out during the day for toileting and exercise?

The Buster Foundation requires that the foster dog be in the house, and crated at all times when unsupervised. Is this something you can commit to? _____

Are you willing to spend time each day to interact with your foster dog? _____

Foster dogs require socialization. This is important to the success of their adoption. Are you comfortable with taking your foster dog on regular walks? _____

What type of lifestyle changes would you need to make to accommodate a Buster Foundation foster dog? _____

Buster Foundation foster dogs should not be taken to work or school.

Buster Foundation foster dogs are never to be left outdoors unattended – even in fenced yards. This is for the protection of the dog – bull breed dogs are masters of escape, often scaling 6 foot fences with apparent ease. In addition, bull breed dogs are especially vulnerable to theft – dogs are often taken from their own yards and used for fighting or breeding.

Can you commit to these and any specific instructions provided by The Buster Foundation regarding the care, training and well-being of a foster dog? _____

We require our foster dogs be inside your home during the night – can you commit to this?

Have you ever been convicted of animal cruelty, or ordered not to own an animal due to cruelty or neglect? _____

CARE OF THE FOSTER DOG:

Please describe any previous training or affiliations with dog-related organizations (eg: obedience or agility club, classes, etc.)

Please describe your experience with dogs (eg: housetraining, raising, etc.)

Please describe your attitude toward training and modifying unwanted behavior.

The Buster Foundation trains their dogs using positive reinforcement, geared to developing skills and behaviors suitable to them becoming “breed ambassadors”. Are you willing to commit to the following:

To train using only the methods approved by The Buster Foundation? _____

To attend classes taught by approved instructors? _____

To never use physical punishment to correct your foster dog for bad behavior? _____

Are you willing, and able, to provide at least 15 minutes of daily obedience practice, as well as any specific advanced training required by the Buster Foundation while the foster dog is under your care? _____

How much time daily could you realistically commit to practicing the training lessons, which will be laid out by our trainers? _____

The care and feeding of a Buster Foundation foster dog is an important part of our program. Can you commit to the following:

To feed only brands of food approved by The Buster Foundation? _____

To feed the foster dog the amount of food and number of times per day as instructed by our trainers? _____

To only feed snacks as recommended by the trainers - to avoid weight and health problems - even if this includes no human food at all? _____

Do you understand and accept that The Buster Foundation will remove a foster dog if abuse or neglect is suspected, if The Buster Foundation believes that the foster home and dog are not a "good fit" and/or it is believed to be in the best interest of the foster dog? _____

Have you previously fostered dogs from another organization? _____

If yes, please indicate the name and location of the organization(s).

Are you still actively involved with that organization? _____

If not, what is the main reason for the termination of your involvement with them:

Have you ever been turned down when applying to foster a dog? _____

If so, please provide a brief explanation: _____

REFERENCES:

Current Veterinarian: _____

Please indicate your vet's phone number: _____

Previous Veterinarian: _____

Please indicate the previous vet's phone number: _____

Please list 3 references – other than relatives - that know you and your pet(s):

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____

VETERINARIAN RELEASE OF INFORMATION FORM

I give permission to release information to The Buster Foundation, Pitbull Rescue and Education, with regards to any animal that has been in my, or my family's, care in the past five years.

Veterinarian: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU SIGN:

We recognize that fostering a dog is a full time commitment requiring responsibility and love. To ensure that our animals are placed in homes with people that are aware of this commitment, we ask that you re-read this application thoroughly, to ensure that you have answered truthfully and to the best of your ability. The intent of this application is to find the best possible match for placement of the pet, and to ensure the safety and health of our foster dogs. We thank you in advance for your interest in the foster care program.

PLEASE READ AND INITIAL EACH BEFORE SIGNING BELOW

____ I am 21 years or older.

____ I agree to a home inspection and meeting of all persons involved in the care of the dog to be fostered.

____ By signing, I give permission to The Buster Foundation to conduct a background check on myself, and understand that The Buster Foundation may request permission to conduct a background check from other persons who may be living in the same household or otherwise involved in the care of the foster dog.

____ I understand and agree that I am not allowed to not give the foster dog to another person without the permission of The Buster Foundation. This includes leaving the animal in the care of another due to vacations or my extended absence from the home in which this dog has been placed for foster care.

____ I agree that I will not give this dog to anyone or any other organization - but will return it to The Buster Foundation if I find myself unable to foster the dog for any reason.

____ I agree that The Buster Foundation is the primary guardian for the dog I am fostering, and retains ownership of the foster dog at all times. Any decisions made in regard to the foster dog are first referred to The Buster Foundation for consideration and approval – this includes decisions relating to medical treatment of the foster dog.

____ I understand and agree that The Buster Foundation will not be responsible for money spent, or bills incurred by foster caregivers for a foster dog that did not have the pre-approval of the Buster Foundation. All veterinarian care will go through The Buster Foundation.

____ I understand that veterinarian expenses incurred without previous approval of The Buster Foundation is at the cost of the foster caregiver of the foster dog. The foster caregiver shall make no claim to The Buster Foundation for such expenses

____ I agree that this animal will not be used for any illegal activities, nor will this animal be neglected or mistreated in any way.

____ I agree not to re-locate while serving as a foster caregiver without first notifying The Buster Foundation. I agree not to re-locate to a municipality where the presence of a pit bull is illegal.

____ I agree to keep all of my personal information updated and current. I also understand that in the case of my relocation, the Buster Foundation reserves the right to re-inspect the home to ensure the safety of the fostered dog.

____ I agree that The Buster Foundation can, at any time, request permission to visit the foster home in order to insure the fostered dog continues to be housed in a safe and loving environment.

____ I agree that any prospective adopter that I may find for the dog I am fostering will be referred to The Buster Foundation to apply for adoption.

____ The Buster Foundation will determine which program/home the foster dog will be placed into. The Buster Foundation does not take responsibility for any negligence on the part of the foster caregiver for the foster dog and will not be responsible for bills incurred for such.

____ I agree to advise The Buster Foundation immediately of any unusual behavior exhibited by the fostered dog – including, but not limited to, changes in eating or elimination habits, trouble getting up and/or moving around, lethargy, apparent illness, and any sudden or troubling changes in temperament.

____ I understand that the foster caregiver is responsible for the care of any equipment and training supplies provided by The Buster Foundation, and should ensure that they are kept safe from chewing puppies, etc.

____ I agree to keep a collar and identification tag on my foster dog at all times. All foster dogs are provided with a buckle collar and leash. I understand any changes or “upgrades” is at the foster caregiver’s expense. I understand and agree that all collars must be buckle collars in leather or nylon, and that at no time is the foster dog to wear snap collars, choke chains, pinch collars, etc.

____ I agree to notify The Buster Foundation IMMEDIATELY if the foster dog is lost or missing.

____ I agree to release the fostered dog to The Buster Foundation at anytime, with or without cause.

____ I agree to respond PROMPTLY to any contact by The Buster Foundation.

____ I understand and agree to all conditions and requirements as outlined in the Foster Caregiver Application.

____ I acknowledge that the information contained in this form is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge. I am aware that any false information is an automatic denial for fostering.

____ I understand that any misrepresentation of fact may result in the removal of the Buster Foundation foster dog, and cancellation of any involvement with The Buster Foundation.

____ I understand and accept full legal responsibility of the foster dog while in my care – relieving the Buster Foundation or representative of the Buster Foundation from any damages, injury to any persons or property or other liability incurred while the foster dog is in my possession.

THE BUSTER FOUNDATION COMMITMENT:

As a foster caregiver to one of the dogs from The Buster Foundation we guarantee that you will be treated fairly and justly, and as a respected and valuable part of the team.

The Buster Foundation will not discriminate against a person based on sex, race, religion or ethnicity.

The Buster Foundation will make every effort to fit the needs and requests of a foster caregiver to the best of our ability.

The Buster Foundation agrees that each foster dog will be examined by a veterinarian prior to placement. All health concerns will be properly addressed and the foster caregiver will be informed of any conditions prior to placement.

The Buster Foundation will not intentionally place a dangerous dog in a foster home. While we thoroughly assess the temperament and behavior of each foster dog, The Buster Foundation makes no guarantees of the continuing mental soundness of any foster dog.

Be advised that at any time while the foster caregiver is in possession of a Buster dog, if The Buster Foundation deems the foster dog to be non-adoptable due to aggression issues, serious illness or injury, or any other condition that may negatively affect the future adoption of the fostered dog, The Buster Foundation reserves the right to determine the appropriate action to be taken on behalf of the best interests of the foster dog, and the welfare and safety of the public - which may include humane euthanasia by a licensed veterinarian.

Each foster dog will have a microchip traceable back to The Buster Foundation.

The Buster Foundation recognizes it is the foster caregiver who decides to foster a dog, and that the foster caregiver may decline any particular foster placement, with or without providing a reason.

The Buster Foundation will be responsible for any veterinarian bills concerning the foster dog's health. All health care provided while in the care of the foster home must be cleared through The Buster Foundation prior to any treatment being administered. Emergency veterinarian care is covered provided that the need for care was not a result of negligence or abuse on the foster caregiver's part.

The Buster Foundation will provide food and medications for the foster dogs. In some cases, foster caregivers may be reimbursed for approved brands of dog food up to \$20 per dog per month.

The Buster Foundation will provide each foster provider a crate or kennel, and food per availability to the foster provider for the care of the foster animal.

The Buster Foundation does not provide any financial compensation to foster care providers above the animals basic care expenses.

The Buster Foundation has the right to remove any animal from a foster placement at any time when neglect or abuse is suspected or witnessed. Foster providers who engage in this type of behavior will be terminated and reported to the authorities for animal abuse.

The Buster Foundation reserves the right to remove the animal from the premises of the foster caregiver for any reason. Failure to relinquish the dog to The Buster Foundation will result in immediate termination of foster caregiver rights. In addition, failure to relinquish a fostered dog will result in an immediate report being filed with the authorities for stolen property.

The Buster Foundation agrees to be available to foster caregivers throughout their commitment for training, consult, boarding and questions. The Buster Foundation encourages foster caregivers to contact us with any concerns or questions about the health, behavior or training of their fostered dogs.

By signing below you agree that the information contained in your application is true and you will abide by the conditions outlined in your foster home information packet

Applicants Signature: _____

Applicants Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

The Buster Foundation Rep Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:

The Buster Foundation - Pitbull Rescue and Education
Email: itsthepitshere@yahoo.com and info@busterdogs.com
US Mail: P. O. Box 233, Belleville, MI 48112

Office use only:

Reference Check Results:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Veterinarian Check Results:

1 _____

2 _____

Notes and impressions from interview and reference checks:

Approved? _____

Denied? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witnessed: _____ Date: _____

This application remains property of The Buster Foundation.