

Almost Home

Animal Rescue League

A non-profit no kill organization

"A place to feel safe and be safe"



TODAYS DATE _____

Foster Name: _____ Dog/Cat(s) Of Interest: _____

Full Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Work Phone Number: _____

Best Time to Call: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Current Vet Name: _____ Permission given to call vet(s): _____

Vet Address: _____

Vet Phone Number: _____

Living Situation: _____ Own Home _____ Rent Home _____ Apartment _____ Condo _____ Townhouse
_____ Mobile Home _____ Flat/Studio _____ Live in parent's home

If renting or leasing, are dogs allowed in your dwelling? _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, can you provide proof from your landlord/management if required? _____ Yes _____ No

Is there any weight or size limit of a dog with regard to your rented or leased dwelling? _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, EXPLAIN.

Are there limits to the number of dogs you can have where you live? _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES, EXPLAIN.

List ALL people living in your home:

Name _____ Age _____ Relationship _____

Is everyone in your home aware that you are volunteering to foster? _____ Yes _____ No

List ALL Animals Currently Living in Your Home:

Name	Breed	Age	Sex	Current On Vaccines Spayed or Neutered	How Long Have You Owned	Is Pet Kept Inside/Outside

Do the animals in your home get along with other animals including dogs? Yes No
IF NO, EXPLAIN.

Do you have? (*Check all that apply*)
 Crate Kennel Fenced Yard: **IS IT** Complete Partial Chain link Privacy Invisible/electric

Where will the foster dog/cat be housed during the day? (*Check all that apply*)
 Inside Crated Inside Not Crated Outdoors Garage
 Basement: **IS IT** Finished Unfinished

Where will the foster dog/cat be kept when unsupervised or when left alone? (*Check all that apply*)
 Inside Crated Inside Not Crated Outdoors Garage Basement

Where will the foster dog/cat sleep? (*Check all that apply*)
 Inside Crated Inside Not Crated Outdoors Garage Basement
 Bedroom Other

How many hours a day/night will the foster dog/cat be left alone? _____
EXPLAIN. (Work, errands, etc.)

You understand that rescue dogs/cats may have unknown medical history? _____ (Please Initial)

You understand that rescue dogs/cats may have unknown behavior history? _____ (Please Initial)

What methods you plan on using to discourage unwanted behavior(s)?

Are you willing to travel to pick up a foster dog/cat? Yes No

Distance you are willing to go? (ROUND TRIP) In Miles or Time _____

Are you willing to take and show the foster dog/cat at Almost Home weekend adoption events- times may vary slightly but are on Saturdays and/or Sundays from approximately 12:00pm–5:00pm? Yes No

IF NO, EXPLAIN.

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At times, a foster animal may need veterinary attention. Are you willing to transport the dog/cat to an authorized Almost Home vet (vet expenses will be covered by Almost Home but must be pre-approved)?

Yes No

IF NO, EXPLAIN.

How many dogs are you willing to foster at one time without going over your city allowed limit? _____

A foster dog/cat may be in your home for an indefinite period of time. How long are you willing to foster a dog/cat?

Until adopted Short term in number of either Days Weeks Months

Do you foresee any situation at this time that would not allow you to continue to foster your dog/cat until he/she is adopted? Yes No

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

Does anyone in your home have medical or allergy conditions? Yes No

IF YES, EXPLAIN.

Have you ever fostered before? Yes No

IF YES, PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING: With what group(s), how long, and why you left.

What breeds of animals have you had experience with?

Are there any breeds or ages of dogs/cats you won't foster and why?

As it is with any new dog/cat being brought into a home, a rescued dog/cat will require time to adjust and learn what is expected of them in their new environment. Are there any behaviors you are not willing to give the patience and time a rescued dog/cat may need for this transition? Yes No

IF YES, EXPLAIN IN DETAIL.

Did you receive and read carefully the Foster Responsibilities Form? Yes No

Is there anything else you would like us to know that you feel important in your role as a foster?

PLEASE EXPLAIN.

WHAT EACH FOSTER SHOULD KNOW

- Animals in foster care are to be placed ONLY by an authorized Almost Home Representative. While fosters have input on applicants, final applicant approval will be decided by an Almost Home Adoption Counselor.
- Foster homes are responsible and liable for the actions of foster animals while in their care.
- If unable to continue to foster for any reason, the Foster agrees to keep said dog/cat until another foster home can be found or until the dog/cat can be safely placed into another environment.

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- Almost Home will provide necessary medical expenses for all foster animals, providing that the foster dogs/cats are brought to the Almost Home approved veterinarian and that the visit was previously approved by an Almost Home Representative.

Hold Harmless Waiver

I am aware that by signing this application, I agree to provide what is needed for the health and safety of a dog/cat in my care for Almost Home. I further agree to assume all responsibility for the foster animal(s) in my care while on or off my premises. I also agree to assume all liability for the animal while I foster it for Almost Home.

I fully understand and agree to assume all risks involved in any and all duties that I perform for Almost Home in my volunteer/foster capacity and I agree to hold Almost Home harmless for any injury(s) that I might sustain during the course of my volunteer/foster duties.

This waiver does include myself, all of my family members and descendants forever from seeking any legal action whatsoever against Almost Home or its Representatives.

I also understand that when I resign as a foster to return any equipment and unused supplies provided to me by Almost Home.

By signing this application and waiver, I submit I am at least 18 years of age.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

This section to be filled out by an Almost Home Volunteer/Representative.

Application Received By: _____

Date Application Received: _____

Vet Check OK? If no, explain: _____

Date Home Visit Performed: _____ By Whom: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Foster Form Given? _____

Application Approved/Denied? _____ Date: _____

Animal Received By Foster: Name: _____ Date: _____ Adopted? _____

Did Foster Receive A Crate? _____ Returned? _____

Any other Supplies? If so, what: _____

Animal Returned By Foster? Why: _____ Date: _____

Did Foster Take Another Animal? Y/N: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____

Foster Responsibilities / Expectations

(Please keep in mind that we do evaluate each home individually, and even though you may not meet all requirements, you may still be able to foster. Please contact us at almosthome1965@aol.com or almosthome1965@gmail.com to find out more.)

First, let us thank your interest to foster for Almost Home. Although fostering can be quite demanding and sometimes frustrating, once you have found a dog/cat its new forever home, you will see that any of those demands and frustrations has all been well worth your efforts, making fostering a very rewarding experience!

Main Responsibilities:

1. Provide a warm, safe and nurturing home and environment for the animal until its new forever home is found.
 - a. Dog/cat will be kept as an inside dog/cat. Dogs may be allowed outside but will NOT live outside. They will sleep **INSIDE** your home, in an appropriate area.
 - b. Work with foster on good home manners when you have time
2. If required, will take the animal to all necessary vet appointments.
 - a. We utilize a handful of vets throughout the metro-Detroit area. Almost Home will cover the costs of vet care as long as they are taken to our designated vet. Any vet visit must be pre-approved by Almost Home. In some cases, the use of other vets may be required, however any vet other than approved vets will have to be pre-approved by the Almost Home Board prior to visit, or costs may not be covered.
 - b. If the foster animal needs emergency veterinary care, you agree to contact Almost Home **immediately**. As with routine care, emergency veterinary care must be approved in advance by Almost Home. You understand and agree that it is within Almost Home's discretion for any emergency care/treatment that is not pre-approved.
3. Bring animal to Almost Home adoption events
 - a. We typically show our adoptable dogs and cats on Saturdays and/or Sundays from 12:00pm – 5:00pm (locations and times may vary weekly). This schedule is sometimes altered and notices are sent to fosters/volunteers notifying them of changes to the event schedule.
 - b. Unless other arrangements have been made, fosters will be expected to stay with their foster animal and be available to talk with potential adopters during the adoption event.
 - c. We understand that dedicating every Saturday and/or Sunday to adoption events can be overwhelming but the more adoption events that you can attend with your foster, the more likely the foster is to be adopted. However, it is up to the foster on which events they attend. If you will not be able to attend an event, you only need to let an Almost Home Representative know so we can inform potential adopters on which dogs/cats they will be able to see in person that particular week.

Expectations:

1. All new fosters should realize that in most cases, we do not know much in the way of history of the animal in question. Temperament, how the animal interacts with various people and pets cannot typically be confirmed until the dog/cat is in its foster home.
2. The first few days a foster animal is in its new temporary home can be stressful for both the animal and the foster. Keep in mind the animal is now living in a new situation. It may have an accident – it probably WILL have an accident. The animal may have lived its whole life outside or it does not know where exactly it

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should go. Bottom line is that every foster animal needs at least 3-5 days, maybe more to become acclimated to their new surroundings.

3. We ask that new fosters keep an animal for a minimum of 3-5 days before deciding to return a foster back to Almost Home because you feel it will not work out. As stated above, some animals need time to adjust to new surroundings. If, however, the foster is not working out, Almost Home will take the animal back, but it may take our volunteers a day or two and sometimes longer to make alternate arrangements for the foster animal. We ask for your patience during these times. Most of our volunteers work full-time jobs during the day and do rescue work on their lunch hours, after work and on weekends. We cannot always respond ASAP.

4. The goal of Almost Home is to place our animals into the BEST possible home. You may have a foster for a week or you might have the foster for several months, depending on the animal. This also means that at times, we disappoint potential adopters who very much wanted the dog/cat because we decided the adopter was not suitable for the dog/cat or vice versa.

5. You will get to know your foster animal better than anyone. In order for us to know new things about our dogs/cats, we ask that you occasionally give us updates on your foster regarding any changes, such as weight, personality, likes and dislikes, and behaviors. Getting updated pictures of your foster goes very far in the animal getting noticed on our websites, so please update us as often as you wish!

Please email completed foster application to almosthome1965@aol.com **OR** almosthome1965@gmail.com.

Please put "FOSTER APPLICATION" in subject line of email.

Thank you for your interest in fostering for Almost Home!!!