

Foster Care Application

Date: _____

Name: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate (Month and Day) : _____

Occupation: _____

Name of Spouse/Partner/Roommate(s): _____

Occupation(s): _____ Age(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Work Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

What is the Best Way to Reach You: Email, Home Phone, or Cell Phone: _____

Who will be the primary caretaker of the dog(s)? _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Your Children: (If applicable)

1. How many children are there in your household? _____ Ages: _____

2. How long will your children be left alone with the dog? _____

3. Are your children used to being around dogs? _____

Please explain: _____

Your Lifestyle:

1. Why do you want to foster dogs? _____

2. Briefly describe your lifestyle. Are you an active family? Are you couch potatoes? How would a dog fit into your lifestyle? _____

3. Do you travel often? _____ If so, what do you plan to do with the dog while you are away?

4. On average, how long will the dog be left alone each day? _____
5. Where will the dog be kept when you are not home? For example, outside in yard, outside in pen, in crate, inside free, or inside in an enclosed area.

Your Home:

1. Please circle what best describes your home:
 Single-family House Duplex Condo Apartment Trailer
2. Do you have a fenced-in yard? _____ If so, what size?: _____
 What type of fence? _____ How high is the fence? _____
3. If you do not have a fenced-in yard, how do you plan to exercise the dog? _____

4. If you do have a fenced-in yard, how else will you exercise your dog? _____

5. Do you rent your home? _____ If you rent, do you have permission to foster dogs? _____
6. Landlord's name: _____ Phone #: _____

Your Pets: (If applicable)

1. Please list your current pets:

Type	Breed	Name	M/F	Spayed/ Neutered?	Age	Years with your family?	Where does he spend most of his time?

2. Please explain your pet's temperament with dogs: _____

3. Please explain your pet's temperament with people: _____

4. Please list pets that you have had in the past? (Pets you no longer have in your household):

Type	Breed	Name	M/F	Spayed/ Neutered?	Age	How long did you have this pet?	Why is this pet no longer with you?	How long ago was this?

5. Please give us information about your veterinarian(s):

Name of animal hospital/clinic	Town & State	Phone #	Is your pet up to date with vaccines?	Whose name is the pet(s) listed under?

5. How often do you take your pets to the veterinarian? _____

You and Your Foster Dog:

1. Are there any breeds of dogs that you do not feel comfortable fostering? If yes, please explain why:

2. Do you understand that every new foster dog will need time to adjust to his new environment? Each dog will be a different experience and will require much of your time and patience until he adjusts. Are you ready to make this commitment? Please explain how you feel about this:

3. Many dogs are rescued from shelters and may have unknown histories. Temperament tests do not guarantee the behavior of the dog once he is in your home. How do you feel about this?

4. Do you plan to train your foster dogs? How experienced are you with training? Are you familiar with pack order and the alpha dog?

5. How often and how will you exercise your foster dog?

6. Will you allow your foster dog on the furniture?

7. Will you walk your foster dog off-leash? If yes, please explain:

8. Are there any habits that you will not tolerate from your foster dog? (For example, barking, chewing, etc.)

Do you feel comfortable fostering a dog that may not be housebroken?

9. How do you plan on disciplining each dog? (For example, a smack on the nose, positive reinforcement, a firm voice, or a combination.) _____

10. Would you describe yourself as a pushover or a firm disciplinarian?

11. Foster parents will be responsible for the cost of food, toys and accessories. Can you afford this?

12. Some foster dogs may not get adopted as quickly as others (it may vary as much as a few weeks to several months). Are you prepared to foster a dog for the entire time, until he is adopted?

13. Some dogs may have to go into foster care before veterinary needs are met. Are you willing to transport the dog to and from a veterinary facility for initial veterinary care, spay/neuter surgery and/or vaccine boosters? _____

14. Do you have any experience in fundraising or grant writing? If so, would you like to contribute these skills as a volunteer for Underdog ResQ? _____

Thank you for your interest in helping us save dogs!

An Underdog ResQ representative will contact you within
48 hours of receiving your foster care application.