

Foster Home Opportunities Available!

HART currently has volunteer foster home opportunities available and we'd love to hear from you!

Fostering a dog awaiting his/her adoption is a very rewarding, hands on experience; one that truly makes a difference in the life of a dog in need, and one that we are sure will enrich your life too.

Foster opportunities are available throughout the region. Costs incurred while fostering (ie. medical care, food, etc.) are fully covered by HART; all you need to provide is a home filled with love and understanding for your new house guest!

Fostering is the perfect opportunity to meet and share a part of your life with so many wonderful characters. Taking part in the happy endings when they find their "forever homes", knowing you brought happiness to the adoptive family and truly gave a special dog a second chance at life is rewarding beyond words.

Fostering can bring companionship into your life, and/or the life of your own dog(s), without the long-term, financial aspect of dog ownership. Most dogs requiring a foster home find themselves homeless through no fault of their own, but rather a change in their previous owners life such as divorce, a new baby, a new job or re-locating. HART takes great care in placing the right dog into the right home to ensure a perfect match and this extends to foster homes as well.

If you are interested in learning more about our foster program and have a stable, loving home to offer a homeless dog in need, whether it be on a short term basis only, longer term, during emergency situations only, etc., please complete our foster application below. One of our volunteers will be in contact with you soon.

Completing this application does not put the applicant or the rescue group under any obligation. All information is kept strictly confidential.

Application MUST be completed in full.

Contact Information

Date:

Name:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Home Telephone#:

Work Telephone#:

Cell Telephone#:

Email:

When is the best time to reach you?

Family and Home Information

Do you own or rent your home? Own Rent

PLEASE NOTE: If you rent, please include the name **and** the contact information for your landlord or property manager.

Name of landlord:

Landlord phone number:

How many adults are living in the home:

Do you have any children living in the home?

Please list the number and ages of the children living in your home:

Do you have children (eg. grandchildren), visiting your home regularly?

If so, please list their ages:

Does any family member have allergies to animals?

If yes, please explain:

If you currently have pets in the home, please complete the following to aid us in placing a compatible foster dog in your home:

Please list the age, breed and gender of other dogs in home:

Are they spayed/neutered?

If not spayed/neutered, please explain why:

Are these dogs obedience trained?

How does your dog(s) react to other dogs?

What is your current dog(s) personality? (ie. Dominant, submissive)

What is your current dogs activity level? (High energy, playful, reserved, quiet)

How does your current dog(s) behave around food, toys, receiving attention, etc.? (possessive, aloof)

Does your current dog have a preference or a dislike for male or female dogs?

Do you have any other pets in the home? Yes No

If so, please specify:

How do these pets react to other dogs?

Is your yard **FULLY** enclosed by a fence and gated?

Please describe your fencing.

If your yard is not fully fenced, how do you intend to keep the dog safe while out for potty breaks?

What has happened to any dogs you have owned in the past?

Have you ever given an animal up?

If you've given an animal up, what were the circumstances?

Care of Foster Dog

How long would the dog be left alone during a typical day?

Would the dog have access to a toilet area while family is absent?

Are you willing to housetrain a dog?

Where will you keep the dog during the day?

Where will you keep the dog at night?

How will you alleviate the dog's boredom during your absences from the home (eg. while at work)?

Why are you interested in fostering?

Fostering Preferences:

Please indicate the type of fostering you are willing to offer:

- Emergency Fostering (on short term notice)
- Short Term Fostering (up to a couple weeks)
- Longer Term Fostering (over 4 weeks)

Would you be willing to communicate with screened, potential adopters regarding your foster dog in order to help him/her find the best home possible?

Would you be willing and able to travel any distance to pick up a foster dog? If yes, how far?

Would you be willing to crate train if necessary?

Do you have an available crate?

Do you have room for a crate if we provide one?

Would you be interested in fostering and working with a dog with a behavioural issue?
Eg. dominance, food possessive, shy/timid, separation anxiety, etc.

If yes, what experience do you have working with behavioural issues?

Would you consider a dog with special needs (medical issues, etc)?

If yes, do you have experience with special needs animals?

If yes, please explain:

What breed(s) of dog have you owned before?

Are there certain breeds that you prefer over others?

Are there any breeds you would rather not foster?

Are there any characteristics that you find unappealing or have concern about – ie drooling, shedding, odour?

Would you be interested in other volunteer activities, such as:

- Transporting dogs (is to vet appointments, to foster home)
- Fundraising
- Conducting home visits with potential adopters
- Doing reference checks on potential adopters
- Coordinating and helping at special events, like Woof Walk, Christmas Sale, etc
- Managing the adoption/foster applications
- Administrative duties – bookkeeping, mailing lists
- Public Relations – newspaper articles, press releases, newsletters
- Handling phone inquires
- Fundraising

Please add any additional comments you may have:

References

Please list a veterinary reference, whom we may contact, who knows or has known you and your animals.

Name of Clinic and Veterinarian:

Veterinarian's phone number:

Please list a personal reference, whom we may contact, who knows or has known you and your animals.

Name:

Relationship:

Phone number:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a foster volunteer—one of our volunteers will be in touch with you soon!