

Long Island Bulldog Rescue

Foster Care Agreement

This agreement, between the Long Island Bulldog Rescue and the Foster Care Volunteer(s), must be completed if any Bulldog is placed in the custody of the Foster Care Volunteer(s).

Breed Information:

Bulldogs are typically affectionate and friendly, and the Long Island Bulldog Rescue will not knowingly place a dog with an unsound temperament. However, no one can predict how any dog will react in a given situation without full knowledge of its life experiences before rescue. Therefore, Foster Care Volunteers are strongly urged to exercise prudence and caution in introducing a rescued Bulldog into new situations until it has become fully adjusted to its new environment and the Foster Care Volunteer has had an opportunity to become familiar with the dog's unique personality. Long Island Bulldog Rescue make's no claims, representations, or warranties regarding the temperament, behavior, or health of any rescued Bulldog.

Foster Care Requirements:

A foster home should have a fenced yard for exercise. If this is not possible, the dog must be exercised on a leash. A Long Island Bulldog Rescue member may visit the prospective foster home to evaluate it for rescue dog placement. You will also be required to complete an Adoption Application to provide information about your household and living circumstances.

A Bulldog placed in foster care is not owned by the Foster Care Volunteer(s). If, for any reason, the Foster Care Volunteer(s) cannot keep the rescued dog, he/she will return the dog to the Long Island Bulldog Rescue member who placed the dog with him/her. The final decision on placing the rescued Bulldog in a new home will be made by an authorized member of the Long Island Bulldog Rescue. If the Foster Care Volunteer suggests a possible placement, or wants to adopt the dog being fostered, an adoption application must be completed, and the adoption must be approved by the Long Island Bulldog Rescue member.

The Foster Care Volunteer is expected to provide food, shelter and necessary transportation to the rescued Bulldog at no cost to the Long Island Bulldog Rescue. Expenses for routine and emergency veterinary care will be paid for by Long Island Bulldog Rescue, this must be pre authorized unless the dog in danger of losing it's life.

Important: Foster Care Volunteers are not insured against loss or damage resulting from any rescue activities. Therefore, Long Island Bulldog Rescue strongly recommends that Foster Care Volunteers consider obtaining appropriate insurance coverage for themselves. Providers of homeowners' insurance can explain the requirements and costs of such protection.

Agreement:

This contract is made between the Long Island Bulldog Rescue. as represented by the Long Island Bulldog Rescue member whose signature appears below and the Foster Care Volunteer(s) whose signature appears below.

The Foster Care Volunteer(s) agrees to:

1. Provide temporary shelter for the Bulldog with the understanding that the Bulldog will eventually be placed in a permanent home or returned to the Long Island Bulldog Rescue, as may be necessary.
2. Provide this dog with proper food, fresh water, and adequate shelter at all times.
3. Provide necessary veterinary treatment for this dog from a veterinarian well-qualified to treat Bulldogs, including annual examinations, DHLPP and rabies vaccinations, and heartworm and intestinal parasite checks, to be followed by periodic use of preventatives. Except in cases of emergency, veterinary treatments other than those related to the annual examination, including all surgical procedures, must be approved by the Long Island Bulldog Rescue in advance.
4. Comply with all state and local laws and ordinances related to keeping this dog, including leash/license laws.
5. Keep the Bulldog at the residence address stated below and provide the new address and/or telephone number to the Long Island Bulldog Rescue immediately in the event of a change of residence or telephone number.
6. Never give or sell this dog to another person, agency, or animal shelter or to allow it to be used for experimentation, dog fighting, or any other commercial or illegal activity.
7. Immediately notify the Long Island Bulldog Rescue member named below to make arrangements to return the animal to the Long Island Bulldog Rescue member if, for any reason, you are unable to keep this dog.
8. Immediately notify the Long Island Bulldog Rescue if this dog is lost.
9. Permit a Long Island Bulldog Rescue member to observe the premises where the dog is housed and to reclaim the dog if, in the sole judgment of the Long Island Bulldog Rescue member, it is not being cared for as agreed to in this document, or if the Long Island Bulldog Rescue is required to return the dog to a third party, or if facts have been misrepresented to the Long Island Bulldog Rescue

I hereby accept this agreement,

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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I HEREBY ACCEPT POSSESSION OF THIS DOG "AS IS" AND AT MY OWN RISK, and hereby release and waive any rights against the Long Island Bulldog Rescue and any and all of their members, which I may have now or in the future for any damages to person or property caused by this dog.

I agree to abide by all the conditions above and to return this dog to the Long Island Bulldog Rescue promptly or to release this dog to the selected adopter at the request of an authorized Long Island Bulldog Rescue member.

Name of Dog: _____ Age/Birth Date: _____ Sex: _____

Color and Markings: _____

Tattoo/microchip: _____

Contact Information: Address where dog will reside: _____

Telephone number(s): _____

Email address: _____

Signatures:

Foster Care Volunteer: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

Foster Care Volunteer: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

Long Island Bulldog Rescue Member: _____ Date: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Volunteer Hold-Harmless Agreement

I fully understand and agree to assume all risks involved in any and all duties that I perform in a volunteer capacity on behalf of or in connection with the Long Island Bulldog Rescue. I agree to hold the Long Island Bulldog Rescue harmless for any injury(s), loss or damages which I might sustain during the course of my volunteer duties.

This waiver does include myself, all of my family members and descendants forever from seeking any legal action whatsoever against the Long Island Bulldog Rescue or its successor organizations or any representatives thereof.

Signature of Volunteer

Date Signed

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The Hold-Harmless agreement must be signed by ALL volunteers before performing any services relating to activities of the Long Island Bulldog Rescue. This includes, but is not limited to, rescue contact persons, foster caretakers, transport volunteers, and fund raising volunteers.

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Application to Become a Foster Caretaker

Thank you for your interest in providing foster care to rescued Bulldogs while they are waiting to be placed in their "forever" homes!

Please give this serious consideration before you complete this application:

Not everyone is able to make the commitment to invest time, attention, and love into a Bulldog to let someone else ultimately have the thrill of its companionship. Yet it is only through fostering that we are able to help multiple Bulldogs instead of the one or two that each of us could help every few years if we kept them instead of placing them. So, if you are looking to adopt, you may not be well-suited to becoming a foster caretaker. This doesn't mean that you would never be allowed to adopt a Bulldog that you fostered. But that should not be your primary motivation in taking on this job.

We are requesting the following information to evaluate your qualifications as a foster caretaker. The information you provide will be kept confidential except that it may be shared with rescue volunteers in your immediate area who may want to place foster dogs in your care.

Contact Information

Volunteer First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Volunteer First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Residence Address: (NOT a P.O. Box) Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Years at Residence: _____ What large city is nearest your home or in what area of the State do you live? _____

Mail Address, if different from Residence Address: _____

Employment Information -- Applicant

Occupation: _____ Employer Name: _____

Work Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Work Phone: _____

Employment Information -- Co-Applicant

Occupation: _____ Employer Name: _____

Work Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Work Phone: _____

Household Members other than Applicant(s)

Name: _____ Age: _____ Relationship: _____

Personal References

List name, telephone number, and email address (if any) of two people, not in your household, and not family members, who can verify your ability to do a good job with fostering Bulldogs.

Dwelling Information

Type (e.g., House, Apartment, Condo, Mobile Home) _____ Rent or Own? _____

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If rent, Landlord Name: _____ Phone: _____ Note: We **will** contact your landlord.

Does your homeowners' insurance policy include an exclusion for damages related to dogs? _____ If **no**, provide name of company and name and telephone number of your agent. _____

Pets (Current and Past)

Have you ever owned a Bulldog? _____ Do you currently own any dogs? _____ Do you currently own any cats? _____

Please list all pets (dogs, cats and others) owned now or in the past 5 years. If you have more pets to list, please use Comments.

Type/Breed: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____ Spayed/ Neutered? _____ Where is it now? _____

Have you ever given a pet to a rescue organization or animal shelter? _____ If Yes describe the circumstances.

Have you ever adopted a rescue dog? _____ If yes, provide details: _____

Have you ever had a dog that has bitten someone? _____ If Yes, explain. _____

Do all your current pets get along well with other animals? _____ If no, explain: _____

Do all your pets receive regular veterinary care and are they up-to-date on vaccinations? _____

Qualifications

Do you have experience in rescuing Bulldogs or other dog breeds? _____ If Yes, describe _____

Are you currently associated with any group of Bulldog rescue volunteers? If yes, which group? _____

Has anyone agreed to mentor you while you learn the rescue job? _____ If yes, provide name, telephone number and email address: _____

List all memberships in dog clubs, animal welfare or animal rights groups: _____

Are you involved in any pet store, commercial dog breeding operation, or buying dogs for resale? _____

Have you ever been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect or abandonment? _____ Have you ever been suspended or expelled from any dog club or association? _____ If yes to either, explain _____

Are you involved in pit-fighting (breeding, conducting, training, attending) for any species? _____

Are you willing to work with rescued Bulldogs to resolve problem behaviors? (e.g., chewing, pulling on lead, barking, house-training issues) _____ If yes, what types of problems would you NOT feel qualified to correct? _____

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How will you correct behavior problems? _____

Do you have experience with training dogs in obedience/behavior modification? _____

Are you familiar with common Bulldog health problems? _____ If yes, explain: _____

Are you aware of the local ordinances governing rescue in your area? _____ If yes, what are they? _____

Where will the foster dogs be kept? _____

Do children visit in your home? _____ If Yes, ages and frequency _____

Are you willing to supervise the Bulldog at all times with children under age 10? _____

Is anyone in the household allergic to dogs? _____ Are all household members in favor of rescuing Bulldogs? _____

Must the foster dogs get along with other dogs in your household and/or with visiting dogs? _____

Can you arrange to separate foster dogs from other dogs in your household if they do not "get along"? _____ If yes, how? _____

Are you willing to foster a special needs Bulldog? _____ If Yes or Possibly, what level of special needs would you accept?

Check all that apply: Daily medications, special food, etc. _____ Frequent medications, house training issues, difficulty walking, behavior issues, etc. _____ Blindness, deafness, incontinence, seizure disorder, etc. _____

Do you have a fenced yard? _____ If yes, type: _____ Height: _____ Fully enclosed? _____

Note: Invisible fences are considered "no fence."

How will the foster dogs be exercised, and how often? _____

Who will supervise the dogs while outdoors? _____

Does your home have stairs that the foster dogs will have to go up and down? _____ If yes, describe (e.g. length of stairs, steepness, open or closed tread, side walls, etc.). _____

Do you have a swimming pool, pond (including ornamental ponds), in-ground hot tub, lake, river, or any other body of water in or near your residence? _____ If yes, is the pool, pond, hot tub, lake or river securely fenced off from the rest of the yard? _____

Is your home air-conditioned? _____ If yes, type (central or room): _____ Is your car air-conditioned? _____

What five words best describe your family? _____

Please describe any changes you expect in your household in the next few years; e.g. new children, job changes, moving, etc. _____

How soon will you be ready to foster a Bulldog? Explain. _____

For how long are you willing to foster a Bulldog? (Check all that apply.)

_____ Emergency- 24-72 hours

_____ Vacation/Holiday Backup for regular foster caretakers- to maximum of 2 weeks

_____ Short Term- up to 4 weeks

_____ Standard- 1 month or more

_____ Hospice - Caring for an elderly, ill, or unadoptable Bulldog through the end of life.

Are any family members at home during the day time? All day _____ Most of the day _____ Sometimes _____ Seldom _____

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Who will care for the foster dogs during vacations or overnight trips? _____

Can someone in the household provide daily care when the primary caregiver is away? _____

Do you have an emergency plan to provide care for your pets if you have to leave town suddenly? _____ If Yes, please describe:

What do you feel is the proper use of crates or cages? _____

Veterinarian Care for Rescued Bulldogs

Veterinarian Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Is your veterinarian willing to give a discount for treating rescued Bulldogs? _____ If yes, how much? _____

Comments

Initial each item below to signify agreement:

I hereby apply Long Island Bulldog Rescue to become a foster caretaker. _____

I have answered all the above questions truthfully to the best of my knowledge. _____

I have signed the LIBR Hold-Harmless Agreement. _____

I have read and agree to follow the Long Island Bulldog Rescue Guidelines. _____

Volunteer Signature: _____ Date: _____ Printed Name: _____

Volunteer Signature: _____ Date: _____ Printed Name: _____

Long Island Bulldog Rescue Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement

1. This agreement applies to all volunteers associated with and/or involved in any of the activities or affairs of Long Island Bulldog Rescue, Inc. ("LIBR"). This includes all activity associated with LIBR at its offices and all locations where LIBR might engage in any activities.
2. All data, materials, knowledge and information generated through, originating from, or having to do with LIBR or persons associated with our activities, including contractors, is to be considered privileged and confidential and is not to be disclosed to any third party.
3. All pages, forms, information, designs, documents, printed matter, policies and procedures, conversations, messages (received or transmitted), resources, contacts, e-mail lists, e-mail messages, client, staff or public information are confidential and the sole property of LIBR . This also includes, but is not limited to, any information of, or relating to, our staff, clients, operations and activities. This privilege extends to all forms and formats in which the information is maintained and stored, including, but not limited to hardcopy, photocopy, microform, automated and/or electronic form.
4. Defining 'client' as dog, other animal or human being: Client information, including all written, spoken, observed, electronic or any other form of information is not be disclosed to any third party, under any circumstances, without the specific consent of the LIBR Executive Director or her designee.
5. Information regarding any other LIBR volunteer or employee, including all written, spoken, observed, electronic or any other form of information is not to be disclosed to any third party, under any circumstances, without the specific consent of the LIBR Executive Director or her designee.
6. Any intentional or unintentional disclosure, misuse, copying or transmitting of any material, data or information via any means, including but not limited to using personal, business, LIBR, and/or third party or other in-person, phone, email, mail, Facebook, Twitter or any other means of communication will subject me to disciplinary action and/or prosecution, according to the procedures set by LIBR and any applicable laws.
7. **My signature signifies I agree to these terms and will abide by, adhere to and honor all of the above.**

Signature of Volunteer

Date

Signature of LIBR associate supervising volunteer

Date

Thank you for becoming a foster parent/family! Fostering is one of the most important parts of rescue and rehoming. Dogs in foster homes do so much better than dogs in shelters. We are grateful to our foster families. Here are some things to be aware of as you start your journey with your new foster dog.

- Your foster dog has just suffered some profound losses. Whatever his home or family were like, they were his home and family. They are gone forever, he is confused. He may pace, drink tons of water, pee on your couch, not eat, eat like it was his last meal, hump everyone, and generally alarm you.
- Whatever you may expect, it's almost a guarantee that the dog will surprise you. Ask your coordinator what to do if you don't understand something. You are not bothering us, that is what we are here for.
- For the first 2 weeks, the dog should only meet the people he lives with, and the vet. We know it's fun to introduce the dog to friends and family, but he will be overstimulated. He should go for leash walks (no flexi leashes) with a martingale collar. Unless the dog came with a harness, do not use one. It's a new feeling, and he has lots of new feelings now that he may have trouble handling. LIBR dogs do not go to dog parks, or groomers.
- During this period, let him come to you. Do not overwhelm him with affection. Children should be friendly but not hug or crowd the dog. Other animals should meet at a neutral place outside, and go for walks together, but do not just let the new dog loose with the others.

If you have a question or issue, call your Coordinator. Do not call your transport person or the person who did your home visit. **If it is an emergency, such as trouble breathing, nonstop vomiting, bleeding, or non stop diarrhea, DO NOT TEXT, FB MESSAGE OR E MAIL. CALL US ANY TIME.**

Your Coordinator is _____ Phone _____

If you can't get them, call Laurette 516-429-4463 or _____ phone _____

Your Vet is _____ Phone _____

The Emergency Vet is _____ Phone _____