

Thank you for your opening your heart and home to a foster dog.

Our rescue does not have a physical facility and relies solely on foster families in order to save dogs. Fostering lasts anywhere from 2 weeks to a few months. The foster process includes: foster application, phone interview, vet and personal reference checks, and a home visit. We reserve the right to suggest other animals for foster or deny this application for any reason if we feel the situation is not in the best interest of our animals. Please be honest in your answers to help ensure a pleasant experience for everyone involved.



Please allow at least 1 week for processing as we are 100% volunteer-run.

Note: Incomplete applications will not be processed.

If you have any questions, please email us at info@harveyshope.org.

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____ **Co-Applicant Name:** _____

Street Address: _____ **City, State, Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____ **Best time to reach you?:** _____

Provide two references that are not members of your immediate family:

Reference #1

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Reference #2

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

About Your Home

Do you live in a(n)? (select one):

House _____ Townhome _____ Apartment/Condo _____ Other: _____

Your home is (select one):

- Owned, by you or your spouse/partner
- Owned, by someone else within the house
- Rented directly from the owner or through a management company
- Rented as a part of a group of roommates

Other: _____

If renting, is your name on the lease? YES NO

If renting, do you have your landlord's permission to have a dog? YES NO

Landlord's name and phone: _____

Who shares your household? (select all that apply):

Spouse/Partner _____ Roommate(s) # & Names: _____

Boyfriend/Girlfriend _____ Other: _____

Are there children in the home? YES NO

If yes, how many?: _____ *How old?:* _____

If your present relationship/living situation were to change and you were no longer able to care for the dog, you must return the dog to Harvey's Hope Animal Rescue. Initial: _____

Does anyone in your household have an allergy to dogs that you are aware of?: YES NO

Is someone home during the day?: YES NO Who?: _____

How many hours will the dog be alone each day?: _____

Would you be willing to hire a dog walker?: _____

Where will the dog spend most of his/her day when you are home?: _____

Where will the dog spend most of his/her day when you are not home?: _____

Outdoors

I do not have a yard at this time (skip to the next section)

What outside areas are available to the dog? (circle all that apply):

front yard dog house back yard garage enclosed patio other: _____

Do you have a doggie door or plan to use one? YES NO _____

Is your yard fenced? YES NO What type of fence?: _____ Height: _____

Your Experience with Dogs

How would you describe your dog owning experience?:

- I have had dogs of my own as an adult
- I grew up with dogs or have worked with them
- I have never had one or have limited experience with dogs
- Other: _____

How many dogs have you owned?: _____

What happened to the other dog(s)?: _____

Do you currently have pets? YES NO If yes, please complete the following:

	Name:	Name:	Name:	Name:
Type and Age:				
M/F/Spay/Neuter:				

If more than 4 pets, please list below:

Please note: All resident pets must be spayed/neutered and up to date on vaccines.

Current/most recent veterinarian name: _____ Phone: _____

How do you plan to introduce the foster dog to your current pets?: _____

Have you had experience with behavioral or medical issues with your previous or current pets?

If yes, please describe: _____

Are you prepared for the 1-3 month adjustment period that a rescue dog may need?

YES

NO

*Note: The adjustment period may consist of nothing more than reminding the pet of their house manners (new surroundings and family can unsettle even the best trained dogs). It may also be much more involved and require a consistent routine, dog-proofing your house, extra walks, and a crate (to either finish crate training or as a safe, secure place for one who is already trained). This period is usually brief and we are here to help you through it!

About the Dog

Which dog did you see that prompted you to apply?: _____

How will you exercise the dog?: _____ **How often?:** _____

How would you discipline the dog if he or she misbehaved/chewed household items?:

What method do you intend to use to help house-train the dog? (check all that apply):

- Rub nose in offending spot
- Take out every couple of hours
- Other: _____
- Crate training
- Consult professional

If the dog develops behavioral problems, what will you do?: _____

Have you ever sold, surrendered, or given away an animal? (please explain): _____

Which of the following do you feel you are not prepared for? (check all that apply):

- excessive barking
- shedding/dirty
- pets not getting along
- aggressive on leash
- house-training problems
- none of the above
- destructive chewing
- growling/nipping at guests
- other: _____
- biting/aggression
- dog with chronic illness
- digging
- nips or bites children

Additional comments about the types of dogs you prefer to foster: _____

Is there anything else you would like to share with us?: _____

Please read and initial each statement below:

_____ I understand that a home visit is required in order to process this application.

_____ I understand that a home visit does not guarantee placement.

_____ I understand that my foster application may be approved, but the dog I have applied for may not be available or the best fit for my arrangement.

Agreement

Harvey's Hope Animal Rescue ("HHAR") determines the criteria for fostering, decides which animals are eligible for foster care, and appoints foster caregivers from a pre-approved list of trained providers. HHAR will require you to fill out a foster application prior to being accepted as a foster parent. I/We attest that a submission of this application does not guarantee the ability to foster. HHAR foster care volunteers may always refuse any specific request for any reason. HHAR staff will inform you of any medical treatments to be administered, the anticipated length of the foster-care period, the objectives of each particular placement (restoring to health, rearing to adoptable age, socialization, etc.), and any other restrictions or expectations we may have.

You will be expected to keep the animal safe and secure, return it to HHAR when requested to do so, and not promise the animal to anyone, or imply that you have the authority to approve a potential adoption. HHAR retains ownership of all animals placed in foster care, and will make all decisions regarding the adoption & placement of the animals fostered.

Unless otherwise arranged, the foster parent is responsible for providing all food, bedding, and toys for the animal while it is in their care at home. If any supplies are provided (crate, bedding, medications, etc.), they are property of HHAR must be returned to the local Foster Coordinator when the dog is adopted. The foster parent is responsible for transporting the animals to and from veterinary appointments, surgery, behavior evaluations, vaccinations, etc., The foster parent may also be responsible for transporting the animal to and from adoption events, and to off-site training classes, at the Foster Coordinator's discretion. Upon return of your foster animal to HHAR you will be required to fill out a brief questionnaire about your foster animal's behavior and personality.

If the foster parent(s) decide they want to adopt the dog in their care, they must notify the local Foster Coordinator immediately. The foster parent is now known as "Adoption Applicant" and must complete an adoption application and any required deposit or fees. HHAR receives multiple applications per dog and processes them in the order in which they were received; therefore, we cannot guarantee the availability of the dog but will make a decision based on the best interest of the dog.

By signing below, I/we attest that I/we have read and understand the statements above. I/we certify that all the information contained in this application is true and correct. I understand that although HHAR takes reasonable care to screen animals for foster care placement, it makes no guarantees relating to the animals' health, behavior or actions. I understand that I receive foster care animals at my own risk and can decline to accept any animal for which HHAR has asked me to provide care. I acknowledge that HHAR is not responsible for any property damage or personal injury suffered by me, members of my household, including my own animals, or any third parties during a foster placement, and I assume liability to provide adequate controls to prevent such damage or injury. If for any reason I can no longer care for the animal that I am fostering, I agree to return the animal ONLY to Harvey's Hope Animal Rescue.

Applicant's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Co-Applicant's signature: _____

All applications must be completed, signed and submitted to: applications@harveyshope.org