



## **Westie Rescue and Placement of Northern California**

*“Forever homes for all Westies”*

### **FOSTER CARE APPLICATION**

The purpose of a foster home is to provide temporary care for homeless Westies in a loving environment until a suitable permanent home is found. The primary reason most Westies are placed into foster care is for rehabilitation of a skin condition. Foster care is a very tough job, but it is a very gratifying one and most of all, a critical one. You will be rewarded with a tremendous sense of satisfaction knowing you made a difference in the life of a wonderful dog.

Please read and carefully complete the foster care provider application. This form is designed to help us and you decide what your limits are as a foster parent, what you are willing to commit to rescue and in which areas you wish to become involved. Please answer the questions to the best of your ability. Please use the back of the form if you need more space for your answers.

Please print this application, complete and send to mailing or e-mail address on last page.

**Thank you for your interest in providing foster care to Westies in need.**

**Part I - Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults in household: \_\_\_\_\_ # Men \_\_\_\_\_ # Women \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in the household: \_\_\_\_\_ # Boys (ages) \_\_\_\_\_ Girls (ages) \_\_\_\_\_

Your employer's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Days and hours you work outside the home: \_\_\_\_\_

What type of dwelling do you live in: (Please check/circle appropriate):

House\_\_\_ Townhouse\_\_\_ Duplex\_\_\_ Condominium\_\_\_ Triplex\_\_\_ Apartment\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own or rent your dwelling? Own\_\_\_ Rent\_\_\_

If you "rent", do you have the landlord's permission to keep a dog? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Landlord's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to allow us to visit your home? \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II - Environmental Information**

How large is your yard? \_\_\_\_\_ Is it securely fenced? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If "yes", what type of fence and height: \_\_\_\_\_

If "no", how do you plan to ensure that the dog receives safe and adequate exercise?  
\_\_\_\_\_

What type of gates? \_\_\_\_\_ Can children open the gates? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Do you have a pool or spa? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If "yes", is it fenced separately? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If "yes", what kind of fence and height: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of any dangers that could harm the dog inside the yard? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If "yes", please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog(s) sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to use a crate? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If "yes", why? \_\_\_\_\_

If "no", why not? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours a day will the dog(s) be alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog(s) stay when alone? \_\_\_\_\_

If needed, can you isolate the dog(s) ? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If "yes", how and where will you isolate the dog(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### **Part III - Your Pets**

Have you ever owned a Westie before? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If "yes", where did you get your Westie(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to your Westie(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any other pets? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If "yes", are their vaccinations current? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If "yes", what kind of pets, sex and age? \_\_\_\_\_

If "no", have you owned other pets before? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If you have other dogs, have they been aggressive or submissive to other animals? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If "yes", please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you think your other pets would react to a rescue dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you prepared to deal with negative reactions on the part of your pets? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If you have or have had other animals, what health and/or behavior problem(s) did you have with

them? \_\_\_\_\_

**Part IV - Foster Preferences**

Why do you want to foster a Westie? \_\_\_\_\_

How long are you willing to foster a Westie? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of Westies will you take? (only males, only females, only older dogs, puppy)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to take a dog that did not fit this criteria in an emergency? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to take Westie mixes? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you prepared to provide the socialization that is needed for placement? \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know in which situations you WILL NOT be able to expose a foster dog to (check/circle all that apply):

- Other dogs       Other people       Small children       Cats       Other pets
- Riding in a car       Housebreaking       Grooming       Nail clipping
- Crate training       Obedience Training       Leash training
- Alone in a fenced yard       Alone in a house

What medical considerations (e.g. won't take a dog diagnosed with heartworms, diabetes) will you make in taking a rescue dog:  
\_\_\_\_\_

How many dogs are you willing to foster at once? (Circle) 1   2   3   4+

Are you likely to do any training with the foster dog while in rescue? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If "yes", what type of training and how much? \_\_\_\_\_

How will you deal with behavior problems (e.g. aggression, urination) in a foster dog?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Part V -Tough Decisions**

Would you be able to handle a dog that after it has been rescued is diagnosed with an illness and

has to be euthanized? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Are you agreeable to having dogs euthanized because of temperament problems? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If "no". why not? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you handle a situation in which a rescue dog bit you/someone else?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does your family support your desire to aid Westies in rescue? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Are you willing to work closely with WRAP in making the rescue dog(s) placement? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Have you emotionally prepared yourself for the sadness that comes when you finally make a placement? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**Part VI -Miscellaneous**

Is there anything else that you want to tell us about your family and its suitability to foster a rescue Westie?  
\_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about us? \_\_\_\_\_

Any comments or suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part VII - References**

Please list three (2) references that can attest to your suitability as a pet owner, and more specifically, a foster parent in Westie rescue. If you own any pets now, include your Veterinarian and at least one neighbor as references.

Reference #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (day and evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (day and evening) \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, attest, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate and complete at the time of signing, and I understand that falsely provided information can mean that my application will be terminated.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This will greatly aid us in knowing what your limitations are and in what capacity that you will best be suited in rescue. Please be aware that foster help doesn't just end with the placement, nor does keeping the dog in your home constitute all of the needs of rescue. Every individual is suited to a different aspect of rescue. We will work with you to assign you in a capacity where you are comfortable and can make a difference.

Though sometimes it is hard to let go of a rescue dog, we all know that there is another one that could be just as needy, if not more, just around the corner. When you are able to make a successful placement, the pain is all worth it.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please send the application at your earliest convenience. By mail to:

WRAP of Northern California - Rescue

ATTN: Barbara Mordy

1891 Main St. Santa Clara, CA 95050

If you prefer, scan this application and send via email to: [bgmordy@comcast.net](mailto:bgmordy@comcast.net)

**Thank you for completing and submitting this application**