

FORM: Foster Carer Application Form



Thank you for applying to become a Foster Carer for The Lost Dogs' Home. Due to the large amount of interest in this program, it may take us a little while to contact you, so please be patient. You will be contacted as soon as possible.

To complete this application, you will also need to supply the following documentation:

- Written reference from your current vet (if you have animals at home);
- Written reference from your previous foster/volunteer organisation (if applicable);
- Written permission from your landlord/real estate agent (if renting);
- Current police check (no less than 6 months old);
- A copy of your photo ID (e.g. licence); and
- A signed copy of The Lost Dogs' Home Foster Carer Agreement Form

Please note applicants must be 18+ years of age to apply.

Personal Details

Mr Mrs Miss Ms

Full name: _____

Address: _____ Suburb: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____ Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Occupation: _____

Employment status: Full Time Part Time Casual

Working from home Retired Not working

Current drivers licence: Yes No Licence number: _____

Own transport: Yes No

Would you like join to The Lost Dogs' Home mailing list? Yes No

Residence Details

I currently live in: House Unit Apartment Townhouse Other

Details: _____

Rent Own (If renting, prior permission from your landlord/agent is required).

How long have you lived at your current residence? _____

How many people live in your household? Adults: _____ Children: _____ Ages: _____

Emergency Contact Details

Mr Mrs Miss Ms

Full name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Experience

What relevant previous training, qualifications, skills & experience do you have with dogs and cats?

Have you previously, or do you currently foster/ volunteer and for whom?

Why are you interested in becoming a Foster Carer for The Lost Dogs' Home?

Have you administered medication to cats or dogs? Yes No

Details: _____

Foster Animals

Please tick which animals you are willing to foster:

Underage/underweight kittens – *Immature kittens requiring socialisation, weight gain and basic house training.*

Underage/underweight puppies – *Immature puppies requiring socialisation, weight gain and basic house training.*

Underweight dogs – *Adult dogs that need to gain weight before they can be adopted.*

Cat with nursing kittens

Dog with nursing puppies

Sick animals – *Illnesses such as cat flu, kennel cough and skin conditions. Medication is required.*

Animals recovering from surgery – *Animals which have had orthopaedic procedures. Medication is required with special housing and rehabilitation.*

Behaviour modification animals – *Animals requiring additional socialisation, behaviour training and TLC. These animals may come with specific instructions.*

What length of time would you prefer to foster animal(s) for? 1 week 2-3 weeks 4 weeks +

Will you be able to keep the foster animal(s) separated from your own pets if required? Yes No

Details of area where you will keep foster animals:

Current Pets

Do you currently own any pets? If so, please list details:

Type of animal	Age	Sex	Desexed (Yes/No)	Last vaccinated (insert date)	Owned for how long?

Have you animals had any previous medication? Yes No

Details: _____

Declaration

I, _____ understand that by completing and signing this form, I am registering my interest in volunteering with The Lost Dogs' Home. All information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. This information is collected solely for the purpose of determining my suitability as a Foster Carer and will be kept subject to the Home's privacy policy.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Full name (please print): _____

Check List

Please check the following before submitting your application. Note that police checks are obtained through the Victoria Police website. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

- I have completed the Foster Carer Application in full
- I have attached a written reference from your current vet (if you have animals at home).
- I have attached a written reference from my previous foster/volunteer organisation (if applicable).
- I have attached written permission from your landlord/real estate agent (if renting).
- I have attached a current police check (no less than 6 months old).
- I have read and signed The Lost Dogs' Home Foster Carer Agreement Form.
- I have read the Foster Carer Fact Sheet.
- I have attached a copy of my photo ID (e.g. licence); and

Please submit this application along with a your supporting documentation and attention it to:

The Foster Carer Coordinator

Mail 2 Gracie Street, North Melbourne VIC 3051

Fax (03) 9326 5293

Email foster@dogshome.com

Foster Carer Agreement

I agree:

- That the animal(s) will remain the sole property of The Lost Dogs' Home at all times.
- To provide the animal(s) with loving care. This includes providing adequate food, water and clean shelter which is an adequate space for the size, age and weight of the animal.
- That all supplies, including medicines that have been provided by The Lost Dogs' Home, are to be used for foster animal(s) only.
- That all revisits, vaccinations or treatment for medical illness must be done at The Lost Dogs' Home Veterinary Clinic, and arranged by the Foster Care Coordinator. The costs will always be covered by The Lost Dogs' Home.
- That if an emergency situation occurs with my foster animal outside of The Lost Dogs' Home Veterinary Clinic hours, I will go (when possible) to the Animal Accident and Emergency Clinic at the Main Terminal of Essendon Airport (open 24 hours - Phone: (03) 9379 0700).
- To provide the appropriate staff members at The Lost Dogs' Home with all necessary information and materials required at any time (such as weight/temperature measurements, urine or faecal samples).
- That the health of the foster animal and suitability for adoption is at the sole decision of The Lost Dogs' Home and in some circumstances euthanasia may be necessary.
- That my own pets must be vaccinated and accept they may be at risk of contracting a contagious disease from contact with my foster animal. If this occurs, the responsibility to treat my pet will be at my own cost. I understand it is important for my foster animal(s) to have a separate area away from other household pets (if necessary).
- That if my foster animal(s) contract a contagious disease it will be treated medically through The Lost Dogs' Home Veterinary Clinic and kept in my care if appropriate. A foster 'stand down' period may apply if there is a potential risk to future foster animal(s) in the same environment.
- I will conduct myself in a manner that does not bring the Home into disrepute whilst performing fostering duties.
- That under no circumstance I will place a foster animal in another person's care or attempt to rehome the animal without going through The Lost Dogs' Home official adoption procedure.
- I will not under any circumstances leave young children unsupervised with foster animal(s).
- That The Lost Dogs' Home may terminate current or future foster care arrangements at any time.
- That any publicly released information concerning individual animals or shelter operations shall be done only with prior approval of the Shelter Manager. Media releases or statements concerning the Home shall only be made with prior approval of the Shelter Manager.
- To be a positive advocate and committed to the work and mission of The Lost Dogs' Home.

I have read and understood the above conditions.

Full name: _____

Company (if applicable): _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____