APPLICATION FOR CANINE GUARDIANSHIP

foster parent application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a foster home with Brighter Days Dog Rescue. Please read the foster information below and then answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Form must be filled out in its entirety. As a foster parent, you would temporarily take an animal into your home and give us a character assessment of the animal. BDDR pays for needed medical attention (at our veterinarian) and food (if you can pick up in Boulder area). If the dog is not housetrained, we hope that you will do some basic training to help make the pet more adoptable. Most of the animals will be coming from shelters. We ask that you be patient with them and try to help them transition to their new roles as “adoptable dog" in any way needed. Help us try to figure out what they need to move forward and together we can make it happen. BDDR will be with you every step of the way. You can tell us the size, type, age, etc. and we will try to match you to your preference. Maybe you prefer puppies; we'd like you to specify big or tiny puppies. Maybe you prefer certain breeds; please specify. We generally rescue mixes, but can try and fit you with the breed/size you prefer. Please note that identifying breeds is often a matter of educated guessing.

There is no guarantee on how long an animal will be with you, but we do everything within our power to get the animal into a permanent home. We advertise/list our pets on our website, www.adoptapet.com, www.PetFinder.com, along with 30 other national websites. We use social media to advertise pets, including Facebook and Twitter. You are welcome to advertise your foster as well. We post photos of the animals that we have available for adoption along with a small write-up about the animal. We ask that you truly think about fostering before you decide to foster. Most of the time, almost 100%, when we bring in an animal to a foster home, we have NO OTHER place to put it. We will sometimes have a kennel open at a boarding facility, but we don't want the pet to sit in a kennel until it's adopted either. Please keep in mind that it will take us some time to find another foster home. We ask that you give your foster dog a minimum of 72 hours to adjust in your home, regardless of behavior. Dogs are completely adrenal coming off transports and need just a quiet, calm environment, love and perhaps exercise to relax after the stressful transport and show their true personality. Further, it’s important that you are willing to commit to each foster for a month. Dogs often find homes before that much time elapses, but it’s important that, barring certain pressing circumstances, you are committed to providing a stable and nurturing environment to a dog who may never have experienced this in his life. If you need to travel, please make arrangements as though this was your own dog (i.e., house sitter, boarding); we have a limited number of resources available at various times. Because we are a small, hands-on boutique rescue, we need to tap into many of our limited resources whenever a foster situation doesn’t work. Inevitably sometimes a foster placement doesn’t work and is challenging, so we all work as a team to optimize everyone’s experience; you are never stuck. We don’t just want the dog to grow from their foster experience, we want our foster families to as well!

\*\* Please attach pictures/video of your home & yard with your application submission. Imagine you are giving a home visit — we want to see everything!

Thanks,

- Brighter Days Dog Rescue

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| Name (Guardian Applicant): |  |
| Address: |  |
| City, State, Zip: |  |
| Home Number: |  |
| Cell Number(s): |  |
| Personal Email: |  |
| Date of Birth: |  |
| How did you find out about BDDR? |  |

**Please list all people in your household:**

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| Person: | Age: |
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**Please describe your residence:**

*If you rent, we will need you to send a copy of your lease along with a letter from the property owner confirming that you are permitted to have dogs on the premise.*

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| Question: | Answer: |
| Do you rent or own? |  |
| How long have you resided at this location? |  |
| Do you have a fenced yard? |  |
| If you do have a fence, please list the  Height:  Height at lowest point (ex: short gate):  Material:  Approximate size of enclosure: |  |

**Please list all current pets in your household:**

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| Breed: | Age: | Gender: | Spayed/Neutered?  Up to date on vaccinations? | Temperament: |
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**What kind of training experience do you have?**

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**If you have pets, how did you housetrain them?**

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**How many hours will your foster dog be left alone each day?**

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**If you have a dog, what kind of equipment do you use to walk him or her?**

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**Where will the foster pup sleep at night? And where will it be during the day?**

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**How many hours per day will your foster pup be left alone?**

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**What kind of dogs are you looking to foster? (small/large, adult/puppy, litters) How many are you comfortable fostering at once?**

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**Let’s talk deal breakers… What behaviors would you NOT be willing to work with?**

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| * Blindness * Deafness * Significant behavioral issues (e.g., nipping, biting) * Significant emotional challenges (e.g., extremely shy, frightened, separation anxiety) * Not leash trained * Not house trained * Doesn’t like other dogs * Doesn’t like other cats * Not fond of children * Can’t go to the dog park * Care during heartworm treatment * Surgery aftercare * Escape artist * Resource guarding   Can you think of any other situations you could not handle? If so, please explain. |  |

**Do you have any experience with health or behavioral issues?**

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**REFERENCES**

**Please list a personal reference (not a member of your family or household). Please list someone you have known for more than 2 years who can vouch for you as a pet owner.**

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| Name: | Relationship: |
| Address: | Phone Number: |

**Veterinary Information:**

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| Primary Vet Name: | Phone: |
| Address: | What pets have been here? |
| Emergency Vet Name: | Phone: |
| Address: | What pets have been here? |

*I have filled out his application with the interest of becoming a foster parent for Brighter Days Dog Rescue. The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge. I give my permission to representatives of Brighter Days Dog Rescue to call my references and my veterinarian to discuss my ability to care for foster dogs. The pictures I will email BDDR with the application are of my current residence.*

*I certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct.*

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| Signature: | Date: |

*Thank you for applying to foster for Brighter Days Dog Rescue! We rely on people like you to save lives. Please keep in mind that it may take us a week to process your application. Look forward to meeting you!*