



We know you love the animals like we do...

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A Colorado Non Profit Organization, IRS Tax Exempt under Section 501(c)(3)
 A dog rescue, supported through tax deductible donations, and
 utilizing a foster home system until we have our Sanctuary, Training & Adoption Lodge.

Foster Application (revised 11-09). Only completed applications will be considered.

Personal Information

Name: _____ Driver's License: State _____ # _____ Exp _____
 (Please present your license to the Misha May representative when adopting)
 Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone, Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell, pager: _____
 E-mail address: _____ Age: _____

Describe the most recent changes in your household (death, divorce, job changes, moving, etc)

Other people in your household. Please indicate if they are aware of the submission of this application with **YES or NO.**

Name	Gender	Relationship to you	Age	Attitude toward animals
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*If your children are under 12 years of age, are you aware that this is the age group where the most dog bites occur?
 How do you plan to educate your children as to the appropriate behavior around dogs?*

How do you plan to teach the dog how to behave around your children?

Current pets:

Name	Species	Breed / Age	Spayed or Neutered?	How do they get along with dogs?
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Current foster animals:

Species	Breed / Age	How do they get along with dogs?	Name of rescue, contact person, phone or email
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Residence History

How long have you lived at your present address?
If own, please be prepared to show proof.
If renting, landlord's name and telephone number:
Previous address:

Home or apartment?

Rent or own?

Size:

Employment History

Place of employment:

How long have you been at your present job?

Work schedule & hours:

Pet History

List any pets you have had in the last five years who are no longer with you. Where are they now?

Characterize your history / interactions / work / relationships with animals:

Foster Dog Preferences

Name of dog you are interested in fostering:

Type of dog you would like to foster:

Breed or mix

Weight, size, age

Temperament

Personality

Energy level

Hypoallergenic, non-shedding

Gender

Other

Type of dog you do not want to foster:

Circle the areas you are willing to work with / Underline the areas where you already have experience or expertise:

Separation Anxiety
Jumping Up
Basic Obedience
Geriatric Concerns
Other

Destructive Chewing
Leash Pulling
Fears / Phobias
Overconfidence

Housetraining
High Energy
Puppy Training
Advanced Obedience

Barking / Reactivity
Crate Training
Fence Jumping
Specialized Training

References

1) Please list a veterinarian who has seen one of your pets at any time and can vouch for you as responsible, reliable and caring:

Name of Clinic

Name of Veterinarian

Telephone

Address

City

State

Zip

Date of most recent visit

Nature of that visit

Email

List three character references who are not relatives:

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

How do you know them?

2)

3)

4)

If you have fostered for any other rescue or shelter, please list their name and a contact person with email or phone number.

5)

Home Visit - To finalize any foster placement, our representatives conduct a home visit. The following may help you prepare. Do you agree to an initial home visit as well as follow-up visits with prior notice?

If there is a yard, what size is it?

Is the gate locked?

Who has access to your yard: i.e., walkers-by, repair people, friends?

If there is a fence, what is the height?

Describe the material and construction.

Do you have any uncovered window wells in your yard?

Are you willing to cover them?

Does your fence have any gaps at ground level?

Are you willing to secure the gaps?

Is there anyway that a dog might escape or be in danger?

Are you willing to repair this?

Quality of Life - Describe in detail the foster dog's living arrangements:

If you have a dog door, how many hours would the foster dog have access to it?

Where, and in what, will the dog sleep?

What kind of exercise do you plan?

How much per day:

By whom:

If you work outside the home, how many hours are you gone?

Who else would care for the dog during the day?

How many hours will the dog actually be left without humans on a work day?

When you are absent, will the dog be crated, in a particular room or garage, free inside house, free or kenneled outside?

When you are home, where will the dog be?

Who else, if anyone, will care for the dog on a regular basis: I.e., daycare, relative, friend, pet sitter.?

If you have an open truck bed, would the dog ride in the back?

Training Philosophy - The Misha May Foundation is in agreement with the Position Statement of the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior as follows. To read the statement in total, go to http://mishamayfoundation.org/Summer_2008_Newsletter.pdf.

Positive and consistent training is associated with fewer behavior problems and greater obedience than methods that involve punishment and/or encourage human dominance.

The Misha May Foundation does not knowingly place our foster dogs in homes where short sighted, relationship harming techniques or methods are utilized, such as invisible or electric fences, choke or prong collars, electronic or bark collars. We furnish a harness for comfort and control.

Please describe your training philosophy along with the type of training you plan to use.

Training Requirements – The Misha May Foundation depends solely on foster homes to rescue dogs. Fosters are highly needed and valued. We are committed to supporting and training our fosters to enhance their rescue experience and to guarantee that each dog is adoptable and adopted.

Please indicate with **YES OR NO** if you would be willing to do the following prior to fostering.

Volunteer Orientation

1.5 hours

Held monthly

Understanding Dogs Training Class

9 hours

Held in various formats and locations

Underline the locations where you would attend: Arvada, Denver, Englewood, Golden, Lakewood, other _____

Underline the formats you would prefer: 1.5 hour class for 6 weeks; 2 full days

Would you be committed to sending weekly email updates of questions, progress, observations, problems?

Commitments and Arrangements Please answer yes or no to the following:

Would your entire family / housemates be willing to participate in an interview?

Do you understand that no special privileges or considerations regarding adoption or anything else are afforded to you?

Do you agree to facilitate a smooth transition from foster home to adoptive home, even though you may not be involved?

Do you agree to abide by the policies and procedures of Misha May in every way?

Do you agree to be responsible for this animal as if he/she were your own, providing a stable and safe environment?

Do you agree that this animal will be treated as a family pet and not used for any other purpose?

Do you agree to hold us harmless in the event of any unknown information regarding this dog?

Will you bring the dog, or make the dog available for volunteers to bring, to each adoption event requested?

Do you agree to call and email us if there are any problems, questions or concerns?
What do you hope to get out of the foster experience?

Under what specific circumstances would you break the foster agreement and stop fostering a dog? Consider personal, medical, behavioral, financial or any other reasons.

Have you ever given up a pet? If yes, please describe the circumstances.

Foster Home Type: Please indicate which type of foster home you would like to become? Include your questions.

Intake

- 1) 2 weeks – Medical Assessment: This foster home has no other dogs and will accept dogs who may be sick or contagious (in particular, those straight from a shelter). During this initial period, the foster home shall keep the dog in isolation from other dogs and follow all medical instructions as approved by Misha May Directors and their vet.
- 2) Undetermined Interval – Behavior Assessment: When the dog is no longer contagious, the dog will be further assessed behaviorally in an experienced and trained foster home by the Training Consultant or a trained representative. The dog may remain in this trained home if needed or be placed in another appropriate home, with a training protocol and treatment plan.

Renewal

- 3) 30 days / renew: This foster home will accept dogs after the initial isolation, treatment and assessment period. The foster home will follow the Misha May Director guidelines and specific care/training instructions. At the 20 day mark, before the end of each 30 day period, the foster home may renew.
- 4) 90 days / renew: This foster home will accept dogs after their initial 2 week and 30 days placements. The foster home will follow the Misha May Director guidelines and specific care/training instructions. At the 80 day mark, before the end of each 90 day period, the foster home may renew.
- 5) 6 months / renew: This foster home will accept dogs after their initial 2 week and 30 day placements. The foster home will follow the Misha May Director guidelines and specific care/ training instructions. At the 5 month mark, before the end of each 6 month period, the foster home may renew.

Alternate

- 6) Emergency: this foster home receives dogs who are not renewed in their current foster situation, where no other plan for placement is in place.
- 7) Holiday: this foster home receives dogs from Renewal foster homes for specific short amounts of time such as a vacation. The dog will return to the same foster home at a pre-determined time.

Expenses Please answer the following.

Are you able to pay for food? ____ If Misha May has donated food, will you arrange to pick it up? ____

Are you able to supply incidentals such as bedding, crate, toys? _____

Are you able to pay boarding expenses if you choose to go away during your foster contract? _____

Do you understand that any expenses you incur and hope to have reimbursed must be pre-approved by a Director and accompanied by a receipt, with the exception of a life - or - death emergency, in the event a Director is unreachable. _____. (Misha May will supply you with emails and telephone numbers for Directors)

We recommend that other animals in the household be fully vaccinated as per your veterinarian.

Do you understand that Misha May will not cover any expenses other than those expressly agreed upon for the foster dog? _____

Do you understand that Misha May would not pay for your pets, car, household, family, etc? _____

Does anyone in your home suffer from allergies? If yes, please explain which ones, and how they are managed.

How did you hear about The Misha May Foundation? Whom may we thank for referring you to us? Name, address & phone, please.

No Exceptions.

If you decide at any time that you no longer wish to foster, do you agree to return the dog to us? _____

If at any time, Misha May requests the return of a dog, do you agree to make the dog available immediately? _____

The Misha May Foundation has rescued many of these dogs from certain euthanasia.

We are committed to never having them face that, or abandonment, ever again in their sweet little lives!

What else would you like us to know?

What questions do you have?

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Auxiliary Board: Chris Barnhart, CPDT - Training Consultant; Diane Kirkpatrick - Corresponding Secretary

Advisory Board: Eileen Alm, Margaret Auld-Louie, Kristin Dennis, Dennis Gunther, Barbara Millman, Jennifer Seyfert, Kim Stroumbos

Credentials

Licensed under the Pet Animal Care Facilities Act, CO Dept of Agriculture

Member of the American Humane Association

Member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers

Member of the International Association of Animal Massage & Bodywork

Services: Animal Communication; Boarding; Reiki; Dog Training - Private, Classes, Behavior Consultations; Holistic Classes