



Volunteer Application Form

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Labrador Connection. Please fill out the form below.

Name:

Street Address:

City, State, ZIP:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Fax (if any)

Cell/Pager (if any):

Email (if any):

How did you hear about us:

Volunteer Applicants please check the areas in which you have some interest in working:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Foster home-Part B must be completed. | <input type="checkbox"/> Home visits with adopters | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone calling/answering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog walker or sitter | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport dogs | <input type="checkbox"/> Any area needed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Education/special events | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Work | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____ | | |

Part B: Foster Home Application

For the questions below, check all answers that apply and/or supply written details.

1. What type of home do you live in? CONDO TRAILER SINGLE FAMILY HOME
 OTHER (describe):
2. How long have you lived at your present address?
3. Do you OWN RENT your home? If you rent, include copy of written permission from landlord to keep dogs.
4. Do you have a fenced yard? YES NO Please describe your fencing. (height/material)
5. Does it completely enclose a yard for a dog? YES NO
6. Age and sex of children in household:
7. Are there any other residents in the house?
8. Do you currently have other pets/animal companions? YES NO
If yes, give species, age, and breed.
9. Are your other pets neutered? YES NO SOME ARE
If some are not neutered, why not?
10. Have you ever had to relinquish a dog? YES NO
If yes, list circumstances:
11. Have you owned a Labrador Retriever before? YES NO

12. Do you agree to contact TLC if you can no longer foster this dog? YES NO
13. What is your age preference? Why?
14. What sex dog do you prefer? (number order of preference; leave blank for no preference, use 0 for don't want):
male ____ female ____
15. I would like to foster a dog that is: quiet playful with people playful with dogs
 moderately active very active
16. It's okay if the dog is: shy not good with cats not good with other dogs dependent on people
 independent from people untrained somewhat untrained not housetrained
 in need of ongoing medical attention
17. I consider myself an: experienced somewhat experienced novice dog owner.
18. Where will the Labrador be housed during the day when you are home?
19. Where will the Labrador stay while you are gone during the day?
 LOOSE INSIDE CRATE GARAGE FENCED YARD LOOSE OUTSIDE
 TIED UP INSIDE TIED UP OUTSIDE OUTSIDE RUN
 OTHER (describe):
20. Where will the Labrador sleep at night?
 LOOSE INDOORS CRATE GARAGE FENCED YARD LOOSE OUTSIDE
 TIED UP INSIDE TIED UP OUTSIDE OUTSIDE RUN
 OTHER (describe):
21. How long are you gone each day?
22. Would you be willing to let a representative of TLC visit your home by appointment? YES NO
23. How did you hear about TLC?

Guidelines for Fostering and Agreement

The foster home serves as a safe and comfortable environment for the rescue dog and allows us to get to know something about the rescue dog before it is placed in a permanent home.

The foster home will make an effort to assess the rescue dog in terms of:

general health - coat condition, skin problems, weight, energy level.

behavior - is the dog housebroken (very important); does it know basic commands, does the dog chew, get along with children, other dogs, cats.

temperament - is the dog friendly, withdrawn, or easily frightened; does the dog respond to you

1. All dogs placed in foster care must be crated when not supervised until the foster home can make a confident evaluation of the dog's temperament and behavior while left alone and with people. They must be isolated from any other dogs in the home until a veterinary examination and inoculations have been provided. TLC will supply a crate if needed.
2. If, upon arrival, the foster home suspects the Lab may be aggressive, the foster home is to immediately contact the Intake Coordinator.
3. TLC will not be responsible for any damage caused by a foster dog who is not crated, whether damage is to personal property or any other animal, including the TLC dog. You agree to provide a healthy, stable, loving

and safe environment for the rescue dog, preferably until the dog is adopted into a permanent home. While there is no established time parameter a dog will be in Foster care, the Foster Home should not plan to foster a dog for at least three weeks prior to any vacation.

4. The foster home should contact the Foster Home Coordinator if any medical treatment is needed for the dog. This should be done prior to performing the treatment. If treatment is given on an emergency basis, the Foster Home coordinator must be notified as soon as possible. The Labrador Connection will only pay for those treatments authorized by the Foster Home Coordinator or those performed in an emergency situation. In the case of a medical emergency, the dog should be taken to the nearest veterinary clinic or the nearest emergency veterinary clinic if after regular hours. Notify the Foster Home Coordinator and as soon as possible.
5. Any medical or behavioral problems in the rescue dog should be reported as soon as possible to the Foster Home Coordinator.
6. TLC reserves the right to evaluate the living conditions of the dog at any time and you agree to surrender the dog if said conditions are not found to be satisfactory.
7. You agree not to sell, trade, abandon, or dispose of the Labrador in any way, but to **immediately** notify TLC if you cannot keep this dog as a foster.
8. The foster home should determine when the dog is ready to be adopted and notify the Adoption Coordinator. Potential adopters are referred to the foster home by the Adoption Coordinator
9. The foster home understands that this is not an adoption and the dog is property of TLC. Should the foster home decide to adopt the dog, they will have to do it separately and go through the established procedures.
11. I acknowledge that there are many risks associated with being around dogs, including the risks of being bitten, scratched, jumped upon, knocked over, chased, tripped, infected with a disease, injured, or frightened, and I voluntarily assume such risks on behalf of myself, my children, and my guests. Despite my knowledge of these risks, and despite the fact that I understand that these risks might arise out of the negligent handling of animals by TLC, its members, directors, or officers, I have voluntarily agreed to participate in the TLC foster program, and fully accept the risks that go along with that participation. With these risks in mind, I agree to waive, release, and covenant not to sue over any and all rights or claims for damages which I or my heirs may have against TLC, its members, directors, and officers, arising from any property damage or personal injury which I, my children, or my guests might sustain as a result of participating in the fostering process, even though such rights or claims might arise out of the negligence of TLC, its members, directors, or officers. This waiver is binding upon myself, my children, and my guests. I agree to inform my guests of the existence and contents of this waiver.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

Mail Completed Application to:

The Labrador Connection

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