

WESTIE RESCUE MICHIGAN  
VOLUNTEER FORM

5/15/11

(If not volunteering to foster, some portions will not apply.)

**PART 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACTS: PHONE 1: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE 2: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: All Foster Homes must join our Yahoogroups Email list. Will you comply? \_\_\_\_\_

HOUSEHOLD: #ADULTS: \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE: \_\_\_\_\_ MALE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN (Ages): FEMALE: \_\_\_\_\_ MALE: \_\_\_\_\_

DWELLING TYPE:  House  Apartment  Farmhouse  Condo  Trailer

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

OWNERSHIP STATUS:  Own  Rent

Rentals require proof of landlord permission to foster dogs.

VOLUNTEER AREAS:  Fostering  Babysitting  Transporting  Fundraising

Other (explain: ) \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 2: ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (Foster/babysitting only)**

YARD: SIZE: \_\_\_\_\_ SECURELY FENCED?: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE (height, mat'l): \_\_\_\_\_

If not fenced, how would you keep dog safe and exercised?: \_\_\_\_\_

If fenced: Type of gates: \_\_\_\_\_ Padlocked? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a swimming pool or spa? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how is it secured from the dog?: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you protect the dog from drowning? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of any dangers to the dog inside the fenced area? \_\_\_\_\_

SLEEP: We require the dog NOT sleep in your bed. We prefer a crate or ex-pen. Any concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the crate be located? \_\_\_\_\_

We require the dog be crated or in an ex-pen when you are away from the home or unable to supervise. Any concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: The dog must be an "indoor" dog. Any concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have basic equipment? (e.g., crate, bowls, ex-pens, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Note: We will supply the items, if needed.

How long will the dog be alone (no humans) on a daily basis? \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Working is okay as long as they have quality time when you are home.

**PART 3: YOUR PETS** (For foster/babysitting volunteers)

Have you ever had a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever had a Westie? \_\_\_\_\_

How long and what happened to him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

How many current dogs? List names and breeds: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Pets? List: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever fostered for another organization? Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Foster Animals at current time? #, breeds: \_\_\_\_\_

Are all animals in home up to date on vaccinations? \_\_\_\_\_

Are all on heartworm preventative? \_\_\_\_\_

Are all pets altered? If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

If needed, can you isolate the rescue?: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you think your current pet(s) will react to the rescue? \_\_\_\_\_

How will you deal with it, if the reaction is bad? \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 4: FOSTER PREFERENCES** (Foster & Babysitters; Transporters see #2\* only)

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

\*What area are you willing to cover if the dog requires transportation?

Entire state     Metro Area     Lower Peninsula only,     Other (detail) \_\_\_\_\_

What type of Westies will you take? (check all appropriate):  Males  Females

Puppies     Older Dogs     Health issues

In an emergency would you take others that did not fit the criteria above? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you provide socialization that a rescue may need? Is there any area that you will NOT be able to expose an foster dog to? (Note: Malls and parks help with exposure to different types of people.)

Dogs     People     Children     Cats     Riding in car     Housebreaking

Grooming     Obedience Training     Leash Training     Crate Training     Nail Clipping

Being alone in fenced yard     Other Animals     Tooth Brushing

What Medical limits will you impose in taking a foster dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree with the policy to neuter/spay ALL rescue dogs? If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

How many dogs will you foster at one time? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you do basic training while it is in your care? (e.g., sit, stay, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

How do you discipline a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

How will you deal with a behavior problem? (e.g., dog aggression, house soiling, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 5: TOUGH DECISIONS (Foster Volunteers only)**

Would you be able to handle it if a dog you have fostered has to be euthanized due to illness?

Would you be able to handle it if a dog you have fostered has to be euthanized due to temperament? (Remember that we do not place dogs who bite so if you report a bite to us, we will euthanize the dog.) \_\_\_\_\_

If not, what would your alternate solution be? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you handle it if a foster bit you or a family member? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you handle it if it bit someone else? \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are unable to place a dog who has bitten and broken the skin. We will almost surely have to put it down. Therefore it is essential that we be very careful and not put a frightened dog into a position where it might bite if it is avoidable. (Note: We do our best to not accept aggressive dogs but it could happen. See our limitations statement under the Surrender Button on the website.)

Would you be able to deny an adoptive family a particular dog because the placement "didn't feel right"? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have the support of your family in fostering? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you handle vacations and other "time off" while you had a foster dog?

Are you willing to work closely with Rescue in making any placements? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you financially able to provide adequate food? (Rescue pays all authorized medical care.)

How will you prepare yourself for the day the dog goes to the new family?

Are you willing to stay in contact with the adoptive home to ensure the placement was a success, including follow up visits and/or phone calls? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to provide counseling resources to the adoptive family should problems arise later on in the placement? (from your experience with the dog)

Is there anything else you feel you should tell us about your family, home, etc. and its suitability to foster a rescue dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Your comments and suggestions:

**PART 6: REFERENCES (All Volunteers)**

Please list 3 references who can attest to your suitability as a pet owner, and more specifically, a volunteer for Westie Rescue. If you own any pets now, please include your vet as a reference.

**REFERENCE 1: VETERINARIAN**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE 2:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE 3:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, attest that, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM, AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE TO;  
WESTIE RESCUE MICHIGAN  
JEAN STORY  
1283 Boichot Rd.  
Lansing, MI 48906

If you have any questions about this form or about volunteering, please call Jean Story at 517-267-8838. **PLEASE PRINT IT, SIGN IT AND MAIL IT IN.**

Note: You are advised to consider carrying an individual umbrella liability policy of at least \$1 million; it is a very inexpensive form of protection. While we have never been sued for anything related to rescue, it is always better to be protected. Also, be sure your own dog's shots are up to date, including Bordetella and that your dog is on a heartworm preventative. If you are fostering, you might want to consider using a brand such as Sentinel which kills various internal parasites that new fosters might bring in. A photostatic copy of this executed document shall be considered as valid as the original.