

WESTIE RESCUE MICHIGAN  
FOSTER HOME VOLUNTEER FORM

10/7/13

**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 and check in at least once a day. Will you comply? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Note: Foster homes may not have resident children under the age of 10

DWELLING TYPE:  House  Apartment  Farmhouse  Condo  Trailer

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

OWNERSHIP STATUS:  Own  Rent

Rentals require proof of landlord permission to foster dogs. Please send letter from Landlord on letterhead with phone contact information.

Use back of page if more room is needed for details.

**PART 2: ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION**

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(s)/pen(s) 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.

We require frequent large digital photos of the dog. Do you have a digital camera and means to download and transmit? \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Past dogs)

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

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

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

(Current dogs)

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

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

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

Other Foster Animals (not ours) 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 dog?: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(Use back of form if needed)

### PART 4: FOSTER PREFERENCES

What areas 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

Further detail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Socialization: Check all areas to which you expect to be able to expose a dog. (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     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.) \_\_\_\_\_

If your vet is unwilling to perform the procedures and or tests that Westie Rescue requires, are you willing to take the foster dog to a different vet? \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 5: TOUGH DECISIONS**

Would you be able to handle it if a dog you are fostering has to be euthanized due to illness?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you be able to handle it if a dog you are fostering has to be euthanized due to temperament?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 all home residents 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?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**

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: PERSONAL REFERENCE**

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

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

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

**REFERENCE 3: PERSONAL REFERENCE**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL Adults (18 or over) living in the home must sign this document.**

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM, AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE TO;  
WESTIE RESCUE MICHIGAN, INC.  
MAGGIE PIETRZAK  
6033 Westmore Dr.  
Shelby Twp., MI 48316

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.