

**Max's Pet Connection**  
**501 (c) (3) organization**  
**Foster Home Application**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ (signature) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Ph. # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Age \_\_\_\_\_

What is your experience in working with dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you, as an adult, owned a dog before? \_\_\_\_\_ If it is no longer with you, please briefly explain what happened \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours each day will the dog be alone? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you handle house training? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think about using a crate? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog be kept during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog sleep at night? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you consider a special needs dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you consider a dog that is not housetrained \_\_\_\_\_ pregnant \_\_\_\_\_ litter of puppies \_\_\_\_\_

Type of home \_\_\_\_\_

**A home visit will be done prior to or at the time of placement of your foster dog. Are you okay with that?**

Do you have a safely fenced area for the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, please explain how you will address the dogs need for exercise, or potty needs \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any pets currently living in your house. Include their name, breed, gender, age, and whether or not they are spayed/neutered \_\_\_\_\_

Are these animals up to date on shots, heartworm prevention, vet care, etc? \_\_\_\_\_

**References:**

Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_ Ph.# \_\_\_\_\_

Personal: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph.# \_\_\_\_\_

Personal: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph.# \_\_\_\_\_

MPC volunteer following up with this application \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about us?**

Business Card \_\_\_\_\_ Web site \_\_\_\_\_ Word of mouth \_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Max's Pet Connection**  
**501 (c) 3 non-profit organization**

**Volunteer/Foster**  
**Hold Harmless Waiver**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (printed name of volunteer)

hereby agree that when I provide volunteer/foster services for Max's Pet Connection at any adoption site, or any Max's Pet Connection activity sites, including my home, I am responsible for my own welfare. I agree to hold harmless and release from liability Max's Pet Connection should I incur injury/illness or damage to my property/possessions from any of Max's Pet Connection dog(s) while in the service of Max's Pet Connection as a volunteer/foster.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (volunteer)

If under age 18 yrs., a parent or legal guardian must sign this waiver for the minor, in their charge, releasing Max's Pet Connection of all above stated liabilities.

Parent or Guardian:

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**The undersigned foster family hereby acknowledges having received a copy the “Foster Home Agreement”, read the terms of this agreement, and does hereby agree to abide by each of the rules of fostering set forth in the agreement.**

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This agreement pertains to any dog taken in by rescue and fostered by the above named individual(s).**

Rescue agrees to provide the foster family **known information** on the habits, behavior, and temperament of your foster dog prior to placement of the dog in your home.

Rescue agrees to not place any rescue dog **known** to bite or destroy property without informing the foster family and then only with their agreement to work on correcting this behavior. If aggressive or destructive behavior becomes a problem during the fostering period, Rescue agrees to take the dog back as soon as possible.

Max’s Pet Connection, Inc. does hereby release, discharge, and hold harmless this foster family from any and all damages to dogs under their care assuming the foster family has followed these guidelines to the best of their ability.

Max’s Pet Connection Rep.(printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Max'sPet Connection, Inc.  
501 (c)(3) non-profit organization  
**FOSTER HOME AGREEMENT**

**Purpose of Fostering:**

This allows a rescue dog to live in a home environment while awaiting permanent placement in a forever home, permitting the foster family to evaluate the dog's temperament and to work with it. A home environment is much less stressful than a "facility" or boarding kennel. The additional exposure the dog gets from being treated as "one of the family", i.e. walks, outings, etc., often speeds up the adoption process.

**The primary job of a foster family is to help the dog become the most adoptable dog possible.**

**Rescue considers foster families essential to the welfare & proper placement of our dogs & wishes the experience to be an enjoyable one, free of misunderstandings.**

(For the purpose of this agreement, Max's Pet Connection, Inc., will be referred to as RESCUE.)

**The foster family, agreeing to foster the dog, will make no decisions or actions regarding the dog's vet care or placement without prior approval from Rescue.** In case of a life-threatening emergency (**common sense must prevail—no extra-ordinary measures to be used**) the foster family agrees to get immediate medical care and contact Rescue as soon as possible.

**The foster family agrees to provide:**

1. Quality food, water, shelter, affection, socialization and exercise opportunities.
2. Indoor shelter at the foster family's residence.
3. A safe environment, taking reasonable precautions, (through the use of a leash, supervision and common sense) that a dog doesn't run loose, become a nuisance, destroy property, cause injury to or become injured by another animal or person.
4. A fully enclosed fenced yard or other humane means of exercise. The dog shall **not** be kept chained or constantly outdoors.
5. A bath for the dog the morning of or the day before an adoption event. (A soap-free shampoo should be used so as not to diminish the effect of the flea-tick product used).
6. To provide an assessment of the dog's temperament as Rescue may have limited information on that or the dog's habits.
7. A courteous, honest and helpful response to questions of prospective adopters and to accommodate those who wish to see the dog.
8. A fair assessment of the dog's interaction with the potential adopters.

## Grooming

Please contact Maxine re arrangements to groom a dog (other than bathing).

## Harnesses/Collars & Leashes

You will receive a harness, collar with tags and a standard leash for your foster dog.

\*\*\*\*\***Please make sure these are on the dog when you are walking it as well as when you bring the dog to an adoption event.** (No choke collars to be used).

Harnesses should not be kept on the dog, when in your home, but must be put on whenever walking the dog. Collars and tags should be kept on except when bathing.

Please wash collars, leashes and harnesses when soiled.

## Crating

Crating is recommended for housetraining and sleeping only. The dog must not be crated excessively, while the family is home. Some dogs may become unduly stressed when crated. Adult dogs, who are not accustomed to crating, may do better confined to a safe room.

## Teething/Chewing

Some dogs like to chew and all puppies need to chew. Please provide them with something safe for them to chew on, like a teething ring, an approved treat and/or toys. Ask Maxine, if you need something. Do not allow dogs to mouth or nip you as this may be a precursor to serious biting issues.

## Potty Training

If you are fostering a dog that is not potty trained, please make every effort to train the dog. This is often one of the first questions asked by prospective adopters.

This is a quote on potty training made from a dog's point of view. "I'm learning to go to the potty inside and outside. If you want me to potty inside, just show me, perhaps over and over again, the newspaper or potty pad. If you want me to go outside, please take me out, at least every couple hours, and place me in the grass,

It could take me a few months to learn, but work with me regularly and I'll make you proud of me. If I do make a mistake and go potty where I shouldn't go, please remind me by saying "Ahh Ahh Ahh!!!" and place me where I should go." (attached sheet)

## Medical Attention

All approved medical expenses are paid by Rescue.

All rescue dogs receive a medical evaluation, heartworm testing, and are spayed/neutered. All vaccinations are brought up to date and the dogs are microchipped. Medical problems are corrected, when possible, and dentals are done, as needed.

**Rescue MUST make ALL medical decisions.** If your foster dog is in need of medical treatment or evaluation, contact Maxine @ 352-669-2855 to make arrangements for medical care.

Routine heartworm prevention, flea & tick control are administered by Maxine each Sat. A journal is kept indicating when each dog is due for treatment.

### **Adopting a Foster Dog**

The purpose of fostering is not for you to adopt the dog. However, it is realized that, occasionally, such a strong bond is established that you would like to adopt your foster dog. This decision will impact your ability to foster other dogs. We ask you to consider this when making your choice. If, after careful consideration, you do decide to adopt your foster, let Maxine know as soon as the decision is made so the dog can be removed from the adoptable list. You will still need to go through the process of the application and contract as well as paying the adoption fee. If someone else puts in an adoption application on your dog, **before** you made the decision to adopt, they will be considered first.

**This agreement is to ensure that there will be no misunderstandings between Max's Pet Connection, Inc. and the foster family.**

# **Potty Training 101**

**The # 1 reason dogs are returned to Rescue is that the dog is either not potty trained or only partially potty trained.**

**Please let us know if you are not willing to work with a dog to train it. We cannot guarantee that any dog is potty trained as dogs will act differently in different situations.**

## **SUGGESTIONS**

- 1. Get a crate.** Dogs need to be crated at night and when you are not home, until potty training is completed. That does not mean in the first day or two with no accidents, but until the dog has had time to establish a habit.
- 2. Leash** him as soon as you take him out of the crate.
- 3. Tell** him what you want him to do ie. "Charlie, let's go out/potty/etc." **Always** use the **same** clue words.
- 4. Walk** (do not carry) him directly to the door (try to use the same door each time) then offer him a **small, soft, tasty treat.**
- 5. Take him outside,** to the same spot, **until he relieves himself.**
- 6. As soon as his business is done, reward him, with a small, soft, tasty treat &/or praise, praise, praise.** No playing or petting until results!
- 7. Stay outside at least 10-15 min. If he does not potty, re-crate him for five minutes then repeat the exercise.**
- 8. If you are busy and can't watch your dog, put him in his crate. If you are walking around the house and want his company, attach his leash to your belt loop. You will remain aware of his presence and should see signs of pre-potty behavior. If you see his need, head for the door and repeat the potty exercise.**
- 9. Most dogs will need to potty right after, or up to an hour after eating. You must learn your dog's needs. Feed on a regular schedule. No table food! 10. Your puppy will go every time he/she eats, drinks, sleeps or plays hard.**

11. Anytime you are away from home, walk your dog for at least 10 min. before you leave.
12. Always take him out before bedtime and spend some quality time with him. Hopefully he will then sleep through the night.
13. If you hear him cry at 3:00am.....you need to get up and take him out.

**If you follow these suggestions closely you should not have to wait long for successful results. Remember .....rain or shine, hot or cold, day or night, your dog NEEDS your time and attention.**

### **A Few Hints**

- Water in is water out. After his morning walk, give your dog a fresh bowl of water. Keep water available, all day, until about two hours before bedtime, then pick it up until morning.
- Your dog must not have free time in the house until you can trust him not to potty in the house. Each "accident" is the wrong lesson learned.
- Never put his nose in the pee or poop. It is unhealthy and only teaches your dog to be afraid of you. If you see him starting to potty, immediately say your potty clue words and get him outside.
- You can't correct a puppy unless you catch him in the act.
- DO NOT SCREAM! You will scare the little guy and he will hide to pee somewhere in the house.

**You will benefit so much, in your relationship with your dog; if you are willing to go the extra mile. You have chosen to adopt a rescue dog who may need a little more time and patience. We do not know their past but we do want them to have the best possible future.**

**Good luck with your training!**