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## FOSTER CARER APPLICATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_  
 House Name/No., Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a landlord?    No                      Yes  
 If yes, do you have permission to keep a dog on the premises?    Yes  
 Please provide contact info. for landlord:

**You cannot become a foster carer unless your landlord has given consent**

Do you have housemates?    No                      Yes  
 If so, do you have their permission to bring a dog into the home?    Yes

**You cannot become a foster carer unless you have your housemates' consent**

**Type of accommodation** (please select one)

Apartment    House    Acreage    Other

If you have a yard that would be accessible to the dog, please provide the following information:

Is the property fenced?    No                      Yes                      Type of fencing  
 Min. Height of fencing                                      Approximate size of yard(s)

On a typical day, how many hours would the dog spend alone (hh:mm)

You can expand on that if you'd like:

Where would the foster dog be whilst you are at home?

Where would the foster dog be whilst you are out?

Please select any pets you already have: Dogs                      Cats                      Chickens

Other (please elaborate)

Please provide details of any dogs you own

Breed	Age	Sex	Desexed?		Vaccinated?	
			Yes	No	Yes	No
			Yes	No	Yes	No
			Yes	No	Yes	No
			Yes	No	Yes	No
			Yes	No	Yes	No
			Yes	No	Yes	No





REMEMBER TO KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM

## Foster Carer Guidelines

The following guidelines list the responsibilities of dog ownership, including those defined by the NSW Companion Animals Act. They apply to foster carers of Companion Animals Welfare Incorporated (CAWI).

### Foster Carer's responsibilities:

- Your role is to provide temporary housing, affection and care for your foster dog. Additionally, your assessment of the dog will be useful in determining its suitability for adoption.
- If you decide you want to adopt your foster dog, please let CAWI know as soon as possible.** CAWI starts advertising, contacting potential adopters, putting the dog on the web-site etc. within 24 hrs of a dog coming into CAWI's care. CAWI continues its efforts to find a new home for the dog the whole time it is in your care. As soon as you let CAWI know that you intend to adopt the dog, CAWI's limited resources can be used to spruik other homeless dogs instead. It also means you won't wake up to find yourself in 2nd or 3rd place in the adoption queue for your foster dog.
- You should immediately report missing dogs, injuries, behavioural issues, or any other difficulties you experience to CAWI on one of the phone nos at the top of page 1 of this form.
- You must keep the CAWI dog within a fenced area of your property when it is at home. You must always have the dog on a lead when it leaves your property, other than in designated off-leash areas (and only then if you're sure you can exercise adequate control).
- The dog must always wear an ID tag.
- You are responsible for exercising the dog daily.
- You are responsible for picking up after the dog.
- You should provide food, fresh water, and a shaded area in your yard for the dog.  
*If you choose not to use the food provided but would rather feed the dog food you have provided yourself, CAWI is regretfully unable to reimburse you for this expense.*  
**Please follow these feeding rules:**  
*If you provide bones for the dog, NEVER give it cooked bones of any type as they can splinter and lodge in the intestines. Only feed RAW meaty beef or lamb bones. Lamb and Beef brisket bones (with excess fat removed) and lamb neck bones are excellent for cleaning teeth. Large beef marrow bones (your butcher will saw them in half) are also good for older dogs. Never give milk to a dog unless advised otherwise.*
- You are responsible for grooming and bathing the dog when necessary. If your dog is a type that needs to be clipped occasionally (e.g. Poodle), please discuss with CAWI.
- You should check the dog every day for ticks, twice a day if possible.  
*Watch out for these signs of tick poisoning: Hind leg weakness / Loss of appetite / Difficulty Breathing / Vomiting. If the dog shows any sign of these symptoms, it is imperative that you ring CAWI immediately.*
- Never hit or scream at the dog. If you experience behavioural problems, contact CAWI.
- Never leave the dog in a car during the summer months, not even in a shaded area.  
*In less than THREE MINUTES, a dog in a car can be dead as it has no sweat glands and can only perspire through the tongue and the pads of the feet.*
- You should to give us a reasonable amount of time if you find that you are no longer able to care for the dog. Two weeks' notice would be appreciated, so that we can move the animal to a suitable carer.

### CAWI's responsibilities:

THE FINAL DECISION IN ANY MATTER RELATING TO THE DOG RESTS WITH CAWI

- CAWI may choose to move the dog to another carer at any time.
- CAWI may transfer the dog to its new owner (adopter) at any time.
- CAWI is responsible for all veterinary decisions and expenses relating to the dog whilst in your care. Visits to the vet should only be undertaken at CAWI's behest.
- You should not take the dog to the vet without CAWI's prior knowledge and consent unless you are unable to contact a CAWI member and it is a genuine emergency [e.g. tick poisoning (symptoms indicated above), or serious injury]. You must always try to contact CAWI first.
- CAWI will supply you with parasite prevention medications (tick/flea/worms) as required
- CAWI will supply food for the dog. Please contact CAWI when your food supply is running low.  
*If you choose not to use the food provided but would rather feed the dog food you have provided yourself, CAWI is regretfully unable to reimburse you for this expense.*
- Do not take the dog away with you without the prior consent of CAWI.
- The screening and adoption processes are CAWI's responsibility. After pre-screening, arrangements will be made for any potential adopters to meet the dog in the presence of a representative from CAWI. CAWI will contact you before such a meeting takes place to arrange a suitable time and venue.

**THE FOSTER DOG BELONGS TO CAWI UNTIL IT IS FORMALLY ADOPTED.**

**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES is the dog in your care to be handed over to anybody (not even to potential adopters) without CAWI's explicit approval. Always double-check with CAWI before handing the dog over to anyone!**

Please confirm that you have read and understood the Foster Carer Guidelines.

Signature .....



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You can also email a copy to [cawidogs2483@gmail.com](mailto:cawidogs2483@gmail.com) for faster processing\*.

**\*NOTE: CAWI requires your physical signature on the application form.**

If you choose to submit your completed form via email, you still need to post us a signed copy, or come into the shop where a copy can be provided for you to sign.

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You will be contacted once we have had the opportunity to review your application.

You have provided contact details on page 1. Of those, which is your preferred method of contact?

Day Phone

Mobile Phone

Email

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application.

***Completing the following details is optional, but would help CAWI.***

Please describe any previous experience of working with animals:

Do you have any special training or skills in a relevant field (e.g. vet nurse, behavioural trainer)?

How did you hear about CAWI?

Newspaper

Word of mouth

Internet

Radio

Other (please describe below)