**B.A.A.R.K.**

**Barrington Area Animal Rescue and Kennels NFP**

**Foster Care Application**

Thank you for your interest in fostering for B.A.A.R.K. Dog Rescue. Our foster families are literally the lifeline of our Organization. Without fosters, we would not be able to save the life any animal! Below, we provide general information about this program of B.A.A.R.K..

If you are interested in undertaking the life-saving commitment of fostering a dog for B.A.A.R.K., we ask that you review the requirements below and ensure you can comply with the following:

* Primary caregiver is at least 24 years old.
* All members of the household are in agreement, and supportive of the decision to foster a dog.
* All other animals in the household are up-to-date on all vaccines.
* All other animals in the household over the age of six months, are spayed or neutered (unless there is a medical reason for not doing so).
* Fostering does not result in violation of any municipal ordinances, homeowner covenants, or other such contracts, codes, or agreements. Furthermore, the number of animals within the household will not exceed the number allowed as stipulated in such contracts, codes, or agreements, and that there are no breed restrictions resulting in your inability to foster the breed of interest.
* Fostering does not invalidate your homeowner’s insurance policy.
* If you rent, and want to foster, you will provide written consent from your landlord confirming you are able to have a foster dog reside in your care.
* A home visit, as well as meeting all members of the household is acceptable, as part of the foster home approval process.
* The foster dog will wear his/her collar, with ID tags, at all times.
* The foster dog will never be left with young children, without an adult present.
* The foster dog will never be outside without being securely leashed unless he/she is in a fully fenced, secure yard. He/she must never be chained outside without adult supervision.
* The foster dog will not be left home alone for more than eight hours. When left alone, he/she will be kept in a secure, safe, and pleasant environment.

Please complete all questions on the application to follow, to the best of your ability. There are no right or wrong answers. We want to learn more about you and your household, so we can provide the most successful fostering experience possible. Thanks again for your interest in undertaking this lifesaving commitment

Date of Application (Month/Date/Year):

Applicant’s Full Name: Applicant’s Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Caretaker’s Full Name: Applicant’s Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant’s Full Address:

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number:   
Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Best time/means to reach you:

Name of the Dog you are Applying to Foster (if a specific dog is of interest):

Have you ever been a foster home for another rescue organization?  Yes  No

If yes, please provide the name and a contact name/phone number/email address for the group?

How long ago did you foster for this group?

Why are you interested in fostering for B.A.A.R.K. rather than the past group?

What breed(s) did you foster?

**ABOUT YOU**

Occupation – Please provide the name and phone number of your employer as well as the occupation and hours worked/day for employed household members.

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| **About You** | | **About Your Partner** | |
| Name |  | Name |  |
| Address |  | Address |  |
| City/State/Zip |  | City/State/Zip |  |
| Occupation |  | Occupation |  |
| Yrs at Company |  | Yrs at Company |  |
| Hrs Worked (incl commute) |  | Hrs Worked (incl commute) |  |

What are your daily hobbies/the activities of interest to you and your family?

**YOUR RESIDENCE**

Do you…

Own a house?  Own townhome/condo  Rent apartment?

Rent a house?  Rent townhome/condo?

Other? Please explain:

How long have you lived at your current address?

Does your municipality have ordinances limiting the number of dogs, size of dogs, or breed of dogs that you may have within your household?  Yes  No

If your home is governed by a homeowners association, does it set forth such restrictions?

Yes  No

If “yes” to either of these questions, will you remain in compliance with the fostering of this dog?

Yes  No

If you rent:

If you rent, does your rental agreement permit pets?  Yes  No

Have you received permission from the landlord to have a pet/additional pets?  Yes  No

Does your rental agreement limit the number of dogs, or the size of dogs, or breed of dogs that you may have on your property?  Yes  No

Please provide your landlord’s name and home number:

Do you have a fenced in yard  Yes  No   
Is it fully fenced  Yes  No

What kind of a fence do you have?

What is the height of the fence?

Approximately how large is your yard?

If you do not have a fenced yard, how do you plan to keep your foster dog on your property?

**YOUR HOUSEHOLD**

Please list all persons residing in the home, relationship, and age of children under 18 years of age?

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| **Name** | **Relationship** | **Age** | **Personality (e.g. outgoing, loud, quiet, shy, active)** |
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Does anyone in your household have allergies to animals?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in your household smoke?  Yes  No

How would you describe the activity level in your household?

Busy – a lot of activity and a lot of guests coming in and out

Moderate – occasional guests and children coming in and out

Quiet – very few guests quiet household

What kind of activities does your family enjoy?

Are all member of your household in agreement with and supportive of the decision to foster a dog?

Yes  No

**CURRENT & PAST PETS**

Please list all pets currently in your household

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| **Name** | **Breed** | **Gender** | **Age** | **Temperament/Issues** | **Source** |
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Are all current pets (were all past pets) spayed/neutered and current on vaccinations?  Yes  No

If no, please explain:

Are all your current /past dogs on monthly heartworm preventative?  Yes  No

If no, please explain:

Do any of your current pets (any of your past dogs) have medical conditions?  Yes  No

If yes, Please explain:

How do you exercise your current dogs?

Have you owned other pets as an adult, besides those currently residing within your household? If so, please provide their names, breed, and indicate what happened to them?

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| **Name** | **Breed** | **How Long Ago Since You Had This Pet?** | **What Happened to this Pet?**  **If Deceased, what was cause?** |
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Have you ever attended obedience classes with your dog?  Yes  No

If so, Where? When?

**FOSTERING A DOG FOR B.A.A.R.K.**

How did you hear about B.A.A.R.K.?

Why do you want to foster for B.A.A.R.K.?

Who will be providing the majority of care for the foster dog?

What kind of dog are you interested in fostering?

Size

X- Small (<12 lbs)  Small (12-25 lbs)  Medium (26-50 lbs)

Large (51-80 lbs)  X-Large (>80 lbs)  Any Size

Age

Puppy  Young (1-3 yrs)  Adult (4-7 yrs)  Senior  Any Age

Gender

Male  Female  No preference

Would your foster dog be regularly exposed to any of the following? Please check all that apply

Children (under 10)  Teens  Other Dogs  Cats

Cyclists  Joggers  Traffic (foot or auto)  Dog Parks

Are you open to fostering a dog having special medical needs?  Yes  No

Are you open to fostering a pregnant dog? Litter of puppies?  Yes  No

Are you willing to work with you dog so he/she develops good household habits?

(Examples: housebreaking, not jumping on people, taking treats gently)  Yes  No

Are you open to fostering a dog requiring behavioral training?  Yes  No

Are you willing to take your foster dog to obedience training classes?  Yes  No

What behaviors do you find difficult to handle and might cause you to return your foster dog to B.A.A.R.K.?

Destructive chewing  Jumping on people Excessive barking Dominance

Stubbornness Aggressive behavior Nervous/Shy behavior Overly energetic

Overly protective Nipping at heels Herding (children, other animals)  Housebreaking

What characteristics in a dog would not suite your household?

What behavior(s) would result in your returning the foster dog to B.A.A.R.K.?

Are you familiar with crate training?  Yes  No

Are you willing to crate your foster dog, as needed?  Yes  No

Are you willing and confident you can provide your foster dog any needed medications?  Yes  No

How long do you feel your foster dog should be given to adjust to your household?

Where will your foster dog be kept/allowed access in your home during the day?

Where will your foster dog sleep at night?   
Where will your foster dog be kept when you are not at home?   
How many hours each day will your foster be left at home alone?   
If your dog will be left home alone for more than 8 hours during the day, what arrangements can you make to have someone walk the dog?

How do you plan to exercise your foster dog? How often?

Are you willing to allow a home visit/initial interview with potential adopter(s) at your home?

Yes  No

Are you willing to transport your foster dogs to medical appointments at one of B.A.A.R.K.’s vets or offsite/adoption events, or to meet perspective adopters offsite?  Yes  No

What is the **name & phone number** of your vet?

Sometimes dogs are with us for a few months or even longer. We need long-term fosters as well as short-term or “emergency” fosters.

How long are you able to provide a foster home for a foster dog? Check all that apply.

Emergency (1-2 wks)  1-2 Months  < 6 Mos. 6-12 Mos.  As long as it takes

Are you able to supply the following? If not, B.A.A.R.K. is able to provide these items for your foster dog.

(Check boxes of those items that you can supply.)

Food  Bedding  Crate  Toys

If you are able to provide the food, what brand/variety of food do you plan to feed your foster dog

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If you currently have another dog(s) what brand/variety of food do you feed him/her?

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Do you understand that the dogs that we bring into our adoption program may be unpredictable and that we cannot guarantee that the dog may not become aggressive?  Yes  No

Are you willing to accept any risk involved in housing a foster dog, and transporting a dog inside your vehicle?  Yes  No

**REFERENCES**

Please provide the name, phone number, and email for three personal references. These must be people who do not live with you but are familiar with your household or animal care-giving skills. We suggest your dog trainer, neighbor, co-worker. Please indicate their relation to you.

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I confirm that all of the information provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that submission of this application does not automatically mean I will be approved as a foster home for B.A.A.R.K. Dog Rescue. B.A.A.R.K. reserves the right to reject any foster applicant.

Print Name:

Signature:

Date:

Accepted by / Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_