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## PUPPY LOVE, INC FOSTER FAMILY APPLICATION

Puppy Love, Inc. is a non profit organization with a primary mission to rescue dogs from areas in the south affected by natural or man-made disasters, including high kill shelters, and place them in appropriate homes and shelters in the state of Maine. All rescue dogs are provided veterinary treatment, foster homes and permanent loving homes. Puppy Love provides screening, counseling and support to adoptive families to promote responsible and safe adoption decisions. All interactions with the public are viewed as opportunities for education regarding risks associated with pet overpopulation, the merit of adoption versus breeding, and the importance of spaying and neutering pets.

A critical link in the rescue of an animal is our foster home network. Compliance with Maine regulations requires that all animals entering from out of state be quarantined a minimum of 48 hours if over the age of 6 months, and five days if under 6 months of age. All animals are quarantined for a minimum of 14 days, and receive veterinary treatment including vaccinations, heartworm screening and sterilization before they are transported to Maine. Puppy Love depends solely on foster homes to satisfy the Maine quarantine requirement when they arrive here, and, without foster homes, the animals cannot enter the state to await adoption. All animals available for adoption will be posted on our website and Petfinder.com. Foster home screening is completed by a Puppy Love representative.

**Puppy Love pays for all veterinary treatment while in foster care. Donations are gratefully accepted.**

### **The duties of foster parents are:**

- Provide food, water, toys, shelter, nurturing
- Transportation to the veterinarian, if necessary, with Puppy Love representative approval
- Provide information to Puppy Love regarding the dog's personality, temperament and behavior
- Communicate with potential adoptive parents, and, when deemed appropriate by a Puppy Love representative, set up a time for the potential parent(s) to visit with the foster dog
- Complete adoption paperwork, including reviewing all documents, signing contract, collecting adoption fee and forwarding to Puppy Love, 125 Ash Point Rd, Harpswell, ME 04079

**WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!!!!!!!** Please spread the word! If you would like to foster a dog, please fill out the information below. The animals will be forever grateful!



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Must be at least 18 and head of household*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time(s) to contact you: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Puppy Love?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

List **all members** of your household (names & ages), **including pets**. Indicate if pets are spayed/neutered:  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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What pets have you owned in the past seven years? List all, including ages, spayed/neutered, indoor or outdoor, and explain why you no longer have them, including causes or circumstances of their death(s).  
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\_\_\_\_\_

List all vet/animal hospital(s) where your pet(s) receives or received care:  
Name of pet and veterinarian/animal hospital name(s) and phone:  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE GIVE YOUR VETERINARIAN PERMISSION TO RELEASE INFORMATION TO PUPPY LOVE, INC.**



HOW LONG ARE YOU WILLING TO FOSTER? (It can take two weeks to several months to find a permanent home): \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to foster a dog?

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What size dog are you willing to foster? Specific breed or gender?

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If you ever received a violation from animal control, please explain the violation.

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You live in a house \_\_\_\_\_ apartment \_\_\_\_\_ condo \_\_\_\_\_ mobile home \_\_\_\_\_

Your home is within city limits \_\_\_\_\_ rural \_\_\_\_\_

You rent \_\_\_\_\_ own \_\_\_\_\_

Fenced yard? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

Type of fence?

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If you rent: Landlord name \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

How often, how long and what type of exercise will the dog receive?

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Who will be responsible for exercising the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Is someone home during the day? \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain:

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What is the longest period of time the dog will be alone on an average day? \_\_\_\_\_

What provisions will be made for your foster if nobody is home during the day?

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Where will the dog sleep? Please explain:

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**Please explain your responses below. During the last two years:**

Have you lost a pet (not through death)?

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Have you had one poisoned?

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Have you had an animal killed by a vehicle?

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Have you had an animal die due to disease?

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Have you had any pet related incidents with law enforcement?

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**Other:**

Do you have children at home? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Puppy Love requires children to be respectful, responsible and experienced with dogs. Because of the complexity of numerous personalities and behaviors of the children, we will not place our dogs in homes that have a baby sitting or home daycare business, or with children under the age of 5.

Do you have other pets at home? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, type(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Ages(s): \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you had current pet(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, are the pets spayed/neutered? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, are the pets vaccinated? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_



If Yes, are the pets vaccinated and on heartworm prevention? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, are the pets vaccinated and on flea prevention? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, do your pets get along with other dogs? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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

Puppy Love will provide all veterinarian care, heartworm and parasite prevention. Are you prepared to assume the responsibilities of feeding, bathing, grooming, exercising and caring for your rescue? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Will you follow all veterinarian instructions provided and administer all prescription medications and heartworm preventative to your foster? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you prepared to keep your foster if it is undergoing medical treatment? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you prepared to assume the responsibilities of contacting Puppy Love managers for any medical emergencies? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree that Puppy Love will make all medical and adoption decisions for our rescue dogs? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Though Puppy Love does not accept aggressive dogs into our program, we do not know the histories of many of our rescues. Are you prepared to contact us immediately if your foster dog bites anyone or injures another pet? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Will you keep the dog confined in a fenced yard? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Will you keep the dog leashed when let outdoors? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Will you walk/exercise the dog regularly? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand that only Puppy Love managers may place your foster in an adoptive home? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Foster parents are encouraged to maintain an 'aunt' or 'uncle' relationship with the dog in their care, but it does occasionally happen that the foster parent and dog bond so completely that adoption into this home is best for the dog and family. Do you understand that if you wish to adopt your foster, you must complete the adoption papers and pay the fee(s) listed on the adoption contract? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_



Are you willing to allow a Puppy Love representative to visit your home by appointment? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Family reference name, not living with you: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Neighbor or friend reference name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Neighbor or friend reference name (*3<sup>rd</sup> reference required if no vet reference*):

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby authorize the veterinarian named herein to release information about me or my pet(s) to Puppy Love as necessary to evaluate this application.*

I am in full agreement with the Puppy Love Foster Agreement and Standards of Care. By signing below I am attesting to the truthfulness of my answers on the foster application.

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



## PUPPY LOVE, INC. FOSTER STANDARDS OF CARE

- Adhere to the Maine required quarantine period of 48 hours if over 6 months of age and 5 days if under 6 months of age. This requires your foster to be kept at home and not allowed to interact with dogs in the public (i.e. dog parks, pet stores, etc.).
- **Patience.** These dogs were homeless, stray, or abused, and are experiencing a significant transition in their lives. Therefore many are fearful, confused and/or anxious. Most, within a few days, will start to relax and show trust in you. Realize you will need to help the animal adjust to his/her new life. Let us know everything about its personality. This is VERY important when making a match with prospective parents.
- All dogs should be **walked on a leash** a minimum of 30 minutes daily. This will help with leash training, keep them emotionally and physically fit, and aid in the adoption process. Just letting a dog out in the fenced backyard is **not** sufficient for the dog's well being.
- Spend **quality time** with your foster pet daily.
- **NO DOG** is to ever be chained outside or inside. Many deaths happen due to hypo/hyperthermia, lightning, neglect, and theft. Chaining may also create an aggressive dog that could bite. Even if you have a fenced yard, you should monitor the animal closely to be sure he/she doesn't try to dig out or jump the fence.
- **Never** leave any foster pet in your backyard without your presence in the yard or in the house. Accidents can happen.
- All foster pets are to be **INDOORS** when you leave the house for work, etc. We will provide a kennel if needed. Please let us know.
- All dogs need to be let out at the maximum 8-9 hours to relieve themselves. After this time, it would be considered abuse. However, if you are fostering a puppy, depending on its age, the puppy needs to be fed and let out every 3-4 hours. Please maintain an appropriate feeding schedule and do not let foster pet become overweight.
- All pets **MUST** have a **Puppy Love identification tag** on a collar at all times! Puppy Love, Inc. provides this identification tag for fosters. **WARNING:** Collars pose a risk of strangulation if left on when crated or if dogs are allowed to tug on each other's collars.
- Never use a choke chain or prong collar on a dog/puppy. Gentle leaders may be used for walking.
- Please agree to take the foster pet to one of our vets in an emergency or for any necessary medical treatment. We will tell you which vet is to be used. Puppy Love, Inc. pays for ALL medical treatment, including heartworm prevention and flea prevention.



- Never give your phone number out to anyone interested in adopting the pet. Have them contact Puppy Love, Inc.
- **NEVER** let the pet go to anyone's home (for adoption) unless that person has applied and been approved by Puppy Love, Inc. Puppy Love, Inc. will inform you of the applicant's status, and will provide contact information for the prospective parent(s).
- If you are ever having a problem, please let us know.
- If you are unable to keep your foster pet, please give us sufficient notice so we can find a new foster. Please be prepared to take your foster pet to a designated location.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Foster Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Puppy Love, Inc. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR CARING!**

**WITHOUT FOSTER PARENTS, WE CANNOT SAVE MORE LIVES**





## FOSTER FAMILY RELEASE FORM

Puppy Love, Inc. is a not for profit organization dedicated to helping stray, homeless, abandoned, surrendered and abused animals through medical treatment, foster homes, permanent homes and education.

Participants in the Puppy Love, Inc. Foster Family Program agree to assume any and all risks of personal injury to the Participants, including death and damages to Participants property caused by or arising out of Participants involvement in the program.

The Participants hereby agree to defend, indemnify and hold Puppy Love, Inc. harmless from and against any claims, demand, suit, loss, causes of action, damages, liabilities, obligations, costs, expenses, and judgments (including without limitation, death, and damages to property) caused by Participants acts or omissions and arising out of Participants involvement in the program.

I understand that Puppy Love, Inc. cannot guarantee the health, temperament or training of rescue animals and hereby release Puppy Love, Inc. from ALL LIABILITY once the animal is in my possession. All medical conditions known by Puppy Love, Inc. and the vet who examined this dog have been disclosed on the medical records. I understand that this dog may have come from a southern animal control facility and been exposed to disease. The dog has been in foster care and quarantined from conditions where an infectious disease could be contracted for a minimum of fourteen (14) days, which is the recommended time by our vets. The dog has shown no signs, or been treated for clinical signs, of all infectious diseases. I further understand that Puppy Love, Inc. will not be held responsible for any illness that this dog may be incubating beyond the recommended quarantine period, but will pay for necessary treatment while in the foster care.

**RIGHT OF OWNERSHIP** I have read the adoption contract and it is agreed that Puppy Love, Inc. shall retain superior title in the animal, limited to and for the express purpose of assuring the dog's well-being, and will only exercise it's superior claim in the event it appears to Puppy Love, Inc. that proper and humane care, as specified in the above foster provisions, is not being provided, in which case the dog may be taken through a claim and delivery proceeding should the foster family refuse to return the dog upon request of Puppy Love, Inc. The foster provider further agrees that if there is any breach or default of the terms of this contract, and the dog must be redeemed through a claim and delivery service, that the foster provider will be held liable for all court costs.

**EACH OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE FOSTER FAMILY HOUSEHOLD READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND INDEMINIFICATION AND HAVE SIGNED IT VOLUNTARILY.**

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

Please mail or return release to:

Puppy Love, LLC  
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