

**Leonberger Rescue Inc.**  
**Volunteer/Foster Home Application and Contract**  
Toll Free: 1-866-443-4542      <http://leonberger-rescue.org>

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Name of Volunteer:

Address:

Home phone number (and when is a good time to reach you):

Fax number if applicable:

Work number if you are able to be reached at work (and hours you can be reached there):

Cell phone:

Email address:

Age:                      Occupation:

**1. YOUR FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS**

Are there other adults in your household? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_

If yes, give their names, ages, occupations, and indicate if each is committed to becoming a foster family:

Are there children in your household? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_

If yes, give their names, ages and experience with dogs:



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Will any of your children be responsible for caring for your foster dog? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ (If yes, please explain)

Is anyone in your household allergic to animals? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ (If yes, please explain)

Are there a lot of children in the neighborhood and/or are you frequently visited by children? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_

If yes, do any of them have access to your yard/kennel/house when you are not at home? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_

If yes, please explain, taking care to indicate how you intend to prevent them from teasing a dog, letting a dog out either intentionally or by accident, or doing any other thing that might be detrimental to the welfare of a foster dog:

## 2. YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH DOGS\_\_\_

Please give a brief history of your experience with Leonbergers:

How many years have you been involved with dogs?

Have you ever been bitten or attacked by a dog? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ (If yes, please explain:)

Are you comfortable approaching dogs that you do not know? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (If no, please explain)



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Are you willing to assume the risks involved with working with animals who are sometimes frightened and in unfamiliar surroundings may become aggressive?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (If no, please explain:)

Give a brief history of previous dogs you have had in the past? Please list the breeds/breeds-x and any activities you've enjoyed pursuing with your dogs:

I have \_\_\_ dog(s) of my own now. Please describe them as to their breed, age, size, and temperament particularly with regard to other dogs:

Are there other types of pets in the home; cats (socialized to dogs?), birds, caged critters, or livestock on the property? If yes, please list them:

Have you ever returned a dog (or other pet) to a breeder, given it to a friend or relinquished it to a shelter or rescue organization ? If yes, please explain

Please list three people who are knowledgeable about your care of dogs. Include your vet as one of them, and two other people in the dog community. List their names, email addresses or phone numbers, what is their relationship to dogs, and what is their



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relationship to you: (Please notify your vet that we will be contacting them and give them permission to talk to us)

### 3. YOUR ENVIRONMENT\_\_

Do you live in a \_\_\_rural, \_\_\_suburban, or \_\_\_urban neighborhood?

Do you \_\_\_own or \_\_\_rent your property?

If you rent, do you have permission from your landlord to have pets on the property?  
yes\_\_\_no\_\_

Do you have neighbors nearby, or do you share a house with other families?  
No\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_

If yes, are they aware that you intend to become a foster home, and if so, do they support your decision?

Are there any restrictions as to the number of dogs and /or combination of dogs and cats that you may have at your residence? No\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_I am not aware of any\_\_\_\_\_.

Are you required to obtain a kennel license if you take in dogs in addition to your own?  
No\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_

If yes, are you willing to obtain such a license? Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_

How large is your property?

Do you have a fenced yard or outdoor kennel run? No\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_

If yes, how large is the fenced in area, describe the type of fencing, and how high is it?



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Do you own a crate or crates? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ (If yes, what type and size are they?)

How many foster dogs can you provide for at a time?

If you work outside the home, how many hours will your foster Leonberger be left alone?

Where will the Leonberger be housed during the day?

At night ?

#### 4. CARE AND TRAINING PROVISIONS

Are you willing to take responsibility for seeing that a dog in your care is spayed or neutered, up to date on all its shots, wormed, tested for heartworm/lyme and put on preventative, and given any additional health care necessary? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Please check the areas of evaluation you are able to provide:

\_\_\_ Temperament for ordinary household

\_\_\_ Suitability for placement in a home with children ten or older

\_\_\_ With children younger than ten,

\_\_\_ Toddlers,

\_\_\_ Babies

\_\_\_ Suitability for placement in a home with other dogs, \_\_\_ cats

\_\_\_ Reaction to a variety of experiences

Please check the level of training you are able to provide:

\_\_\_ Socialization (exposing dogs to other dogs, small animals, children, strangers, a variety of experiences, etc.)

\_\_\_ House-training



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Crate-training

Walking on lead

Basic training (including sit, down, stay, and heel)

More advanced training (such as for a sport, obedience)

Do you have the experience to handle dogs with severe behavioral problems (such as aggression, fear biting, shyness, etc.)? No  Yes  (If yes, please explain)

Which of the following do you feel comfortable handling with a rescue Leonberger:

Aggression towards people

Aggression towards other dogs

Fear aggression

Shyness

Under-socialization

Severe under socialization (typical of Puppy mill dogs)

Health problems

Geriatric conditions

Additional comments:

## 5. OTHER SERVICES YOU CAN PROVIDE

I can evaluate adoptive homes before placement\_

I can do post adoption follow-ups



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I can provide education to the public

I am a vet (or)  trainer (or)  behavior consultant

(or)  groomer (or)  other professional (please specify)

I am willing to give free or discounted services to rescue people

I am willing to help my local Rescue worker with services at his/her home (for example, dog walking, kennel cleaning, dog sitting, etc.). (Please explain)

I am willing to provide transportation

I can provide "office" services such as photocopying, mailing, computer services, editing, fielding telephone calls, and so on. (Please explain)

Other (Please explain)

## 6. FOSTER VOLUNTEER'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR RESCUE SUPERVISOR

I agree to work with a rescue supervisor and to abide by any decisions made by them (I understand that the rescue supervisor has the ultimate responsibility for this dog and the right to place it as he/she feels is appropriate).

Are you willing to commit to fostering a dog for as long as it takes to place it?  
Yes  No  (If no, please explain:)

### FOSTER CARE AGREEMENT

for Leonberger Rescue, Inc. Foster Leonbergers Dogs

I, the undersigned, state that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the conditions of this Foster Care Agreement during the period of time a Rescued Leonberger is in my care.



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**Conditions:**

- 1 I/we will accept the responsibility of providing top quality food, shelter, nurturing and socialization for a Rescued Leonberger.
- 2 I/we understand that in accepting a Rescued Leonberger for foster care, I/we remain solely responsible for the health of my/our family, my/our pets, others who come into contact with this Rescued Leonberger and myself/ourselves.
- 3 While a Rescued Leonberger is in my/our possession, you are liable for any property damages or expenses caused by or incurred as a result of the foster care of the Rescued Leonberger.
- 4 The Rescued Leonberger will reside inside my/our home. At no time will a Rescued Leonberger be allowed to run without restraints, unless in a fenced area and supervised by me/us.
- 5 At no time will a Rescued Leonberger be chained outside or kept in a pen outdoors.
- 6 I/we will provide a safe and sanitary environment for a Rescued Leonberger at all times.
- 7 I/we agree to accept all responsibility for the behavior of a Rescued Leonberger chosen for placement in my/our home.
- 8 I/we will be responsible for any and all legal fees incurred if a violation of this agreement results in a legal suit.

**Release of Liability and Indemnification**

In consideration for allowing me/us to provide foster care for a Rescued Leonberger, I/we promise and agree to be solely responsible for said Rescued Leonberger and to indemnify and hold harmless all other parties, clubs, organizations, its members and its volunteers from any and all claims of liability for the conduct of said Rescued Leonberger on or after the date of this agreement for the period of time each Rescued Leonberger is in my/our control and custody.

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant Printed Name

Spouse/Partner Signature

Date

Spouse/Partner Printed Name



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## HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Please e-mail or mail your application to:

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[myleos@comcast.net](mailto:myleos@comcast.net)



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