

Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue
Foster Home Volunteer Form

I am interested in fostering a dog for the Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue (DLRR).

Name: _____

Day and Evening phone: _____

Address: _____

Email address (if any): _____

Occupation: _____

Personal Reference (phone number): _____

Current Veterinarian (phone number): _____

For the questions below, check all answers that apply and/or supply written details.

1. What type of home do you live in? CONDO TRAILER SINGLE FAMILY HOME
 OTHER (describe):
2. How long have you lived at your present address?
3. Do you OWN RENT your home? If you rent, include copy of written permission from landlord to keep dogs.
4. Do you have a fenced yard? YES NO Please describe your fencing. (height/material)
5. Does it completely enclose a yard for a dog? YES NO
6. Age and sex of children in household:
7. Are there any other residents in the house?
8. Do you currently have other pets/animal companions? YES NO
If yes, give species, age, and breed.
9. Are your other pets neutered?
10. Have you ever had to relinquish a dog? YES NO
If yes, list circumstances:
11. Have you ever owned a Labrador Retriever? YES NO
12. Do you agree to contact DLRR if you can no longer keep this dog? YES NO
13. What is your age preference? Why?
14. What sex dog do you prefer? (number order of preference; leave blank for no preference, use 0 for don't want):
male ____ female ____

15. I would like to foster a dog that is: quiet playful with people playful with dogs
 moderately active very active
16. It's okay if the dog is: shy not good with cats not good with other dogs dependent on people
 independent from people untrained somewhat untrained not housetrained
 in need of ongoing medical attention
17. I consider myself an: experienced somewhat experienced novice dog owner.
18. Where will the Labrador be housed during the day when you are home?
19. Where will the Labrador stay while you are gone during the day?
 LOOSE INSIDE CRATE GARAGE FENCED YARD LOOSE OUTSIDE
 TIED UP INSIDE TIED UP OUTSIDE OUTSIDE RUN
 OTHER (describe):
20. Where will the Labrador sleep at night?
 LOOSE INDOORS CRATE GARAGE FENCED YARD LOOSE OUTSIDE
 TIED UP INSIDE TIED UP OUTSIDE OUTSIDE RUN
 OTHER (describe):
21. How long are you gone each day?
22. Would you be willing to let a representative of DLRR visit your home by appointment? YES NO
23. Have you ever fostered dogs? YES NO
24. Why do you want to foster dogs for DLRR?
25. How did you hear about DLRR?

Guidelines for Fostering and Agreement

The foster home serves as a safe and comfortable environment for the rescue dog and allows us to get to know something about the rescue dog before it is placed in a permanent home.

The foster home will make an effort to assess the rescue dog in terms of:

General health - coat condition, skin problems, weight, and energy level.

Behavior - is the dog housebroken (very important); does it know basic commands, does the dog chew, get along with children, other dogs, cats.

Temperament - is the dog friendly, withdrawn, or easily frightened; does the dog respond to you

1. All dogs placed in Foster care must be crated when not supervised until the Foster home can make a confident evaluation of the dog's temperament and behavior while left alone and with people. DLRR will provide a crate if needed. Dogs that go into Foster care will have had a Veterinary check-up, microchip and all required inoculations.
2. If, upon arrival, the Foster home suspects the Lab may be aggressive, the Foster home must immediately contact the Intake Coordinator and/or Foster Coordinator, who will confer with members of the Board to determine whether to keep the dog.
3. DLRR will not be responsible for any damage caused by a foster dog that is not crated, whether damage is to personal property or any other animal, including the DLRR dog. You agree to provide a healthy, stable, loving and safe environment for the rescue dog, preferably until the dog is adopted into a permanent home. While there

is no established time parameter a dog will be in Foster care, the Foster Home should not plan to foster a dog for at least three weeks prior to any vacation.

4. The Foster home should contact the Facilities Liaison and/or Foster Home Coordinator if any medical treatment is needed for the dog. This should be done prior to performing any treatment. If treatment is given on an extreme emergency basis, the Facilities Liaison and/or Foster Coordinator must be notified as soon as possible. Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue will only pay for those treatments authorized by the Facilities Liaison or a Board member, or those performed in an extreme emergency situation. In the case of a medical emergency, the dog should be taken to the nearest veterinary clinic or after hours, to the nearest emergency veterinary clinic. Notify the Facilities Liaison and/or Foster Coordinator as soon as possible.
5. Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue does not pay for dog food while the dog is in foster care. We suggest premium food. DLRR will not pay for dog toys, chews, or any other supplies.
6. Any medical or behavioral problems in the rescue dog should be reported as soon as possible to the Facilities Liaison and/or Foster Home Coordinator
7. DLRR reserves the right to evaluate the living conditions of the dog at any time and you agree to surrender the dog if said conditions are not found to be satisfactory.
8. You agree not to sell, trade, abandon, or dispose of the DLRR dog in any way. If you cannot keep the dog as a foster, you must notify the DLRR Intake Coordinator and/or Foster Coordinator.
9. The Foster Home should determine when the dog is ready to be adopted. Fosters are expected to be proactive in finding a forever home for their foster dog by attending Meet and Greets and using the Potential Adopters file on the Administrative Website.
10. The Foster home understands that fostering the dog is not an adoption and the dog is the property of DLRR. The Foster understands and agrees that DLRR's policies firmly discourage Fosters from adopting any of the first three (3) dogs fostered. The Board MAY approve adoption of a dog prior to three (3) dogs being fostered. A formal request must be sent to the Board for approval. The Foster understands that Fosters are a vital part of the DLRR organization and agrees to foster a dog after the adopter's foster dog ("foster failure") has settled in – on average, a ninety (90) day period. Should a Foster Home decide to adopt the foster dog, they will follow established DLRR adoption procedures.
11. I acknowledge that there are many risks associated with being around dogs, including the risks of being bitten, scratched, jumped upon, knocked over, chased, tripped, infected with a disease, injured, or frightened, and I voluntarily assume such risks on behalf of myself, my children, and my guests. Despite my knowledge of these risks, and despite the fact that I understand that these risks might arise out of the negligent handling of animals by DLRR, its members, directors, or officers, I have voluntarily agreed to participate in the DLRR foster program, and fully accept the risks that go along with that participation. With these risks in mind, I agree to waive, release, and covenant not to sue over any and all rights or claims for damages which I or my heirs may have against DLRR, its members, directors, and officers, arising from any property damage or personal injury which I, my children, or my guests might sustain as a result of participating in the fostering process, even though such rights or claims might arise out of the negligence of DLRR, its members, directors, or officers. This waiver is binding upon myself, my children, and my guests. I agree to inform my guests of the existence and contents of this waiver.
12. DLRR dogs are only to be adopted to an approved adopter who has completed a home visit from a member of the Home Visit team.
13. Fosters should make sure their pet dogs are up to date on all vaccinations, especially Bordetella (Kennel Cough), which should be given to Fosters' pet dogs every six months. It is also recommended that Fosters use a tick preventive on their pet dogs. DLRR applies tick killers such as Frontline on all new intakes from the county pounds, however it can take some time for those to be totally effective, and live ticks have occasionally been found on DLRR dogs when they reach foster homes.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

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Mail Completed Application to:

Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue

ATTN: Foster Home Coordinator

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Glendale, AZ 85318

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Foster families must be members of DLRR. If you are not yet a member, please fill out a membership application form and send to the above address along with a check for \$10