

**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?  YES  NO  SOME ARE  
If some are not neutered, why not?
10. Have you ever had to relinquish a dog?  YES  NO  
If yes, list circumstances:
11. Have you owned a Labrador Retriever before?  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. How did you hear about DLRR?

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### 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, 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. They must be isolated from any other dogs in the home until a veterinary examination and inoculations have been provided. DLRR will supply a crate if needed.
2. If, upon arrival, the foster home suspects the Lab may be aggressive, the foster home is to immediately contact the Intake Coordinator or the Adoption Coordinator, who will confer with members of the Board to determine whether to accept or reject the Labrador Retriever. If the foster home suspects the Lab is not a purebred Labrador Retriever, the same procedures should be followed.
3. DLRR will not be responsible for any damage caused by a foster dog who 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 Foster Home Coordinator if any medical treatment is needed for the dog. This should be done prior to performing the treatment. If treatment is given on an emergency basis, the Foster Home coordinator must be notified as soon as possible. Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue will only pay for those treatments authorized by the Foster Home Coordinator or those performed in an emergency situation. In

the case of a medical emergency, the dog should be taken to the nearest veterinary clinic or the nearest emergency veterinary clinic if after regular hours. Notify the Foster Home Coordinator and 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 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 Labrador in any way, but to **immediately** notify DLRR if you cannot keep this dog as a foster.
9. The foster home should determine when the dog is ready to be adopted and notify the Adoption Coordinator. Potential adopters are referred to the foster home by the Adoption Coordinator
10. The foster home understands that this is not an adoption and the dog is property of DLRR. Should the foster home decide to adopt the dog, they will have to do it separately and go through the established 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.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail Completed Application to:**

*Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue*

*ATTN: Foster Home Coordinator*

*P.O. Box 1347*

*Litchfield Park, AZ 85340-1347*

*480-899-LABS*

***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 \$20***