



# Foster Care Program

Adoption of a basset can sometimes take awhile which leaves us with two alternatives - kenneling (which can be expensive) and foster care.

While foster care is not everyone's ideal in terms of a pet, it can be a very worthwhile experience, but there are considerations.

First off, just what exactly does foster care mean and entail?

Well, it goes far beyond simply providing a home atmosphere while WHBR secures a permanent residence for the basset. For starters, foster families not only care for the basset, but also evaluate it first-home to provide valuable insight into the dog and the best type of home for permanent placement.

And, furthermore, you provide the much-needed love for an animal which, in most instances has been abandoned or simply "turned in" by its owners.

The length of stay in your home will vary from a few days to potentially several months, but you will receive all the support you need from the WBHR. Such assistance ranges from payment for medications to necessary veterinary services.



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So, any questions?

1) What do we need to do to become a foster family?

Simple, just complete our fostering application form and WHBR will review your situation, arrange for a home visit and discuss the fostering program and any concerns with you personally.

2) What are some of the basic requirements for fostering?

Love and care are the first two key elements! But, beyond that, we look for a safe environment (a fenced yard, dog-friendly house and someone gone not more than 10 hours during the day). Situations and circumstances vary with locale and the individual dog itself so don't give up before you try!

3) How much notice do we receive if approved?

This is a difficult question as it depends upon the number of bassets requiring foster care, their physical condition upon entering the program, etc., but once we are ready to place a pet in your care you will receive anywhere from three days notice to a week. Of course, we will arrange everything in consideration of your personal schedule.

4) How long will we foster the basset?

Again, a bit difficult to answer. Younger dogs are adopted out quicker than senior dogs so the length of stay varies considerably. As much as we prefer not to keep dogs on the move, if your basset turns out not to be a good fit for you, WBHR will work on alternatives. We completely understand you have a life as well!

5) What do we need to provide?

As noted, love and care as well as a safe environment, but we also look to foster families to help dogs readjust especially if they have come from a troubled situation. Of course, food must be provided, but as with medical care, adjunct veterinary services, etc. WBHR can assist financially in some instances.

Of course, there are probably many other questions you might have so please do not hesitate to discuss the fostering program directly with us.

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# Fostering Application

To begin the application process with Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue, please provide the following information as completely as possible to us via email, FAX or postal service. Please note that submitting this initial information does not automatically approve you for fostering. Additional documents may be sent to you as well as coordinating arrangements for a home visit.

Successful fostering depends upon both the selection of the right basset for your household and your understanding of the care-taking needs.

Name: (husband & wife, if married)

Name & phone number of veterinarian

Your address, including city, state and zip

Home Phone

Work Phone & Work Hours

Two References - non-relative (include name & phone number)

Do you own or rent your home? (If you rent, please provide your landlord's name and phone number)

Type of Dwelling: House, Condo/Townhouse, Apartment, Mobile Home

Do you have a fenced area or yard for the dog?

(If yes, type of fence - length, width, & height)

(If no, what arrangements will you have for the dog's exercise and toilet duties?)

Have you ever owned a dog before? (If yes, what breed)

Have you ever owned a basset hound before?

Do you presently have other animals? (If yes, provide type, breed, gender, if altered, and how long you have owned them)

How many adults in household?

How many children in household and ages and genders?

How do other family members feel about fostering a basset?

Is anyone home during the day? At night?

Is anyone in the home allergic to dogs?

Are you willing to housetrain the dog if necessary?

Where will the dog be kept during the day? At night? When you are away from home?



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*Falsifying answers on this application, or at any time during the foster care process, will disqualify you from fostering.*