

MINNESOTA BASSET RESCUE FOSTER HOME POLICY

To qualify to foster for MNBR you must:

- Be 21 years of age or older.
- Have consent from your landlord/property management to have a dog.
- Have all residents apply and be approved to foster if you are an owner or a tenant and share common space. Any changes in living arrangements must be disclosed and approved.
- Have all dogs in the home over 6 months old spayed/neutered, unless there are extenuating circumstances and meet our vetting requirements. For dogs, we require rabies, distemper, and annual heartworm tests and preventatives. For cats, we require rabies and distemper.
- Agree to have a home visit done by one of our volunteers. The volunteer will need to see the areas of the home where the dog will be allowed and visit with family members and current pets.
- Agree to use one MNBR's approved veterinarians.

As the safety and well-being of our dogs is our primary concern, the following policies apply:

- Fosters agree that the dog will be a house pet and will receive all care and attention necessary to ensure its health and well-being. Fosters will provide adequate food, fresh water, shelter, socialization, exercise, indoor sleeping quarters, and veterinary care as recommended by an attending veterinarian.
- Fosters will work with their liaison to ensure their foster dog meets our requirements for veterinary care (vaccinations, spay/neuter, microchip, heartworm testing, preventatives, etc.) and receives any training or behavior modification needed.
- Dogs must be fostered for a minimum of two weeks to be evaluated for behavioral/medical issues unless an exception is given by the adoption coordinator. While the actual length of stay averages around a month, foster homes must be prepared for longer depending on health or behavior.
- If MNBR believes that the foster dog will be allowed to run free off leash or out of immediate control, foster home status will be denied/rescinded. If a family has another dog that can roam free, they may be considered unacceptable to foster a basset due to the basset's nature to roam.
- The foster dog cannot be left outside while family members are at work or are not present in the home. When outside, the foster dog will never be left unattended if staked out or chained. Foster dogs cannot have access to a doggie door while unsupervised.
- Fosters agree that the dog will always wear the MNBR collar provided along with the MNBR ID tag and will follow any state and local laws.
- Fosters will not transport the dog in a pick-up truck bed, open or closed trailer, or boat/trailer and will not take the dog on a boat unless the dog is closely monitored and wearing a flotation vest.
- A dog will not be fostered in apartments above the second floor in buildings without an elevator, and if the home has a swimming pool, it must be fenced, and the foster dog must not have access.
- Those with current foster dogs must notify MNBR at least two weeks prior to any change of address.
- Fosters will not transfer the foster dog to any other person without first obtaining the consent of MNBR. Fosters will notify MNBR immediately if the rescue dog becomes lost or stolen.
- Fosters will consult with their liaison and use their best judgment when going to a dog park to ensure it is an appropriate place for their foster dog. Foster dogs visiting a dog park should be vaccinated and healthy, familiar with their foster family, and socialize well with other dogs. Dog parks should be secure and fully fenced and foster(s) should not exceed the maximum required dogs per handler or bring more dogs than they can responsibly handle.



Rescue. Renew. Rehome.

As the safety and well-being of our fosters is also important to us, the following policies apply:

- Dogs will not be fostered by families with children under the age of 6 unless the dog has previously lived with young children. Foster home applications for families with very young children will be reviewed by both the Foster Home Coordinator and the Adoption Coordinator.
- If the temperament of the dog, whether known or unknown, warrants obedience training, the foster family must agree to fulfill any training needs. This may be achieved through consultation with a behaviorist selected by MNBR, the cost of which MNBR will be responsible for.

Additional fostering policies that apply:

- To ensure that each foster dog receives proper care and attention, foster homes will be limited to two MNBR foster dogs except in the case of litters, bonded sets of three, or emergencies. Each household will be limited to four dogs total, including foster dogs.
- Foster dogs will be assigned to foster homes at the board's discretion based on several factors including fit, location, proximity to approved veterinarians, experience, availability, and interest.
- The goal of MNBR is to rescue, renew, and rehome. Fosters must work with the adoption coordinator to prepare their foster dog for adoption (behaviorally and medically) and to provide pictures, descriptions, and preferences that can be passed on to potential adopters. Fosters must be willing to attend adoption events and travel (within reason) to attend meet-and-greets with potential adopters.
- The board may relocate a foster dog, at their discretion, in order to increase their adoptability.
- Fosters may post about their foster dogs on social media, but should be mindful of their privacy settings, audience, and content. Fosters agree not to post confidential information, opinions not in-line with MNBR policies, or dissatisfaction with MNBR policies.
- Fosters must communicate regularly with both their foster liaison and the adoption coordinator as to the status of their foster dog and must respond to inquiries within 24 hours.

Fosters agree to take the dog as is with all defects either observable or unobservable and assume full responsibility for the dog for the duration of the fostering. Great care is given to the physical condition and temperament evaluation of each dog that is accepted into MNBR. Though every possible effort is made to provide a dog that is compatible with the foster(s) home, no warranty is made as to the physical condition and temperament of the dog. Upon fostering, the foster(s) assumes responsibility for the rescue dog's actions and shall hold MNBR, and its individual members free from all claims for personal injury, injury to others, and/or property damage associated with the foster.

If, at any time during the dog's stay with the foster, the dog is treated in a manner inconsistent with these policies, this agreement will become void and MNBR will reclaim custody of the dog.

Signature _____ Date _____

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