

LEOS IN NEED RESCUE, INC

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FOSTER APPLICATION

In order to assess your home and lifestyle for the foster of a rescue Leonberger, please answer the following questions. LIN will hold your application information in confidence and use it only for the purposes of matching a rescue dog with your home and lifestyle. Please answer all of the questions as completely and honestly as possible; by providing more information you increase the chance that both your needs and the needs of the dog will be served. You must include a telephone number in order for LIN to process your application. *PLEASE – write legibly!*

Fostering a dog from Leos In Need Rescue, Inc. in your home is a generous, kind and essential way that you can help save abandoned Leonbergers. Leos find themselves in rescue for a variety of reasons. Many rescue dogs are wonderful pets caught in a bad situation such as a job transfer, divorce, economic hardship, illness or death of their owner. There are other situations where the Leonberger comes into rescue because the owner sees it as a problem dog and the family can no longer deal with the dog's personality, size or irritating habits. Some of the dogs that come into Leos In Need Rescue, Inc. spent their lives in commercial puppy mills or animal auctions. These dogs, while filled with potential, will need the most work to become a wonderful family member. The last category holds the Special Needs Leos: given up by their owners because they have a physical condition that needs ongoing medical care that the owners are unable or unwilling to continue, or senior dogs owned by those do not want responsibility for potential age-related health issues. These Special Needs Leonbergers will return your love ten-fold if you give them the chance.

While we will attempt to evaluate every Leonberger before placement in foster homes, please be advised that as a foster home, you will be on the "front lines." A foster Leonberger can be a perfect, move-in companion, or it can arrive at your house with lots of baggage that needs sorting out. In addition to keeping your foster Leo safe and healthy, your observations of temperament, diet tolerance and obedience level will be important in helping LIN to select the best forever home for this dog. Leos In Need Rescue, Inc. will stay closely in contact with you as you foster. We will make sure that you never feel as though you are fostering alone.

Please take the time to fill out the following application as completely as possible. We understand that some of the questions may seem too personal or invasive, but this information enables LIN to achieve better results for you and the dogs. We will keep your application to foster on file and contact you as soon as a Leonberger that is appropriate for your home and lifestyle becomes available. Thank you for your interest and your support.

Applicant's Name _____
Spouse _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
Email Address _____
Foster Leonberger Preference: Male _____ Female _____ No preference _____

About your family household and lifestyle

If you are married or share your home with another adult, does your spouse or partner support adding a Leonberger to your family? Please include their signature affirming so here: _____.

Do you work outside the home? _____ Occupation? _____

Work hours _____

Does your spouse/partner work outside the home? _____ Occupation?

Work hours _____

Do you have children at home? _____ How many? _____

Please list your children's names and ages:

If you have children at home, do they know how to handle dogs in the proper way? _____ If they have no experience with dogs, are you prepared to teach them? _____

Do any family members have allergies? _____ If so, to what?

Do others live with you that will have contact with this Leonberger? _____ -

_____ -
If yes, please explain the relationship _____

Do you entertain at home? _____ If "yes," where will this Leonberger be when you have company?

Do you travel out of town? _____ If "yes," where will this Leonberger stay in your absence?

Do you participate in hobbies or sports that take you away from home? _____ If "yes," where will this Leonberger stay in your absence?

Additional comments:

About your house, yard and neighborhood

Do you own your home? ____ Or rent? ____ How long at this address?

If rental, does the lease allow pets? ____ Landlord's name/phone

Is it a single-family home? ____ Condo? ____ Apartment? ____ Mobile home?

Is the yard fenced? ____ Invisible fencing or traditional fencing?

Is the fence wood, chain link, etc.? _____ Fence height?

What size is the fenced area of your yard?

Do you have a pool on your property? ____ If "yes," does your pool have a safety fence?

Do you live in a rural area? ____ Suburban? ____ City?

How close is your home to a busy road?

Is there a school nearby? ____ Grade level?

Is there a park within walking distance?

Is there a community youth center nearby?

How would you describe your neighborhood?

Does your town have a leash law?

Does your town have a limit on the number of dogs per household? ____ Number?

Additional comments:

About prior and current pet ownership

Do you currently own a Leonberger(s) _____ If yes, dog's full name, gender and age:

Did your Leonberger(s) come from a breeder? _____ Rescue? _____ Other?

Have you owned a Leonberger(s) in the past? _____ If "yes," dog's full name:

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If you have never owned a Leonberger, where did you learn about the breed or whose Leonbergers have you met?

Do you currently own any other dogs? _____ If "yes," please describe your current dogs by breed, gender (neutered or spayed) and age:

Have you owned any other dogs in the past? _____ If "yes," please describe the cause(s) of death for dogs or dogs you have owned in the past:

Do you have any cats? _____ If "yes," how many? _____ Are they declawed?

Are your cats socialized to dogs?

Do you have any other pets in your home (birds, reptiles, guinea pigs, etc)? _____ If "yes," please describe those animal(s) and its containment:

Do you have any other animals on your property (horses, goats, sheep, chickens, etc.)?

If "yes," please describe those animal(s) and its containment:

About responsibility for a fostered Leonberger

Who will be the primary caregiver for this Leonberger?

Where will this Leonberger sleep?

Where will this Leonberger spend time during the day?

Do you intend to keep this Leonberger primarily indoors or outdoors?

What part(s) of the house and yard will you allow this Leonberger to access? _____

Will this Leonberger have access to the outdoors when left alone?

How do you intend to feed this Leonberger (e.g. times per day, free feeding)? _____

What kind of food will you feed this Leonberger?

What is your reaction to excessive shedding?

Describe the type and duration of exercise this Leonberger will receive _____

Have you ever obedience trained a dog?

Are you willing to work on socialization and obedience training with this dog?

Please mark as many of the following as you would feel comfortable of handling in a foster Leonberger: aggression/bite history _____ fear _____ geriatric conditions _____ housebreaking _____ medical _____ shyness _____ socialization _____

Why do you want to foster a Leonberger?

What age Leonberger would you prefer to foster?

Are you interested in fostering an older Leonberger? _____ If "yes," would you prefer to take in a Male? _____ Female? _____ No preference _____

What is the ideal length of time that you would want to foster a Leonberger?

If a forever home is not found for your foster Leonberger before your ideal time range ends, could you be flexible and consider keeping the foster dog longer?

Do you know of any time-periods or annual events during which you are NOT able to foster (e.g., time share rental, summer heat, etc.)?

Veterinarian information

Veterinary Clinic Name:

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip _____ Telephone:

Your vet's name:

Your vet's office hours:

If your vet office is not a 24-hour facility, where will you take this Leonberger in case of an after-hours emergency?

What is the distance between your home and the after-hours emergency vet facility?

I acknowledge that all of the information provided in this Foster Application for a foster Leonberger from Leos In Need Rescue, Inc. is true and correct to the best of my ability:

Applicant's Signature _____ Dated: _____

Applicant's Printed Name _____

Applicant's Spouse/Partner Signature:

Applicant's Spouse/Partner Printed Name:
