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### Prospective Foster Enquiry Form

Thank you for your enquiry about giving a rescued dog a good foster home. Please complete this form and return it to the Rescue above, who will contact you to arrange a home visit. All our Helpers are volunteers, so may not be able to visit you immediately; however they will be in contact as soon as possible.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a major part in a dog's life. **Please note we are not able to accept applications from fosterers where there are children under the age of 14 accessing the home regularly (unless under agreed circumstances) or where there is an adult who is considered vulnerable living at the home ie an elderly person. This is due to the size and power of our rescue dogs and for your protection.**

Before completing the form, please ask yourself honestly if you are in a position to give a large breed rescue dog a space in your life. Rescue dogs often come with baggage and will need some time and patience to settle in and begin to trust again. Please remember that most dogs rescued may have very limited or no accurate history and their past lives are often abusive or neglectful. Are you fully prepared to help the dog learn to love again? Will you commit to continue the behavioural training or health needs regime that our volunteers have begun and stick to it?

If you can honestly say yes to the above, then please continue.....a dog needs you and we would love you to be a fosterer for Saving Saints Recue UK.

Your Name .....

Address.....

..... Postcode.....

Please request to see 2 forms of ID (one photo) and one showing this address

Home Tel. No.: ..... Work Tel No: .....

Mobile No..... Email: .....

Please state your preferred form of contact from above .....

**Your accommodation**

What type of property do you live in? .....

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Is your property owned or rented? .....

If rented, do you have proof of landlord's permission to own a large breed dog? .....

Do you live in an urban environment (town) or more in the country? .....

How large is the external area that the dog would have access to? .....

How high is the fence? .....

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Do you have your own transport? .....

Is the dog to live in the house/garage/outside in a kennel?.....

Have you considered any noise pollution aspects for neighbours? .....

**Fostering a St Bernard or giant dog**

What do you consider the likely cost of weekly feeding to be? £ .....

What do you consider the daily amount of exercise for a fully grown adult to be? .....

How do you plan to keep your dog clean and groomed? .....

What health risks do St Bernard's have specifically? .....

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Do you have any holidays planned within the next 6 months? If so, please give dates and how your dog will be looked after during holiday periods

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Please note details below regarding who lives in your home on a regular basis:

<b>Number</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Hours out of home</b>
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Adults

Children

Do children visit regularly? If so, what are their ages? .....

Does anyone in the home have a lowered immune system or an auto-immune disorder?

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### **What dog is suitable for you and your prior pet experience**

Have you ever had any animal removed from you for any reason or had expression of concern raised by a dog warden or RSPCA officer regarding welfare or behaviour? YES/NO \* please delete. If so, please explain the circumstances fully below:

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Have you ever been convicted for any offence under the Dangerous Dog Act? YES/NO \* please delete. If so, please explain the circumstances fully .....

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What experience do you have of owning problematic large breed dogs? Please state the positives and negatives?

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Do have experience of muzzle training a dog? Please state what methods you use if so .....

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What do you consider are the key qualities required of a fosterer? .....,....

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Please state if other pets live within the home or visit regularly? .....

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Do you have a dog now that would live with our rescue dog? If so, please give a detailed history of your dog's behaviour towards other dogs re: food protection/walking/meeting and greeting/dominance behaviours, any aggressive incidents towards people or other animals:

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### **What is your ideal foster dog?**

Should there be a choice do you prefer a DOG/BITCH/EITHER\* please delete

Please indicate minimum age ..... to .....maximum age

Would you consider taking two dogs who have grown up together? .....

Please think very carefully before continuing the application process for fostering. Many of the dogs we rehome have had enormous change and life adjustment. Your role as a fosterer is often to help us ascertain the dog's suitability for permanent adoption and if so, what type of environment is appropriate for it long term. It is a critical role and we thank you for considering it. We are often unaware of the dog's full life and health history and during a period of foster behavioural assessment is ongoing. **Safety of you and others must be our main priority** so accurate feedback and honesty on the dog's behaviour is an important part of your role.

Have you applied to any other Rescue organisations for a foster dog? YES/NO \* please delete. If so, which ones are you waiting to hear from?

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Please state how you heard about us? .....

### **What happens if the foster dog isn't right for you?**

We do ask that all fosterers keep the dog at least for two weeks as it can take some dogs longer than others to settle and that if for any reason you feel that you need the dog

rehomed that you give us 5 days to find alternative arrangements. Any problems or issues that you need help with, we are only a phone call away, or contact us via our email address to our Rescue and Adoption Co-Ordinator.

### **What happens if your circumstances change and you are no longer able to continue fostering?**

We appreciate that life circumstances happen and sometimes ill health or other family changes occur which are unplanned. Please let us know if your circumstances change and cause you to no longer be able to continue as a fosterer. We will take responsibility for the foster dog as soon as possible and place it elsewhere.

### **When the dog is ready to move on**

We understand that you and others in your family may have formed a strong bond with a foster dog in your care and letting that go can be a difficult process for all. We will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible when agreement has been reached that a foster dog is now ready for permanent adoption. Part of the placement of that dog with a permanent adopter will involve your input as much as possible in terms of assessing the prospective owner's suitability. Many of our fosterers remain in contact with the adoptive dog's permanent owners.

### **Our terms and conditions of fostering**

You are given access to a copy of our handbook and terms and conditions online. Please ensure that you read our policies thoroughly including our Privacy policy and how we use and store your data which is not shared with any other party other than our home check assessor. By signing below you agree to the terms and conditions relevant to becoming a member of St Bernard and Big Paws Rescue UK Rescue and fosterer of a dog.

Please note that during the period of foster the dog is owned by us. If the dog requires any veterinary input, this cost will be agreed and met by us. A condition of fostering is that food, general care and grooming costs are met by the fosterer and we appreciate your ongoing support which enables us to rescue more dogs. As it is a requirement that every dog in the UK has a dog tag with current address, we ask that you obtain one for your period of fostering. The dog will remain microchipped to ourselves. If for any reason, issues arise that require euthanasia to be considered it is important (health or behavioural) that you contact us as soon as possible. Please ensure you read our dog euthanasia policy within the handbook.

Please note that our insurance will only cover the third party liability aspects of fostering the dog **when behavioural advice is strictly followed**. This includes keeping the dog on a lead which is securely fastened by a head collar into a neck collar at all times when out of the home environment; ensuring that the dog is kept in a secure environment within the home/immediate external area with adequate security measures in place such as a 'two

closed door rule'. Muzzling is often appropriate during a period of behavioural assessment and this will be advised at the time of accepting the dog. Due to past abuse, some of our dogs are extremely reactive to people unknown, children and other animals. Until the dog has been adequately behaviourally tested, please assume that the dog is **not** to be allowed access to any other animals or children under the age of 14 unsupervised **at any time**. The foster dog must **never** be left unsupervised and unrestrained with any person other than yourself.

By signing below you agree to a representative from St Bernard and Big Paws Rescue UK Rescue visiting to ascertain the welfare of the dog at regular intervals

**Full name of applicant:**.....

**Signed by applicant (over the age of 18 years):** .....

**Date:** .....

Please return this form to the address below or via email to [savingsaintsrescueuk@outlook.com](mailto:savingsaintsrescueuk@outlook.com)

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**Our Rescue and Adoption Co-ordinator:**

Sonia Plevin Tel: 07828 001032. Please remember that all of our helpers are volunteers but we will endeavour to reply to your enquiry within 24 hours.