

## Foster Home Opportunities Available!

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Newf Friends currently has volunteer foster home opportunities available and we'd love to hear from you!

Fostering a Newf awaiting his/her adoption is a very rewarding, hands on experience; one that truly makes a difference in the life of a Newf in need, and one that we are sure will enrich your life too.

Foster opportunities are available throughout Ontario. Costs incurred while fostering (ie. medical care, etc.) are fully covered by Newf Friends; all you need to provide is a home filled with love and understanding for your new house guest!

Fostering is the perfect opportunity to meet and share a part of your life with so many wonderful characters. Taking part in the happy endings when they find their "forever homes", knowing you brought happiness to the adoptive family and truly gave a special dog a second chance at life is rewarding beyond words.

Fostering can bring companionship into your life, and/or the life of your own dog(s), without the long-term, financial aspect of dog ownership. Most Newfs requiring a foster home are well adjusted dogs finding themselves homeless through no fault of their own, but rather a change in their previous owners life such as divorce, a new baby, a new job or re-locating. Newf Friends takes great care in placing the right Newf into the right home to ensure a perfect match and this extends to foster homes as well.

If you are interested in learning more about our foster program and have a stable, loving home to offer a homeless dog in need, whether it be on a short term basis only, longer term, during emergency situations only, etc., please complete our foster application below. One of our volunteers will be in contact with you soon.

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**Completing this application does not put the applicant or the rescue group under any obligation. All information is kept strictly confidential.**

**Application MUST be completed in full.**

### Contact Information

Date:

Name:

Address:

City:

Province/State:

Postal Code/Zip Code:

Home Telephone#:

Work Telephone#:

Email:

When is the best time to reach you?

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## Family and Home Information

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How many adults are living in the home (please provide name/age):

Does anyone in your family smoke?

Do you have any children living in the home? Yes                      No

Please list the ages of the children living in your home:

Do you have children (eg. grandchildren), visiting your home regularly?

If so, please list their ages:

Does any family member have allergies to animals? Yes    No

If yes, please explain:

Is your yard **FULLY** enclosed by a fence and gated?    Yes            No

Please describe your fencing.

If your yard is not fully fenced, how do you intend to keep the Newfoundland Dog safe while out for potty breaks?

Please describe your home: (Detached, semi-detached, townhouse, apartment, condo)

Please describe your style of home: (bungalow, split level)

What type of flooring do you have?

Will your foster be required to go down steps to get outside to the potty area?

Have you ever owned a Newfoundland Dog before? If so, where did you get the dog (breeder name, etc.)

If you have not previously owned a Newf, have you researched the Newfoundland Dog breed to learn about their unique characteristics, idiosyncrasies, potential health issues, etc?    Yes            No

If not, please review the links posted on our web page.

Have you ever fostered dogs before? If yes, for which rescue?

Why are you interested in fostering Newfs?

Are there any Newfoundland Dog characteristics that you find unappealing or have concern about?

**If you currently have pets in the home, please complete the following  
to aid us in placing a compatible foster Newf in your home:**

Please list the age, breed and gender of other dogs in home:

Are they spayed/neutered? Yes            No

If not spayed/neutered, please explain why:

Are these dogs obedience trained? Yes      No

How does your dog(s) react to other dogs?

What is your current dog(s) personality? (ie. Dominant, submissive)

What is your current dogs activity level? (High energy, playful, reserved, quiet)

How does your current dog(s) behave around food, toys, receiving attention, etc.? (possessive, aloof)

Does your current dog have a preference or a dislike for male or female dogs?

How well does your current dog walk on leash?

Do you have any other pets in the home? Yes      No

If so, please specify:

How do these pets react to other dogs?

What has happened to any dogs you have owned in the past?

Have you ever given an animal up?

If you've given an animal up, what were the circumstances?

Do you breed Newfoundland Dogs?

If so, what is your kennel name?

## **Care of Foster Newfoundland Dog**

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How long would the Newfoundland Dog be left alone during a typical day?

Are you willing to house-train a Newfoundland Dog?

Are you willing to groom out a Newfoundland who has extensive matting?

Where will you keep the Newfoundland Dog during the day?

Where will you keep the Newfoundland Dog at night?

How will you alleviate the Newfoundland Dog's boredom during your absences from the home (eg. while at work)?

How do all family members feel about...

living with a giant breed dog:

drooling:

shedding:

dog odor:

grooming:

cleaning up after your dog:

## **Fostering Preferences:**

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Please indicate the type of fostering you are willing to offer:

Emergency Fostering (on short term notice)

Short Term Fostering (up to a couple weeks)

Longer Term Fostering (a few weeks or longer)

Would you be willing to communicate with screened, potential adopters regarding your foster Newf in order to help him/her find the best home possible?

Would you be willing and able to travel any distance to pick up a foster Newf ? IF yes, how far?

Would you be willing to crate train if necessary?

Do you have an available crate?

Do you have room for a crate if we provide one?

Would you be interested in fostering and working with a Newf with a behavioural issue?  
Eg. dominance, food possessive, shy/timid, separation anxiety, etc.

If yes, what experience do you have working with behavioural issues?

Are there behavioural issues you are not willing to deal with?

Would you consider a Newfoundland Dog with special medical needs? Yes No

If yes, do you have experience with special needs animals? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

What are the characteristics of a Newf who you think would be an ideal foster?

What characteristics do you think would be the most challenging for you in a foster?

We are a division of HART All Breed rescue and many of our foster families choose to also foster for the All Breed division. Would you be interested in fostering breeds other than Newfs? If so, are there any breeds that you would rather not foster?

Would you be interested in other volunteer activities, such as:

Transporting Newfs

Fundraising

Checking shelter websites for Newfs in need

Conducting home visits with potential adopters

Doing reference checks on potential adopters

Please add any additional comments you may have:

## References

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Do you own or rent your home? Own Rent

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you rent, you **MUST** include the name **AND** the contact information for your landlord or property manager.

Name of landlord:

Landlord phone number:

**Please list a veterinary reference, whom we may contact, who knows or has known you and your animals.**

Name of Clinic and Veterinarian:

Veterinarian's phone number:

**\*\* Very Important! Please be sure to let your veterinarian know we will be calling them, and be sure to give them permission to speak with us. \*\***

Please list a personal reference, whom we may contact, who knows or has known you and your animals.

Name:

Relationship:

Phone number:

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**Thank you for your interest in becoming a foster volunteer**

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Please return your completed application to us by email or mail. We are a volunteer run organization so it may take a few days for us to contact you. We sincerely appreciate your patience.

Email: [newf.friends@gmail.com](mailto:newf.friends@gmail.com)