**Wine Country Bully Rescue**

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ABOUT BECOMING A WCBR FOSTER PARENT

Welcome to WCBR

Thank you for your interest in fostering for WCBR! Our foster families are truly special and essential in our rescue organization. The value of our fosters is priceless and will never be overlooked. It is through a foster's kindness and willingness to open their hearts and homes to neglected and abused dogs that helps us help these innocent victims of abuse and neglect.

How to Become a WCBR Foster Parent

To become a WCBR Foster Parent, applicants must:

* be at least 21 years old
* complete a WCBR Foster Application*,* available by clicking the *Foster Application* button on our website at [*www.winecountrybullyrescue.org*](http://www.winecountrybullyrescue.org)
* successfully pass a scheduled home check.

When all is approved, our WCBR Foster Program Coordinator will be welcoming you on board the emotional roller coaster of pit bull and bully breed rescue!

About our WCBR Foster Program

To help offset the expense to the foster parents, WCBR will provide food and medical expenses for the WCBR dogs in their care. WCBR will also provide collars with ID tags, leashes and a kennel for each foster dog. Upon placement of the dog in a permanent home, we ask that the (unconsumed) items be returned to WCBR so that they may be used for other dogs in the program.

In addition to the adoption campaigns launched by WCBR to find the perfect family for each dog in our program, we encourage all foster families to campaign on behalf of the WCBR dog(s) in their care, as well. We are all volunteers serving the common cause of rescuing, caring for and re-homing dogs in *desperate* need of a permanent, loving family. The more our community comes together, the better the chances are that WCBR dogs will find a safe place to rest their heads each night.

In addition to providing the long-overdue love that WCBR dogs so desperately need, foster parents are asked to provide the structure for the dogs that many adopters are looking for in a new family member. Rescued dogs come to us from all walks of life, so this task of setting rules, boundaries and limitations is not always an easy one.

We ask WCBR foster parents to provide biographical information and pictures about the dog(s) as they get to know and understand their unique personalities. Foster families are the only ones that can provide accurate assessments of the dogs in their care and are often the best sources of information. This information will be included in the dog's bio which will be provided to potential adopters.

Foster families are also called upon to transport and oversee the dogs in their care at local adoption events and scheduled appointments whenever possible, as requested by the WCBR Foster Program Coordinator. If a foster parent cannot transport the dog(s) in their care, then they may be asked to work with a volunteer to schedule a time for the dog to be picked up in order to meet scheduled appointments.

Some Questions to Ask Yourself Before Becoming a Foster Parent

* **Can you separate your foster animal from your own pets?** For the health and safety of our pets and yours, we ask that you keep foster animals separated from your own pets until you have determined that the animal is healthy and socialized.
* **Are you willing to assume the risk of exposing your pets to a foster animal that may be harboring an illness?** No matter how careful we are, there is always a chance that a foster animal could become ill, potentially putting your own pets at risk. It is **mandatory** that all of your pets be current with their vaccinations. However, some diseases have no vaccination available to prevent them.
* **Are you emotionally prepared to handle the death of a foster animal?** We cannot predict the future health of many animals that go into foster care. If a foster animal becomes sick or displays inappropriate aggression, it may be necessary to euthanize it. This can be a very emotional and heartbreaking time.
* **Are you able to spend quality time with your foster animal?** Foster animals, especially puppies, can be very time-consuming and demanding. Socialization of our pets is just as important as good food, fresh water and a clean place to live.
* **Are you able to make the required time commitment to foster a dog?** The time commitment varies depending on each animal's situation. If you are unable to meet the time commitment needed to care for a foster animal, then please don't agree to become a foster parent. If you find the foster animal requires more time than you originally anticipated, please let us know. We will work with you to place the pet in another foster home.
* **Do you understand that all animals in the foster program remain the property of Wine Country Bully Rescue?** We appreciate your willingness to help. Please keep in mind that although you have temporary care of an animal, it still belongs to WCBR and decisions regarding your foster animal must always be made by WCBR staff. Please know there is always the option to permanently adopt your foster animal.