

INDY GREAT PYRENEES RESCUE INC. FOSTER SURVEY

To begin your foster process of a rescued Great Pyrenees, we ask that you answer the questions below. We place the majority of our dogs as inside pets with outside privileges and require a securely fenced yard,, however, we do occasionally need outdoor foster situations for working dogs coming into rescue. We do allow our fence jumping dogs to go to foster situations where they would be walked for exercise and potty time.

We do require all animals in the household to be neutered or spayed, unless there is a medical reason why your resident animals cannot be sterilized, to make for more agreeable socialization with your pets and the rescued dog, and so we don't have anymore unwanted animals in the world.

Once we have your information, we then hold your application until a Great Pyrenees (Pyr) who meets most of your criteria comes into rescue that would be a good fit for you to foster with the other animals in your household. We post all our available pyrs needing homes on petfinder.com, so check our website frequently at www.igpr.org and let us know if you see a pyr you would like to foster, who is listed as needing foster home.

Once we have information on a pyr we know we will be getting into rescue, we contact you about fostering the dog. Keep in mind these are orphan dogs, so they may not meet all of your "wish list" qualities, but we will contact you about those who we believe are a good match for you and your current four legged residents. A foster dog may be with you a few days, weeks, or even months. Please let us know if you have time constraints that you will be able to foster within.

We make arrangements for the dog to be neutered or spayed, if it is not already, micro- chipped, updated on all vaccinations, heartworm and parasite tested, and given heartworm and flea preventative before being adopted. Once you have your foster dog, if you decide they have become a member of the family you just can't part with them, please notify us as soon as possible. Our standard adoption fee is \$300.

A home visit and fence check will be conducted either before you foster the pyr, upon delivery of the dog, or shortly thereafter. Please don't be offended if we ask you to make modifications for your foster dog in your home or with your fencing, it is in both your best interests.

You may think this is a lot of effort to go through to foster a dog. Yes, it is! These are dogs who have already lost the only home they knew, and it is our organization's responsibility to find them a temporary home on the way to their forever home, where they can be loved, well cared for, and a part of your family for a short time.

Thanks for your interest in helping a rescued Great Pyrenees.

This questionnaire is prepared for the benefit of you, the prospective foster, and the Great Pyrenees that you plan to have become a part of your family on a temporary basis. Please answer all questions thoroughly. If you need more space, please attach additional sheets.

Date:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

Occupation(s):

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Number of adults in the household:

Pyrs are very tolerant and calm with young children. Their biggest problem being, that due to their large size, they can unintentionally knock over small children.

Number of Children in the household:

Please list sex and ages of children:

Are you willing to teach children who come into contact with your dog how to behave, such as not pulling their hair, tail or ears, taking things out of their mouth, putting their face in the dog's face, taking food away from the dog when it is eating?

It is the policy of Indy Great Pyrenees Rescue to only place dogs as inside pets with outside privileges and securely fenced yards. Pyrs do not do well with wireless/underground fencing. They tend to ignore the shocks, and due to their protective nature, can harm other animals coming onto your property.

Pyrs NEED SUPERVISION. This breed does not "stick" close to home. They cannot walk to the mailbox with you unleashed. They can be obedience trained, but they are not Golden Retrievers. They were bred as guard dogs, and they will roam over a wide area if allowed. Do you have a fenced yard?

If your yard is not fenced, how do you plan to secure the dog when it is outside?

If your yard is fenced, please describe the approximate size of the fenced area, height, and type of fencing material:

Are you aware of the importance of keeping a dog on a leash or in a fenced in area when it goes outside?

Why do you want to foster a Great Pyrenees?

What do you know about the breed?

What other breeds of dogs have you owned?

Where did you get them?

What happened to them?

Please list the dogs (breed, gender, spayed/neutered, age) currently in your household:

Please list any other pets, including breed, gender, spayed/neutered and ages living in your household:

Name Breed Gender Spayed /Neutered? Age

Who will be responsible for the care and training of the dog?

Approximately how long would you expect your dog to be alone each day?

Are you familiar with crate training?

If no, would you be willing to learn more about it and consider the use of a crate as a training and transitional aid?

Where will your foster dog be kept during time alone?

Where will the pyr sleep at night?

Are you willing to modify your daily schedule to accommodate a dog's needs, such as going outdoors into a fenced area or walking on a leash to perform bodily functions at least four times daily?

In addition to regular life at home, would your dog:

Walk routinely with a family member?

Go to obedience classes?

Go to your place of business with you?

Travel with you?

Be a playmate for your children or other pets?

Do you currently have a veterinarian? If so, please provide the contact information:

Veterinarian:

Clinic Name:

Clinic Address:

Clinic Phone Number:

What name are the records under?

Do we have your permission to contact your vet?

If no veterinarian reference, please provide two other references with contact information:

Do you own your own home?

If you rent, you must provide written permission from your landlord. Please list landlord's contact information:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

City:

State:

Zipcode

Are you willing to keep your dogs and cats up to date on all vaccine, and heartworm preventative, including kennel cough vaccines for your dogs?

Pyr's are bred to BARK to keep potential animal and human intruders away. It is their way of letting everyone know they are on duty. They especially can be barkers at night. Will this be a problem in your neighborhood?

Will this be a problem in your household ?

Many neighbors do not like barking dogs. Can you accept this?

Pyr's SHED. Are you prepared to groom (brush the dog's coat, clean the ears, trim the nails, including dewclaws) frequently and accept that there will be white hair in your house and on you?

Pyr's DROOL. Typically when you are eating or when you have guests over!, and when they are excited. Will you be tolerant of their wet mouths in your household?

Have you asked yourself whether your lifestyle is so busy that you might not have the time or energy to properly care for a Pyr?

Although the rescue pays for all medical care for the pyr, are you able to provide a good quality food for them and remember to give them their heartworm preventative on a monthly basis?

Are you willing to accept that your Pyr may not like all of your friends or your children's friends, or that your friends may not like your Pyr?

What do you expect from your Pyr?

Do you have any background in dog obedience?

Would you be willing to attend obedience classes if the rescue provides them?

Some rescue Pyrs are not housebroken. Some may have been housebroken prior to coming to their new home, but accidents will happen. Are you prepared to deal with this?

In order to get your foster dog adopted, would you be willing to transport it to adoption events one to three times per month on weekends?

Are you aware it may take some time for your foster dog to assimilate with the other animals in your family? Are you willing to give it some time if there are problems to see if it can be worked out among the animals?

Do you have a preference for a male or female?

Do you have an age preference?

How did you find out about our rescue?

If you foster a pyr, your pyr rescue coordinator would like to receive occasional updates on how your dog is doing in your household. Will you be willing to provide this information?

If you encounter problems with a Pyr you've fostered, our foster agreement will insist that you contact your rescue coordinator right away. Do you agree to keep an open line of communication regarding your foster dog with the rescue?

Thank you for your cooperation. This questionnaire helps us to try to place the right dog with the right fosterer and/or foster family.