

CAROLINA BASSET HOUND RESCUE
FOSTER CARE MANUAL
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1. General Overview and Welcome

Congratulations on becoming a Carolina Basset Hound Rescue Foster Family! We hope that your fostering experience with us will be rewarding and fun.

As part of the approval process for becoming a CBHR Foster Family, you have already had a successful home visit and vet check completed. This manual will provide you reminders and information to help you maintain an approved foster home.

You will continue to be considered an “Active” foster home as long as:

- Family is currently fostering or has fostered within the past 12 months.
- If the lapse in fostering is greater than 1 year, the foster family shall be made inactive in the database.
- Reactivation if done within the 3 years of the last home visit will only require a vet check.
- If reactivation is done greater than 3 years from the last home visit or the family has moved, a full home visit and vet check is required.

1.1. Purpose of Fostering

The purpose of a Foster Home is to place a rescued dog immediately into a stable home environment, rather than a kennel. They come to CBHR from shelters or as strays and we feel that a temporary foster home is the best place for the basset to better adjust to the changes, and hopefully be adopted. The Foster Family helps support the goal of getting the foster dog adopted by providing information, up-to-date photos, and great anecdotes.

1.2. Foster families Adoption of Foster Dog

Our foster families do fall for our bassets and end up adopting their foster dog. **There is a waiting list process for adopting and you need to be aware of this process, so the adoption goes smoothly for both you and the basset’s ‘forever’ home.**

- 1.2.1. No one will be placed on the basset hound’s wait list until the two-week evaluation period (from the time of intake) has been completed. The dog will not be advertised on the web site until the two-week period is up.
- 1.2.2. If the foster family intends to adopt the dog, they must contact the Adoption Manager as soon as possible to request they be put on the dog’s adoption wait list.
- 1.2.3. If the Adoption Manager contacts the foster family about an approved potential adopter, the foster family must discuss any interest in adopting the foster basset hound prior to direct contact with the adoptive family.
- 1.2.4. If the foster family is first on the basset hound’s wait list, the family must make a decision to begin a home trial within 72 hours of being notified that the basset hound has been medically cleared.

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- 1.2.5. If an adoptive family is already on the foster basset hound's waitlist, the adoptive family has first choice of adopting the foster basset hound.
- 1.2.6. If the Adoption Manager is not made aware of the foster person(s) interest in adopting the foster basset hound before they [the foster family] have direct contact with the adoptive family, then the adoptive family will have priority.

1.3. Foster Care Agreement

Read through and sign/return the Foster Care Agreement. This is the contract between You and CBHR and outlines the legal rights and responsibilities of both parties.

1.4. Foster Care Manual

The Foster Care Manual contains samples of several forms you'll come across during the Fostering and Adoption processes as well lots of information helpful to your success as a Foster Home.

1.5. Veterinary Emergencies of Foster Dogs

- 1.5.1. If a life-threatening emergency happens, the foster home should take their foster dog to a veterinarian and call a CBHR officer once at the veterinary clinic.
- 1.5.2. If time permits, a Medical Manager or other officer should be contacted for more instructions about how to proceed to the veterinary hospital. The health and well-being of the CBHR foster dogs is our first priority.
- 1.5.3. Be sure to learn the location and phone numbers of the nearest Emergency Veterinary Clinic.

2. Responsibilities

2.1. CBHR Responsibilities

- 2.1.1. CBHR will provide basic health requirements such as shots, prescription foods, spay/neuter surgery and medications, unless you as a Foster family choose to absorb these costs.
- 2.1.2. CBHR (Medical Mailings Coordinator) will provide preventative medications such as heartworm and flea/tick medications.
- 2.1.3. CBHR must approve medical expenses exceeding \$100. See the section 4 on Veterinary Guidelines for details.
- 2.1.4. CBHR will provide the basset with a basic ID tag that has the CBHR phone number and the basset's rescue number.

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- 2.1.5. CBHR will coordinate any transports required for your foster dog to get to your home, to adoption trials or to their new “forever” home.
- 2.1.6. CBHR will schedule initial vet wellness check for bassets coming from a shelter and determining what treatments are required. (ex: heartworm treatment)
- 2.1.7. CBHR will work with foster family to select appropriate vet for foster.

2.2. Foster Family Responsibilities

- 2.2.1. Foster family will provide food and shelter for the foster dog along with a confined outside area (Fenced-in yard) or ensure foster dog is on a leash at all times when not in the confines of a house.
- 2.2.2. Foster family will ensure the foster wears a collar with the CBHR tag at all times. If the basset gets loose and lost, immediately call the CBHR phone number and leave a detailed message.
- 2.2.3. Foster family will work on housebreaking and general socialization.
- 2.2.4. Foster family will provide monthly Up-To-Date Photographs for our website.
- 2.2.5. Foster family will observe and evaluate the dog(s) placed in their care and complete a Foster Evaluation Report on each dog fostered.
- 2.2.6. Foster family will either bring or make your foster available for CBHR events.
- 2.2.7. Foster family will ensure your own pet’s vaccinations are up to date.
- 2.2.8. Foster family will obtain prior approval of a CBHR Officer and/or Board Member before removing the foster dog from your address.
- 2.2.9. Foster family will notify CBHR of all changes in residence, including mailing address, telephone and internet email contact information.
- 2.2.10. Foster family will notify CBHR immediately of the foster basset's death and/or serious illness.
- 2.2.11. Foster family will notify CBHR within 12 hours of any bite inflicted on a human by a foster basset.

2.3. Foster Home Privileges

- 2.3.1. Food Cost Reimbursement: Under special circumstances, foster homes can request CBHR to reimburse the cost of dog food for their foster.

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- 2.3.2. Naming Rights: The first foster family will have the honor of naming their foster dog if they so choose. A middle or last name may be added to distinguish from a previous CBHR dog.
- 2.3.3. The Foster Person(s) has the first choice to adopt the dog. This option must be taken prior to meeting with an approved adoptive family. See section 6 for the adoption process.
- 2.3.4. The Foster Person(s) will have a say in with whom the dog is placed, and will assist in making the final decision.
- 2.3.5. Liability Insurance for Foster Dogs: Foster homes that have CBHR dogs in their care will be covered by CBHR's liability insurance.

2.4. Foster Dogs at Events

- 2.4.1. Foster families are encouraged to take their foster dogs to appropriate CBHR events
- 2.4.2. In order for a foster dog to be able to attend events, they must:
 - Have been in foster care for a minimum of two weeks
 - Be up-to-date on all vaccines and spayed or neutered
 - Not currently under medical restriction
 - Be either heartworm negative or have completed heartworm treatment
 - Be on leads no longer than 6 feet and MUST be controlled at all times.
- 2.4.3. Foster dogs that have shown prior aggression or extreme stress in social situations should NOT be taken to events.

3. Vaccination Policy for Foster and Family Pets

As an approved CBHR Foster Family, you are required to make sure your own dog's and other domesticated animal maintain the required vaccinations. CBHR vaccination policy is as follows:

3.1. CANINES

- With the assistance of CBHR Medical Officers, all foster hounds will maintain currency for vaccinations (rabies, DHLPPC, Bordetella), and monthly heartworm preventatives provided by CBHR.
- All (personal) canines within the foster home must be current for vaccinations (rabies, DHLPPC) and monthly heart worm preventatives.

3.2. OTHER Domesticated Animals

All other domesticated animals within the foster home must be current for rabies vaccination as required by North Carolina and South Carolina state law.

3.3. EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions from the vaccination requirements shall be granted if the Veterinarian provides a letter to CBHR stating the medical basis for the vaccination not being administered.

4. Veterinarian Guideline

4.1. Veterinarian Selection and Payments

- 4.1.1. If CBHR has an established vet in the foster home area, CBHR requires that the foster basset be taken to this veterinarian. The Medical Manager or the Foster Home Manager can provide help locating a CBHR vet in the foster family's area.
- 4.1.2. CBHR will pay all costs at the time of service. If the vet requires immediate payment, the Medical Manager will pay the vet clinic directly and obtain a copy of the invoice.

4.2. Initial Veterinary Care for Foster Dogs

- 4.2.1. Once a basset has been picked up from a shelter, it is required to be taken to the vet for a "Wellness Check" BEFORE being introduced into your home. This initial check should be coordinated by the CBHR Officer on Shelter Duty along with the appropriate Medical Manager.
 - CBHR personnel pulling the basset from the shelter will obtain records from the shelter that will go along with the basset to the initial vet check. CBHR will maintain the original record and a copy will be provided to the foster family.
 - Details regarding the scope of the initial vet check are listed in the attachment section of this document.
- 4.2.2. Occasionally a basset will have other health problems determined by the vet in the initial visit. CBHR will determine what other treatment/services are required based on the initial wellness check.

4.3. Subsequent Vet Care for Foster Dogs

- 4.3.1. Subsequent to the initial veterinary exam, foster homes may have veterinary services performed for their foster dogs without approval of the Medical Manager as long as the cost of the medical treatment is not greater than \$100 above the cost of the office visit and is an "approved medical treatment".
 - Major vet care, such as teeth cleaning, cyst removal, or surgeries, DOES need to be approved by the Medical Manager before scheduling.
- 4.3.2. The Medical Manager shall be contacted for any questions regarding approval of a medical treatment.
- 4.3.3. The Medical Manager shall be notified of other ailments or conditions which you believe require a vet visit. The Medical Manager shall also be notified of medical problems found during subsequent vet visits.

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- 4.3.4. Medical Manager/Foster Dog Liaison should record details in the CBHR database for any vet visit within 7 days.
- 4.3.5. Many dogs from shelters have been exposed to Kennel Cough/Bordetella, which can occur even after you take the basset home. If a cough develops, don't panic; it's treatable and usually not injurious to the basset, even though the cough may sound terrible. Contact your vet for treatment and inform a CBHR representative.

5. Fostering

5.1. Evaluating Your Foster

The main responsibility of a CBHR foster family is evaluating your foster basset's personality so it may be placed with the correct family. There are many things that must be known about this dog before it goes to a "Forever" Home.

- 5.1.1. After approximately one to two weeks, fill out the Foster Evaluation Form as detailed as possible (use more paper if necessary).
- Keep a copy for yourself and send the original to CBHR.
 - Be honest and thorough.
 - We will use your descriptions and information when a potential adopter is interested in the foster, so the more information the better.
 - If you need to change or update any information, contact the Foster Home Manager for additional forms.
- 5.1.2. When children are present in your home, especially young ones, limit the time the children and foster basset are together for several days.
- Never leave young children alone with a new foster until you feel confident the children will respect the dog's situation, and discourage rough play, pulling ears/tail or 'riding' the basset's back.
 - Children should be taught to always be gentle and loving towards the foster dog, yet cautious, and not to bother the basset when it's eating or sleeping.
- 5.1.3. Some bassets, especially those that have been out wandering for some time, might have developed what we call a 'food' or 'possession' aggression, from having to scavenge for dinner.
- 5.1.4. Some bassets do not like to be disturbed when sleeping, or be surprised or startled.
- 5.1.5. Is your foster young and active? Or is he in his senior years and more laid-back and subdued? This can help determine what sort of household he is best suited to.
- 5.1.6. You can determine by the initial introduction of the basset to your dog if there are any dog aggression issues.
- Never try to reach in and break up a 'dogfight' since injury can occur.
 - Time tested methods of a 'distraction can,' loud clapping/banging a pot, or dousing with water are safer alternatives for you and the dogs.

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- If you don't own a cat, take the basset to visit friends who own cats to determine if your foster has a problem with cats
- 5.1.7. Some bassets that come into CBHR do not know how to play, alone or with another dog.
- Tennis balls, tuggy toys, Kongs and stuffed animals are great toys for teaching playtime.
- 5.1.8. Taking the basset for walks will quickly determine whether he is leash trained or not.
- A properly fitting training collar will easily fit over the basset's head, with 2"-3" of slack at the end to attach the leash.
 - When you're walking and he starts pulling and jerking you, allow some slack on the leash and give a slight tug or 'pop,' and switch walking directions. You should also give the command 'let's go' at this time.
 - If he immediately starts pulling in the other direction, again, allow some slack on the leash, give a slight 'pop' and again, giving the command 'let's go,' then switch walking directions.
 - The command 'let's go,' put simply, means 'walk with me.' A leash trained basset is much more desirable to a new family than one that's pulling, jerking, and choking himself.
- 5.1.9. This is also a good time to determine if the basset may know any simple commands such as 'sit,' 'down,' or 'come.'
- 5.1.10. Close observations of the basset while in the yard is essential to ensure that the dog is not a digger, climber or jumper, traits which might have led to the basset becoming a stray, and then a rescue, in the first place.
- For the first few weeks do not leave the basset unsupervised in the yard; keep watch in case he's an 'escape artist.'
 - It's always a good rule to NEVER leave dogs unattended while they're outside, just in case.
 - You will also want to note if the basset has any fears, such as thunderstorms or loud noises, men, other dogs, children, brooms, or any other potential problems that may causing any neurotic behavior.
 - Your patience, consistent treatment, and verbal praises are critical in helping the stressed basset.
- 5.1.11. Should any abnormal behaviors occur, such as challenges to your 'pack leadership' or unprovoked aggressive behavior towards other dogs after the few days of settling-in, or physiological 'stress' changes (such as: excessive urination, seizures, excessive water intake, heavy panting, excessive barking, getting 'stuck' in a corner, lethargy), contact your vet or a CBHR representative for additional guidance.
- 5.1.12. Taking the basset for a few short car rides will quickly help you to determine if the basset rides well in the car, or suffers motion sickness.

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- Typically, some over-the-counter medicines can help with motion sickness. Check with your vet for recommendations.
- Often, not feeding or giving treats before the car trip will help avoid an upset tummy. (A crate is always recommended when traveling with your dog.)

5.1.13. If you have any questions, or need help evaluating certain behaviors, do not hesitate to contact a CBHR representative.

6. Adoption Process

Once the Adoption Application has been approved, the Home Visit conducted/approved, and a match has been made, next comes Adoption Day and filling out the Adoption Agreement. Step 6.1 describes your role if you are the representatives for CBHR delivering your foster dog to the new family. Step 6.2 describes your role if CBHR Transport personnel are delivering your foster dog to the new family.

6.1. Adoption Steps – Foster Family Lead

- 6.1.1. In the upper right corner of the Adoption Agreement, is a space for 'Rescue Dog #,' which is on the foster basset's CBHR tag. This number was assigned when the basset first came into rescue. Recommend to the family that this CBHR Rescue Tag be kept on the basset for the remainder of its natural life
- 6.1.2. Recommend that the new family get a tag with their name and number as quickly as possible.
- 6.1.3. Notify the family if the basset has been microchipped and if not recommend this as an additional safeguards for the basset.
- 6.1.4. Remind the family to contact CBHR if they move or change any information.
- 6.1.5. After filling in the dog's information and the adopting person's information, go over the adopting rules to make sure they are aware that violating of any of these rules, or the future knowledge that this basset is being abused or neglected, gives CBHR the legal right to reclaim the basset.
- 6.1.6. Discuss any issues that you have noticed about the basset while doing your evaluation.
- 6.1.7. Review the basset's personality with the new family, but write in any major traits (hates cats, etc.).
- 6.1.8. Review the last section containing vaccination and veterinary information for the dog. Under 'Current Medications' is a good place to list the type and brand of flea/tick and heartworm preventative you're currently using.

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6.1.9. Diet for basset

- List the type of food you're feeding and the amount/frequency. Discuss with the family what brand of dog food they intend to feed. A good, well balanced diet is very important to a basset to prevent any excess weight gain and food allergies.
- Discourage the family from feeding the basset 'people food.' A SMALL amount will not hurt, nor will adding a small amount of good quality canned food to the dry food, but nothing too excessive.
- If they plan to switch the type of food, instruct them to do this it gradually, to avoid any stomach upset. They should purchase a small bag of what you're feeding (or you can supply them with a small amount) and mix it gradually, reducing what you're feeding while increasing the new food, doing this over the 7-10 day period.

6.1.10. Have the adoptive parents sign the Adoption Agreement, and you, as the Rescue Agent, will also sign it.

- Write in the donation amount based on the following fee structure. If CBHR has approved a lower fee, you will be notified by the Adoption Manager prior to delivering your basset to the new family.
 - \$350 fee for basset hound puppies that are ten weeks to six months old
 - \$300 fee for each basset hound less than one (1) year of age
 - \$250 fee for basset hounds 1 to 9 years of age or mixed basset hound puppies
 - \$150 fee for basset hounds over 9 years of age, special needs or mixed basset hound puppies
 - \$300 fee for bonded pairs

6.1.11. Turn over copies of all vet records to the new family. Notify the Adoption Manager if you do not have all of the records and request these records be sent to the new family.

6.1.12. If you desire, include a 'care package' to go with your foster: a couple of the basset's favorite toys, treats, and an old tee shirt or towel with your scent on it, to help the basset adjust to his new surroundings a little easier.

6.1.13. Make sure the family understands that they may contact CBHR with any questions, problems, or comments that they may have.

6.1.14. Make sure they're aware that THEY TOO can become a CBHR Foster Family, or CBHR volunteers in other aspects. Encourage them to visit www.cbhr.com at any time to see upcoming events and fundraisers, join the e-mail group, make additional donations, or to see other bassets up for adoption, should they decide to adopt another basset in the future.

6.1.15. Mail the completed Adoption Agreement, donation money and any other applicable paperwork to CBHR within 7 days.

6.1.16. Contact the Adoption Manager by email or phone as soon as possible to confirm the basset has been successfully adopted.

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6.2. Adoption Steps – Transport Personnel Lead

- 6.2.1. Review the copy of the Adoption Agreement with the Transport person.
 - Rescue Dog # which is on the foster basset's CBHR tag. This number was assigned when the basset first came into rescue. This CBHR Rescue Tag should be kept on the basset for the remainder of its natural life.
 - Identify if basset has been microchipped.
 - Discuss any issues that you identified with the basset while doing your evaluation.
 - Review the basset's personality (hates cats, etc.).
 - Review vaccination and veterinary information for the dog. Under 'Current Medications' is a good place to list the type and brand of flea/tick and heartworm preventative you're currently using.

- 6.2.2. Diet for basset
 - List the type of food you're feeding and the amount/frequency.
 - If possible supply a small amount of the type of food you have been feeding the basset for the transport person to take with them to the new family.

- 6.2.3. Ensure transport personnel are aware of the age of the basset to ensure the correct fee is obtained.
 - \$350 fee for basset hound puppies that are ten weeks to six months old
 - \$300 fee for each basset hound less than one (1) year of age
 - \$250 fee for basset hounds 1 to 9 years of age or mixed basset hound puppies
 - \$150 fee for basset hounds over 9 years of age, special needs or mixed basset hound puppies
 - \$300 fee for bonded pairs

- 6.2.4. Turn over copies of all vet records to the Transport person. Notify the Adoption Manager if you do not have all of the records and request these records be sent to the new family.

- 6.2.5. If you desire, include a 'care package' to go with your foster: a couple of the basset's favorite toys, treats, and an old tee shirt or towel with your scent on it, to help the basset adjust to his new surroundings a little easier.

7. REVISION TRACKING

Revision January 2020 (by Sarah Coy) – revised step 1.2.1 per BOD direction to remove foster family option to be placed on the wait list during the initial 2 week hold. Updated officer's titles throughout document.

8. ATTACHMENTS/FORMS

Foster Care Agreement

Foster Information and Evaluation Form

Initial Veterinary Checks

FOSTER CARE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this ___ day of ___, 20___
between

Carolina Basset Hound Rescue, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as CBHR)
and

(hereinafter referred to as "Foster Person(s)");

The mission of Carolina Basset Hound Rescue (CBHR) is to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome unwanted Basset Hounds in North Carolina and South Carolina. In order to carry out its mission, CBHR places Basset Hounds in its care into temporary and stable foster homes until the Basset Hound is placed in a permanent adoptive home.

Approved Foster Person(s) must agree to the following conditions and restrictions:

Care of the Foster Basset Hound
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Foster Person(s) will keep the foster Basset Hound as a pet and not restrained to an inanimate object.2. The Foster Person(s) will provide the foster Basset Hound with an adequately fenced yard and/or will leash walk/exercise said dog daily. At no time will the foster Basset Hound be allowed to roam free outside of a fenced enclosure.3. The Foster Person(s) will provide the foster Basset Hound(s) with all care and attention necessary to ensure his health and well-being. This will include providing, but is not limited to:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Sufficient food, water, and exercise;b. Flea and heartworm preventative (provided by CBHR);c. Competent veterinary care; andd. Prompt medical attention in the event of illness or injury.4. Foster Person(s) must obtain medical care for their foster dog from an approved CBHR veterinarian. Except in emergency situations the Medical Manager must approve use of veterinarians outside of the CBHR program prior to obtaining medical care.5. Veterinary care includes, but is not limited to:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Prescription dietsb. Prescription medicationsc. Office visits.6. Expenses outside of veterinary care for the foster dog must be approved in advance by a medical manager or other officer. If the foster person(s) pays for a medical expense out-of-pocket and requests reimbursement, the request of approved expenses must be made in a timely manner and accompanied by written receipts (within four weeks of the event).7. The foster Basset Hound may not be left in an unoccupied car or vehicle at any time.8. Foster Person (s) shall not allow the foster Basset Hound(s) to be attack or guard trained or used as a property guard dog.9. Foster Person (s) shall not allow the foster Basset Hound(s) to engage in any aspect of dog/animal fighting, baiting, fox hunting, or other "sport" involving the potential injury of the dog or another animal.10. The foster Basset Hound(s) will not be abused in any manner. The foster Basset Hound will not be beaten or otherwise treated cruelly, and will not be the subject of, or subjected to any biological, chemical, psychological or other experiment. The definition of "cruel", "abuse", or "experiment" is in the sole discretion of CBHR.

11. The Foster Person(s) agrees to allow inspection of the foster home and the conditions in which the foster Basset Hound is living at any time by a representative of CBHR. The Foster Person(s) also agrees to immediately surrender custody of the foster Basset Hound to a CBHR officer or board member on demand.

Signify your agreement with the above section by entering your initials here:

Foster Family's Responsibilities to CBHR

12. The foster Basset Hound will remain the property of CBHR until s/he is adopted through the CBHR adoption process.
13. The foster Basset Hound will not be removed from the assigned foster home or disposed of in any way without prior approval of a CBHR Officer.
14. The Foster Person(s) shall not give, lease or sell or otherwise transfer custody of the foster Basset Hound to any other person, or to any business or organization, except as designated by CBHR.
15. The Foster Person(s) will promptly notify CBHR of all changes in residence, including mailing address, telephone and email contact information.
16. In the event the foster Basset Hound is lost, the Foster Person(s) will contact CBHR immediately, advertise in major local papers and make all reasonable attempts to locate said animal.
17. The Foster Person(s) will notify CBHR immediately of the foster Basset Hound's death and/or serious illness.
18. The Foster Person(s) agree(s) to bring or make arrangements for the foster Basset Hound to participate in local CBHR events. If said Basset Hound has been evaluated for behavioral or other issues that precludes participation in local events please discuss the situation with the foster home manager before participating.

Signify your agreement with the above section by entering your initials here:

Evaluation and Observation of the Foster Basset Hound

19. The Foster Person(s) has the right to refuse any particular foster Basset Hound and needs to make the Foster Home Manager aware of any restrictions they have on fostering, such as females only, no heartworm positive dogs, etc.
20. Foster Person(s) must notify CBHR within 12 hours of any bite inflicted on a human by a foster Basset Hound.
21. The Foster Person(s) agree(s) to carefully observe and evaluate the foster Basset Hound(s) with respect to interactions with other dogs and humans, aggression or behavioral issues, general socialization, and housebreaking. The Foster Basset Hound profile information must be communicated to the Foster Home Manager or other Officer when requested or at minimum monthly.

Signify your agreement with the above section by entering your initials here:

Option to Adopt the Foster Basset Hound

- 22. The Foster Person(s) have the option to adopt their foster Basset Hound. The Foster Person(s) must notify the Adoption Manager immediately to be placed on the foster dog's waitlist once s/he has decided to adopt the foster Basset Hound. If an adoptive family is already on the foster Basset Hound's waitlist the adoptive family has first choice at adopting the foster Basset Hound.
- 23. If the Adoption Manager contacts the Foster Person(s) about an approved potential adopter the Foster Person(s) must discuss any interest in adopting the foster Basset Hound prior to direct contact with the adoptive family. If the Adoption Manager is not made aware of the foster person(s) interest in adopting the foster Basset Hound before direct contact with the adoptive family, then the adoptive family will have priority.

Signify your agreement with the above section by entering your initials here:

General

- 24. The foster person(s) agrees that CBHR will not be responsible for injury or illness contracted by any dogs not belonging to CBHR regardless of whether such illness or injury is caused by the foster dog. The foster person(s) agrees that CBHR has limited, unverifiable knowledge concerning the background or previous environment of the Basset Hound(s) and has only the word of the previous guardian(s) concerning the background and previous environment of the foster Basset Hound(s). CBHR in no way warrants or guarantees the foster Basset Hound(s) and makes no representation regarding the health, temperament, or condition of the foster Basset Hound.
- 25. CBHR uses all reasonable efforts to ensure the safety of the foster Basset Hound and the foster family and personal property. However, the Foster Person(s) assume all risk associated with the presence, activity, and behavior of the foster Basset Hound while the foster Basset Hound is in their custody.
- 26. The Foster Person(s) represents and warrants that their residence, if rented, permits pets pursuant to the lease or by special permission of the landlord or resident manager.
- 27. The Foster Person(s) represents that no member of the family has ever been convicted of cruelty to animals or a violent or serious felony.
- 28. Foster Person(s) agree(s) to abide by the guidelines, policies and procedures of CBHR. The Foster Person(s) have read the foregoing and execute this Agreement with the full understanding of its contents while acknowledging that the Foster Person(s) enters into this Agreement freely and with good will.

Signify your agreement with the above section by entering your initials here:

I hereby indicate electronically that I have read, agree with, and understand the policies and procedures set forth in this agreement.

By clicking on the "I Agree" button I subscribe my electronic signature to this agreement.

FOSTER INFORMATION AND EVALUATION FORM

Return this completed form to:
 Carolina Basset Hound Rescue, Inc.
 PO Box 80082
 Charleston, SC 29416

Rescue Dog # _____

Dog's Name	
Foster Person(s)	
Full Address	
Home/Cell Phone	
Email address	
Date Placed in Foster Home	
Date Adopted	
Spayed/Neutered	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Date of surgery: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No Date surgery scheduled for: _____
Name of veterinarian	
Name of vet clinic	
Address of Vet clinic	
Vet Office Phone Number	
Shots Date (DHLPP & Bordetella vaccinations)	
Rabies Date (Attach Certificate)	
Rabies Tag Number	

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Description of Dog: M/F Age: _____ Color/Markings: _____

Explain how the dog acts in each of the following situations:
(Note: Attach additional sheet if necessary)

In cars	
In Crowds	
On a Leash	
With Children under 8 y/o	
With Children Over 8 y/o	
With Men	
With Women	
With Cats	
With Dogs	
Loud Noises	
Thunder and Lightening	

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When any question below is followed by several responses, circle the most appropriate response or responses. If no responses are shown, write in your answer to the question. **(Note: Attach additional sheet if necessary).**

CATEGORY	QUESTION	POSSIBLE RESPONSES (Circle Response)
Behavior in the home	Housebroken	Reliable Unreliable Lets us know when she has to go
	Able to negotiate stairs	Yes No
	Crate training	Good Afraid Whines Howls/barks (specify how long) _____ _____
	Grooming	Nails _____ Ears _____ Teeth _____ Skin _____
Energy level	Energy level	High Moderate Calm Combination (specify) _____
Food	Brand	
	Feeding Schedule	
	Amount fed at each feeding	
	Supplements given	
Special Needs	Socialization	
	Weight loss or gain	
	Medication	
	Vet Care	
	Obedience Training	
Problem Behavior	Digging	
	Barking	
	Fence Jumping	
	Climbing	
	Chewing	
	Aggression	NOTE: Immediately contact CBHR Foster Manager or Medical Manager with any aggressive behavior
	Other	

Foster Person(s) Signature	Date

INITIAL VETERINARY CHECKS

Spay/Neuter Status: If the Basset has not been spayed/neutered, CBHR will attempt to have the surgery done prior to the basset coming to the foster home. If this is not possible, the foster family may be required to coordinate with the Vet and CBHR to complete this surgery.

Dental Check: Initial check will determine if any dental work is required and if any special tooth and gum brushing and care is needed in the foster home.

Fecal Exam: Initial check will determine if the basset has any intestinal parasites or worms, or if there is any blood in the stool, or any other abnormalities exist. If medicine is needed, the Medical Manager will discuss with the vet and CBHR will pay for the medication.

Diet/Weight: The basset will be weighed at this time to determine the best diet for the foster. An underweight basset will need a higher protein diet whereas an overweight basset will need a 'reduced-calorie' dog food. Excess weight on a basset can lead to health problems, such as hip disorders and back problems.

Shots status: Required shots (DHLPP vaccination, a Rabies vaccination, and a Bordetella vaccination) will be done.

Heartworm status: The wellness exam at the vet will include a heartworm test even if a test was completed at the shelter.

- If the Basset is heartworm positive, CBHR will determine the treatment required in conjunction with the Vet based on the health and age of the basset.
- If the vet determines the basset is healthy enough, it should be spayed/neutered BEFORE any heartworm treatment begins. CBHR will make the decision for scheduling of the spay/neuter in conjunction with the Vet.
- CBHR will pay for any required treatment.