



Boston Terrier Rescue Canada Volunteer Questionnaire

Date: _____

How did you hear of Boston Terrier Rescue Canada (BTRC)? _____

Boston Terrier Rescue Canada is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and care of Boston Terriers and Boston Terrier mixes in need. Our organization is run entirely by volunteers who share a passion and commitment to provide better lives for dogs who need our help.

If you would like to share in this effort, please fill out and return this form – by email to btccrevents@rogers.com by fax to 705-444-5386, or by mail to BTRC, Box 153, Nottawa, Ontario L0M 1P0

A representative will contact you shortly regarding the activities in which you have expressed an interest. In the case of foster homes, an additional application process will apply.

Please note that any personal information obtained is confidential and is used for identification and verification purposes only related to volunteering for our organization. It will only be viewed by members of our organization who are directly involved in the volunteer recruitment process.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Name(s) of any other adult(s) residing in household and relationship to applicant: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Best Number to Call? _____ Best Time to Call? _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Are you over 19 years of age?

Do you currently own any dogs?

If yes, please list your current dogs by breed, gender (spayed/neutered) and age:

Do you have any other pets?

If you own pets, please provide the name and telephone number of your current veterinarian.

Do we have your permission to call them for a vet reference?

Do you have experience with the Boston Terrier breed specifically?

If yes, briefly explain your experience:

How many people live in your household?

Are all family members supportive of your desire to volunteer for rescue?

Do you have children or do children frequently visit your home?

If yes, please list their ages:

Have you ever been investigated for or charged with any crime related to the treatment or cruelty to animals?

Please provide two personal references, including telephone numbers, email addresses, and their relationship to you.

These references should be someone who can verify your volunteer activity or experience with dogs:

Will you permit a BTRC representative to visit your home to conduct a home interview as part of the volunteer screening process?

How many hours, approximately, are you available per week for rescue activities?

Have you volunteered in the past for any other rescue group or animal organization?

If yes, please give the name of the group or agency and describe your role.

Please describe any experience or skills directly related to the care of dogs:

Please outline any other skills, experience or share any other information that you feel is relevant to your desire to work in dog rescue:

There are a number of areas in which volunteers are required. Below is a brief description of the areas which require the most help. The questions in this section do not need to be answered; they are included for your consideration and to help you decide if this type of volunteer work is right for you.

FOSTERING

_____ Interested _____ Not Interested

Foster homes are a critical part of our rescue program as we do not have a shelter facility.

Quite simply, without fosters we could not operate. Fostering is a serious commitment and we carefully screen each foster applicant to ensure they will provide a safe haven for our rescued dogs. We are looking for special loving homes that will provide not only food and shelter but also any rehabilitation, medical care (at rescue's expense), socialization and training required to help make these Bostons the best companions they can be. Fostering can be the most challenging, but is undoubtedly the most rewarding, aspect of volunteering.

Do you appreciate the level of commitment and do you have the time required?

Do you understand that a foster dog may present challenges and are you willing to work through them?

Do you have an area in your home where a foster dog could be secluded in the event that there is a problem with other pets?

Will you respect and follow the advice and recommendations of your foster coordinator?

Is your entire family in agreement about fostering?

FUNDRAISING

_____ Interested _____ Not Interested

With vet bills constantly on the rise, rescue must fundraise continually. Fundraising team members may help through brainstorming new money-making ideas, soliciting donations, selling product, securing sponsorships, collecting pledges for our annual walkathon, etc. They may also help by working at special events. This might require you to travel to the location where the event is being held, work the hours you have signed up for, and help with setting up and clean-up afterward. A successful fundraising volunteer is able to interact directly with the public and promote our rescue group.

Are you comfortable asking for support?

Do you have a vehicle or other means of getting to/from fundraising events?

Are you available on weekends?

Do you enjoy working with the public?

Do you have a talent or skill (sewing/knitting, baking, woodworking, etc.) and are you willing to make items for raffles, craft shows, and other fundraising opportunities?

REFERENCE CHECKING

_____ Interested _____ Not Interested

All prospective adopters and new volunteers must provide personal references and a vet reference. Volunteers are needed to call and check out these references and report back to the appropriate rescue representative. Some of these calls take time and may incur long distance phone charges.

Do you feel comfortable calling people and inquiring about prospective adopters or volunteers?

Do you have a long distance calling plan?

Do you have an answering machine or voice mail to receive returned calls?

TRANSPORTER/TRANSPORT COORDINATOR

_____ Interested _____ Not Interested

Dogs entering our rescue program often need to travel some distance to their new foster home. Volunteers are needed to coordinate these transports. Volunteer drivers are also required. In addition to the cost of gas, transport also requires putting a strange dog in your vehicle, so a crate or confined area is recommended. Sometimes the dog will experience motion sickness or could make a mess in your vehicle.

Transport Coordinator Role –

Are you available and accessible to monitor transports, especially on weekends when most are scheduled?

Are you organized, able to map out transport legs, distances and schedule time frames?

Transporters –

*Do you have a reliable vehicle to travel to/from transport locations?
Do you object to having a strange dog in your vehicle?*

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

I have accurately completed this questionnaire and appreciate the risks in working with rescue dogs. I understand that Boston Terrier Rescue Canada (BTRC) cannot be responsible for the actions, behaviors and/or medical conditions of the dogs that it seeks to rescue, and I agree to assume the risks implicit in working with dogs which may have been abandoned, beaten or otherwise mistreated or abused, or who may suffer from an illness, condition or disease. Further, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Boston Terrier Rescue Canada (BTRC), its members and representatives, against any and all claims, known or unknown, now or hereafter, for any injury or damage to property or persons caused by or related to any rescue dog that I may come in contact with, and agree to take any and all necessary precautions to prevent any such injury or damage.

Agreement with all the above statements will constitute your signature for documents returned via email.

I agree _____ I do not agree _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your interest in Boston Terrier Rescue!