

Transport Volunteer Application

Please answer all questions. An incomplete questionnaire will delay your application. Also, please do not submit this application unless you are of legal age in your state. Bullmastiff Rescue Inc. thanks you for your application.

Personal Information	
Name	
Birthdate	
Email	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Cell Phone	
Home or Cell #2	

VOLUNTEER HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I AM OF LEGAL AGE. I CONFIRM THAT I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY ACTIVITIES I UNDERTAKE FOR BULLMASTIFF RESCUERS, INC. IS STRICTLY VOLUNTARY.

I VOLUNTARILY ACCEPT DOGS FOR FOSTER CARE AND/OR TRANSPORT, AND I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE BREED CHARACTERISTICS AND TEMPERAMENT. I ACCEPT WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE ANY ATTENDANT RISKS THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES MIGHT INVOLVE.

I ACCEPT THESE DOGS OF MY OWN VOLITION. I AGREE TO PROVIDE SUITABLE TRANSPORT OR FOSTER CARE AND UNDERTAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY OTHER CARE THAT THE DOG MIGHT REQUIRE WHILE IN MY HANDS, AND UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR VETERINARY EXPENSES ONLY.

I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY BULLMASTIFF RESCUERS, INC. FOR THE CARE AND TRANSPORT OF FOSTER DOGS.

I HEREBY AGREE TO HOLD BULLMASTIFF RESCUERS, INC. HARMLESS FROM ANY ACT OR FUTURE ACT OF ANY BULLMASTIFF TAKEN INTO MY CARE AND FROM ANY RESULTING FINANCIAL OBLIGATION RESULTING FROM SAID ACT OR ACTS.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT HUMAN AGGRESSIVE DOGS, NOR DO WE PLACE THEM. ANY HUMAN AGGRESSION OR RESOURCE GUARDING BEHAVIOR TOWARDS HUMANS EXHIBITED WHILE IN

FOSTER CARE OR DURING TRANSPORT MUST BE REPORTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE APPROPRIATE ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN. THE DOG MUST BE IMMEDIATELY EUTHANIZED. THE REASON FOR THE AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR IS IMMATERIAL – BULLMASTIFF RESCUERS, INC. WILL NOT AND CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE OR PLACEMENT OF A DOG WITH HUMAN AGGRESSION OR RESOURCE GUARDING BEHAVIOR. FAILURE TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR TO THE BOARD WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE REVOCATION OF VOLUNTEER PRIVILEGES AND INSURANCE.

IF A VOLUNTEER CHOOSES TO ACCEPT OR ADOPT AN AGGRESSIVE DOG, SAID DOG WILL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VOLUNTEER AND BRI WILL NOT COVER EXPENSES NOR WILL BRI ASSIST WITH PLACEMENT, AND THE DOG IS NOT TO BE ACCEPTED OR PLACED USING ANY BRI DOCUMENTS. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY. IF THE DOG HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCEPTED INTO BRI AND VOLUNTEER CHOOSES TO ADOPT THE DOG FOR HIS/HERSELF, BRI MUST APPROVE ADOPTION OF THE DOG BY THE VOLUNTEER. A SIGNED CONTRACT BETWEEN VOLUNTEER AND BRI WILL BE REQUIRED AND WILL BE THE SOLE PROOF OF OWNERSHIP TRANSFER TO THE VOLUNTEER

I confirm all information and agree to the above.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you understand that any dog that you transport as a volunteer is the sole property of Bullmastiff Rescuers Inc.?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there anything else you would like to add?	
<p>The dog may not be sold, abandoned, relinquished to a pound or shelter or another rescue group, transferred or given to any other person, persons, group, organization or institution except other approved volunteers assisting in the particular dog's transport. By submitting this application, you attest that you have read this statement and agree to the terms therein.</p>	

Signature Section
After completing and signing the volunteer application, please submit via US mail to Bullmastiff Rescuers, Inc., P.O. Box 16, Pottersville, NJ 07979
Alternatively, if you can scan and email the signed application, you can email it to brinc2@verizon.net
We must have a signed copy of the application on file

Please carefully review the transport disclaimer and transport instructions below before signing the application.

Signed _____
Date _____

*****DISCLAIMER*****

Any agreement to volunteer transport is your acknowledgement that every dog or animal being transported reacts differently when being transported, and that animals by nature are unpredictable. Agreement to transport is an agreement that you are aware of the associated risks that could be present in a transport. Dogs and animals in general may, without warning, bite or cause injury to humans, other dogs, other animals, and potentially cause damage to personal property. By signing the Transport Volunteer Application you acknowledge that there are certain risks involved in participating in volunteer transport, including but not limited to dog fights, bites to humans or other dogs or animals, the transmission of disease, and damage or destruction of personal property.

By agreeing to transport and/or overnight an animal on a volunteer transport, you are agreeing that you recognize these risks of injury and disease and release Bullmastiff Rescuers, Inc., the volunteer transport coordinator(s), sending or receiving individual(s), shelter(s) and fellow volunteer transporter(s) from any liability for any accidents or incidents related to bites, injuries, property damage, or illness (human or animal), that may occur immediately before transport, during transport, during an overnight stay on a transport, or upon or following arrival of dog or animal being transported. Additionally, the transport coordinator volunteer is dependent upon information received from a sender or shelter and cannot be held liable or responsible in any way for any information conveyed about a dog that may be incorrect regarding behavior or temperament of a transported animal before, during, or after transport.

TRANSPORT INSTRUCTIONS

****Double check to be sure we have your contact information correct on the run sheet. If we made a mistake, email us or give us a call and we will get it corrected right away and send corrected information to parties in need****

COMMITMENT TO DRIVING

Please do not volunteer to drive if you are not committed to showing up on time on transport day. Relay transports cannot operate if there is a missing link in the chain, and the rescue dog will suffer as a result. If an emergency arises that prevents you from driving you must notify the transport coordinator as soon as possible.

SENDERS:

- **Dog(s) must have current rabies vaccines/certificates – preferably an original rabies certificate.**
- Please place all paperwork for each dog in *separate 9 x 11 clasp envelope* with the dog's name and within a plastic zip lock bag to protect it from water.
- Dog(s) **MUST** have a well-fitted collar or harness that has the dog's name and our rescue group name and phone number **CLEARLY** stated on the collar (duct tape wrapped around the collar works well)
- Dog(s) **MUST** be sent with a sturdy/reliable clip leash. If dog is timid or shy or flight risk, a slip lead is strongly recommended.
- Any dog staying overnight for the transport **MUST** have enough food for dinner and a light breakfast **WITH** specific feeding instructions.
- We **STRONGLY** recommend that, regardless of overnight stay or not, dog be sent with at least enough food for 2-3 days to help ease the transition to a different food on the receiving end.
- Any medications must be **CLEARLY** marked with which dog it is for, dosing instructions and date/time of last dose prior to transport.

DRIVERS:

- We are **ALL** volunteers, using our own time, money, gas, and equipment to achieve a mutual goal - the safety of our passengers! Please understand the transport coordinator has done her/his best to properly time the transport but traffic and weather can cause delays.
- If you arrive at a meeting location and are not comfortable with the location **FOR ANY REASON**, call the driver you are meeting to change the location! Then call your transport coordinator to inform her. Safety first!
 - For your safety and the safety of your passengers, especially if you are traveling alone, remain in your vehicle with the doors locked until the driver you are meeting has arrived to assist in walking, watering, and transferring the dog.
- Please have your cell phone **ON, CHARGED and WITH YOU** from the **BEGINNING** of transport on your day.
- Have the contact info for the monitor and/or transport coordinator and the people driving the legs before/after you.
- Please arrive at your pickup location at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time in order to help the other driver with walking, watering, and transfer of paperwork and

animals. If you will be delayed, you call the driver you are meeting AND the transport coordinator.

- **CALL OR TEXT** the coordinator after each hand-off
- **Please do not bring your own dogs on a transport.** Bullmastiffs can be unfriendly towards other dogs particularly during new and stressful situations such as transports. Please consult your transport coordinator if circumstances require that you have your own dogs. (i.e., such as transporting during your own personal travel)
- Do **NOT** add any animals to this transport without prior approval of Transport Coordinator.
- Dog(s) **MUST** be secured inside your vehicle, either in crates or tethered. If crate will not fit in your vehicle, tether the dog to the farthest rear of the vehicle - loop leash around headrest or other sturdy part of the vehicle so that dog cannot jump in the front seat while you're driving. Transporting in the front seat is never acceptable.
- **We do not advise bringing small children on transports, but understand that sometimes this cannot be avoided and that some families wish to make this a teaching moment for their children to learn compassion for helping dogs. We CANNOT be held responsible for ANY injury or damages to drivers, passengers, children, or property:**
 - **Children MUST be supervised at all times**
 - **Children MUST be respectful of the animals' needs**
 - **Children are NOT to handle the dog(s) during transport OR transfers**
 - **Under no circumstances should a small child be given a dog(s) leash.**
 - **Parents choosing to bring their children along need to be aware that some of our rescue dogs may not have grown up with children or be comfortable around small children. We will not knowingly transport a dog that has aggression issues to people but young children can startle a dog that is already stressed. Do not place your children in harm's way and do not place an already stressed dog in a more stressful situation by allowing children to approach and handle the dog.**
- Please try to *tactfully* discourage strangers, particularly ones with their own dogs, at meeting locations from approaching/petting the dogs! The dog may be very stressed, meeting so many new people already, getting in and out of strange vehicles, going to strange places, possibly with other strange dogs! Even though they could be very friendly to you, there may be "something" about a stranger that triggers a memory, and they could become agitated.
- We strive to use approved bullmastiff rescue volunteers for our transports but occasionally will seek help from other groups and utilize their volunteers so we may not "know" some individuals transporting. If at any time you are uncomfortable with handing our dog(s) over to another driver, follow your instincts and contact the transport coordinator immediately with any concerns! Speak up for the dog you are helping.
- **Don't hesitate to CALL the transport coordinator with ANY questions!!!**
- **You are our eyes & ears on the transport. We rely on your observations of dog(s) behavior, etc., to ensure that everyone is safe and as comfortable as possible. Be prepared to give the following information when calling in:**
 - **Paperwork was passed**
 - **Any behavior issues of the dog(s) - be specific!**
 - **Did dog(s) pee/poop during walk**
 - **Did dog(s) drink water**

- **How did the dog(s) tolerating ride - be specific!**
- **Any other information you think needs to be passed on to other drivers**

ALL TRANSPORT DOGS ARE CONSIDERED POTENTIAL FLIGHT RISKS!

- If a passenger would happen to get loose while on a walk or being transferred yell **"LOOSE DOG"** as loud as you can so that people in the area are alerted to help!
- Dog(s) **MUST** be secured inside your vehicle via tether or crate.
- Check **ALL** collars and **ALL** leashes at the meeting locations to ensure they are secure and tight **BEFORE** opening your car door. Collars can become loose during transport and dog(s) could chew through leashes.
- Make sure leash is securely in your hands **BEFORE** opening your car door.
- Do **NOT** leave windows down far enough for a dog to jump out.

ITEMS TO HAVE ON HAND:

- Spray bottle with water -- can be used to clean up OR to settle an argument between passengers! -- **KEEP WITHIN REACH AT ALL TIMES!!!**
- Plastic bags for cleaning up after dog(s) during walks.
- Bottled water and bowl to offer the animals water at each stop. (Tap water can change from location to location and may upset tummies during transport.)
- Extra leashes and/or slip leads to be used during walks, if needed -- remember, dogs may chew their leashes.
- Paper towels and spray cleaner for cleaning up any messes in cars/crates.
- Old towels and blankets to line seats/crates.
- Hand wipes and/or antibacterial hand gel.
- One or two small treats may be given if desired, unless directed otherwise.

CRATES:

- It is advisable to clean and disinfect your crate before and after transport.
- Crates **MUST** be in good repair to avoid injury or escape.

OVERNIGHT HOST/HOSTESS:

- **Keep your overnight guests segregated from your own animals.** We cannot guarantee temperaments or health of transport dog(s) and cannot be held responsible for any potential damages. While they may appear to be calm and friendly towards other dogs they are experiencing a stressful situation - there is no need to "let them get acquainted" with your own animals.
- A normal dinner should be given.
- A light breakfast **MAY** be given, unless otherwise instructed.
- Give medications as instructed, if applicable.
- **CALL** coordinator in evening once animals are settled in to give report.
- **CALL** coordinator in morning when leaving/picked up to give report.

Following is general information that may not necessarily be pertinent to current transport:

KEEPING CONTAMINATION TO A MINIMUM DURING AND AFTER TRANSPORT

- While most of transports are for dogs getting placed into forever homes or dogs that we have vetted, occasionally we transport dogs from owner surrenders where vet care may

be inadequate or directly from shelters where only basic vaccinations have been provided. To help protect your own animals, follow these precautions:

- Cover your vehicle seats with old towels or blankets, remove them immediately after transport and wash in hot water with bleach.
- Wear old clothes on transport and remove them immediately upon return home, BEFORE greeting your own pets, washing them in hot water with bleach or bleach alternative.
- Wash any skin exposed during transport with antibacterial soap BEFORE greeting your own pets.
- Follow the instructions below for sanitizing your vehicle BEFORE allowing your own pets or other transport passengers in your vehicle!!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR KEEPING CONTAMINATION TO A MINIMUM IN YOUR VEHICLE:

DURING TRANSPORT:

- Turn OFF the re-circulate feature of your car's heating/cooling system. This will help to keep any germs from entering the ventilation system.
- Keep the fan ON during the entire transport -- whether heat or A/C, making sure the re-circulate feature is OFF.

AFTER TRANSPORT:

- Spray the interior of your vehicle with Lysol Disinfectant Spray, including into the air vents.
- Turn ON the re-circulate feature of your ventilation system.
- Start your car and run for a while to let the car's ventilation system circulate the Lysol through the air vents.

ADOPTION OFF TRANSPORT

Removing an animal from a transport before it has reached the final destination indicated on this run sheet constitutes theft in all 50 states and will be reported to local, state, or federal law enforcement agencies. In addition, your name will be publicized on "Do Not Transport" lists that are widely circulated in the rescue and transport communities.