

**BROOKLINE LABRADOR RETRIEVER RESCUE, INC.
APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEERING AND FOSTERING**

*Before submitting an application, please refer to our web site (www.brooklinelabrescue.org) to **review Brookline's coverage areas.** For questions, please email info@brooklinelabrescue.org.*

Section I: To be completed by all applicants.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Application to: Volunteer Only Foster Only Volunteer and Foster
See below for volunteer opportunities in the rescue.

Date:

Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

County:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email address (required)*:

Brookline Coverage Area**:

Do we have your permission to add you to our announcement e-mail list? YES NO

Age Under 18 (Junior Volunteer) 18 or over

Email access – Brookline volunteers are located throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Email is used extensively as the primary source of communication between volunteers and is therefore a requirement of volunteering. **You will be contacted by one of our volunteers via email to schedule a time to meet with you and discuss your involvement with Brookline.*

*** Our coverage areas are limited to areas where we have volunteers. **We cannot handle applications outside our coverage area.** Out of area applications will not be returned. Our coverage areas can be found on our website under 'Adopt'. You may also email us at info@brooklinelabrescue.org to find out if a volunteer covers your area. If you aren't in our area you may be able to find a group near you by going to www.petfinder.org and searching by your zip code.*

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

➤ Please briefly describe why you are interested in volunteering/fostering for a group dedicated to rescuing dogs, particularly the Labrador Retriever:

➤ Have you ever done rescue work before? YES NO

If yes, what was your involvement?

➤ Do you have any talents/hobbies that you are interested in contributing to the rescue?

DOG EXPERIENCE

- Have you ever owned a dog? YES NO

- Have you ever adopted a dog from a rescue or a shelter? YES NO
If so please tell us about your experience.

- What level would you consider your general dog knowledge?
 Beginner level Intermediate level Advanced level

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The list below summarizes the volunteer opportunities available in Brookline. New opportunities often arise and we are always open to new ideas. Your participation in any activity can be as limited or as extensive as your schedule allows. We provide training where needed. [*Activities with an asterisk require training.]

What types of volunteer work are you interested doing with Brookline?

Home Visits/Introductions/Finalizations*

- Conduct home visits for potential foster and/or adoptive families and work with them to find the right dog for their family.
- Conduct the introduction of the family to their new dog.
- Finalize the dog's adoption with the family.

Owner Surrender Dog Evaluations*

- Conduct owner surrender dog evaluations and work to place those dogs with the best adoptive family for that particular dog.
- Conduct the introduction of the dog to his/her new family.

Shelter Evaluations*

- Evaluate dogs from local shelters to determine if they are good candidates for our rescue program. [Note: Shelter evaluations require specialized training and you must be certified to do OS Dog Evaluations before beginning this training.]

Foster Home

- Open your home and provide care for an owner-surrendered dog or a shelter dog until a new home is found (minimum of 2 weeks). BLRR provides a food allowance and covers all pre-approved vet care. An applicant cannot foster for Brookline if they are currently fostering for another rescue.

Transport

- Drive or assist in transporting dogs to foster homes, to vet visits or to events.

Public Relations/Marketing/Social Media – Be part of a team that will:

- Devise ways to publicize the rescue through TV, Radio, newsletters, articles for newspapers/magazines and school/community forums.
- Write and update the Foster Dog Blogs and the Rescue's Web Site.
- Improve BLRR's internet presence through social media like Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- Research, write and apply for grants.
- Create posters and flyers and other promotional materials.
- Post flyers in high traffic areas to advertise events, fostering, and adopting.
- Take photos/videos of dogs available for adoption.
- Take photos of events.

Fundraising – Be part of a team that will:

- Plan, execute and /or assist in events such as Basket Bingo, Photos with Santa, etc.
- Devise, plan and/or assist in raising money through unique programs such as the Terracycling Program, Jewelry/Art sales, Yard Sale, etc.
- Obtain donors, sponsors and contributions for events.
- Design and/or make dog-related items such as tugs, blankets, dog treats, etc. to be sold at events.

Events – Be part of a team that will:

- Attend and work at an Event, talking to potential adopters and distributing information about Brookline.
- Sell dog-related items at the Brookline Table
- Transport, handle and/or answer questions about dogs available for adoption.
- Transport Event supplies.
- Help with other tasks to make the event successful.

Administrative Tasks – Be part of a team that will:

- Make phone calls to check the references of potential adopting families.
- Assist with mailings.
- Answer phone and email inquiries and forward them to the appropriate volunteers.

PERSONAL REFERENCES

Personal Reference #1(Required):

Name	
Relationship to Applicant	
Phone	
Email Address*	

Personal Reference #2 (Required):

Name	
Relationship to Applicant	
Phone	
Email Address*	

Section II: Please complete if applying to foster for Brookline.

VET REFERENCE (Required if you have a pet or have had a pet within the last 5 years)

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone Number	

Please call your vet and give consent to release medical information to a Brookline Lab Rescue Representative. Your Veterinarian must indicate that your pets were/are kept up-to-date on vaccinations, are seen at least once a year by a vet, and receive medical treatment as needed. If resident dogs are not on heartworm prevention or tested yearly per the advice of their veterinarian, that is acceptable; however, it is expected that a dog adopted through Brookline Lab Rescue will be placed on monthly heartworm prevention.

FAMILY INFORMATION

- Please list the name(s) and age(s) of adults currently living in your home other than those listed above.
- Please list the name(s) and age(s) of children currently living in your home.
- Please list the age(s) of children who visit your home regularly and how often they visit.
- Have all of the children listed above been around dogs before and if so, how are they with dogs?

HOME INFORMATION

- Do you own your home? YES NO

If not, please provide the volunteer who does your home visit with a copy of your lease or a signed letter from your landlord (with contact information) showing that your lease allows pets.

- Do you have a fenced yard? YES NO

a. If yes, what type of fence? Chain Link Wood Vinyl Invisible Other: _____

b. How high is the fence?

Note: BLRR does not require adopters or foster families to have a fenced yard. We simply require that you have a plan to provide adequate exercise for your dog.

DOG/PET INFORMATION

- Please list all pets (dogs, cats, birds, etc.) you currently own.

Pet's Name	Species/Breed	Age	How Long Have You Had Pet?

- Are your pets used to being around other animals? YES NO

- If you own dog(s) are they spayed/neutered? YES NO
If no, please explain why:

- Please list all of the dogs you have owned as an adult, but no longer have and indicate why the dog is no longer with you. (Do not include current dogs or dogs you had while growing up.)

Dog's Name	Breed	How long did you have dog?	Rehomed?	Deceased /Old Age?	Deceased/ Other?

Section III: To be completed by all applicants.

AUTHORIZATION

I (we) attest that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my (our) knowledge. I (we) have read over the requirements for volunteering and/or fostering on the Brookline web site (www.brooklinelabrescue.org) and agree to their stated terms. I (We) permit Brookline to contact our veterinarian and personal references.

- I (We) agree
- I (We) do not agree

Please mail completed application to:

**Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue
P.O. Box 638
Warrington, PA 18976-0638**

Thank you for submitting an application to Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue. A volunteer will be contact you, **usually by email**, **within 10 days of the date of receipt of your application** to explain Brookline's process and schedule your home visit/interview. Please allow at least 10 days before contacting the rescue to check on the status of your application.
