

## Tzu Zoo Rescue

### ***VOLUNTEER REFERENCE FORM***

Please forward to your references. It looks long, but usually can be complete in 10 minutes. Be sure to have them fax to 972-767-3863 or email [tzuzoorescue@gmail.com](mailto:tzuzoorescue@gmail.com).

Questionnaire for each of your three references

Hello, your friend or family member has applied to become a volunteer with Tzu Zoo Rescue. Many volunteers end up handling, fostering and/or adopting our dogs. Part of the approval process we employ is to get to know the family by engaging in a dialog with friends and family. The applicant gave us your name as someone who could explain to us how we might expect one of our rescue dogs to be treated within the family. If you don't mind, please complete the following questions in as much detail as possible. We know that this will turn out to be a very lengthy document but we believe it very necessary to understand the people with whom we entrust with the care of our dogs. We want them to be part of our family. We apologize for taking up so much of your time, but we cannot approve their application to become a volunteer without this information. So if you could just complete this information and either email it back to us at [tzuzoorescue@gmail.com](mailto:tzuzoorescue@gmail.com); fax it to 972-767-3863, we would certainly appreciate it.

Applicant's name:

Your Name:

Address:

Contact phone number(s):

1. How long have you known the applicant?
2. How do you know them? Are they coworkers? Personal friends? Family?
3. What dogs does the applicant have now? Please list name, breed, sex (neutered or spayed) and age.

4. Please explain in detail some interaction you have seen between your friends and their dog(s).
  
5. What dogs have they had in the past? Please give us the breed, age, etc.
  
6. What happened to these dogs? Death, ran away, stolen, re-homed with a friend or family member?
  
7. Have they ever had any pets hit by a car or with a serious disease or injury? What were the circumstances and how did they handle the veterinary care?
  
8. How will the others in the house feel about a foster dog? Spouse, kids, parents, etc?
  
9. Do the dogs have free run of the secure yard when no one is home?
  
10. Is there a doggie door?
  
11. What kind of a fence do they have? What condition is it in?
  
12. Is there any way a small (10 pound) dog could escape?
  
13. Have their pets escaped in the past?

14. Have they been able to correct the behavior or were they forced to give the pet away?
15. Describe their neighborhood and street.
16. What kind of neighbors do they have?
17. Do any of the immediate neighbors dislike pets?
18. How close are they to a busy street?
19. Describe the interior of their home.
20. Describe the condition of their front and back yard.
21. What type of people visit their home? Kids? Grandkids? Step children? How do these children interact with the pets?
22. If they have children, how do they act? Are the children respectful of the adults? Are the adults respectful of the children? How do they treat their current pets?
23. What is their experience with puppies?
24. What is their experience with aging pets?

Signature:

Date:

We really appreciate the time you have taken with this information. Thank you for helping us in our efforts to provide loving caregivers and safe foster homes for the dogs in our rescue. Please either e-mail this back to me at [tzuzoorescue@gmail.com](mailto:tzuzoorescue@gmail.com); or fax it to 972-767-3863. We will begin processing the volunteer application once we have received this form.

Thank you.

Tzu Zoo Rescue Adoption Committee