Introduction

Hearts of Gold is a non-profit organization located in Morgantown, WV. We are funded by grants, foundations, and private donations, which enables us to place Service Dogs based on client need rather than client income.

Please complete this application form as completely as possible and send by email to Morgantownheartsofgold@gmail.com or by postal mail to Hearts of Gold, 286 Fairchance Rd, Morgantown, WV 26508. If considered eligible to be a Community Foster, a member of the Hearts of Gold team will contact you with next steps.

Section 1: Basics

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| Name of Primary Applicant: | Date: |
| Applicant Email Address: | Applicant Phone Number: |
| Applicant Physical Address: |
| How did you hear about Hearts of Gold? | Whose idea was it to apply for a Foster Dog? |
| What is your current profession? | How long have you been at your current job? |

 Section 2: Household Demographics

Section 2a: Occupants

Please list all human occupants or professional personnel who are regulars of the household in which the dog will reside.

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| Name | Age: | Gender: | Relationship to Primary Applicant: |
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Section 2b: Residence

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| Type: |
| Detached Single Home     Townhouse Apartment/Condo     Mobile Home Other: |
| Legal Status:  Own / Rent | Approx. Sq. Footage: | # Rooms (including bedrooms): |
| Does the Residence Have: |
| Dog Door: Yes / No | Outdoor Kennel Run: Yes / No | Tie-out Stake: Yes / No |
| Overhead Cable Run: Yes / No | Outdoor Dog House: Yes / No | Other: |
| Yard Description |
| Front Yard Size (Approx. Sq. Ft.): | Back Yard Size (Approx. Sq. Ft.): | Other: |
| Front Yard Fenced: Yes / No | Back Yard Fenced: Yes / No | Other Fencing: Yes / No |
| If “Yes” to any of the above, please describe the type of fence, its construction, height, etc.: |
| If “No” to all the above, please explain arrangements you will utilize for exercise and bathroom requirements for the dog: |

Section 2c: Other Pets/Animals Maintained by Members of the Residence

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| Type of Animal: | Breed: | Gender: | Age: | Altered: | Where Maintained: |
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| Do any of the above pets have any kind of behavioral or medical concerns? If yes, please explain. |

Section 2d: Foster Dog’s Environment

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| The dog will be primarily maintained: | Indoors / Outdoors |
| Are you a full or part time employee? | Full / Part |
| Will the foster be able to go to work with you? | Yes / No |
| If no, what is your plan to ensure the foster dog receives adequate exercise and potty breaks throughout your scheduled shifts? |
| Will the dog ever be tied up or chained while outdoors? | Yes / No |
|      If yes, please explain: |
| Will the dog have access to all rooms of the residence? | Yes / No |
|      If no, which rooms would be restricted: |
| Where will the dog spend its time when left alone in the residence? | Crate / Free Roam / One room |
| How many hours a day will the dog be left alone in the residence? | Consecutive:          Total: |
| Where will the dog be left during vacations, business travel, etc.? |

Section 2e: Experience

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| Please answer the following questions: | YES | NO |
| Has the applicant or any other member of the household ever trained a dog before? |  |  |
| Has the applicant or any other member of the household ever trained a dog by attending an obedience school or using a “private” trainer? |  |  |
| Has the applicant or any other member of the household ever “CRATE” trained a dog before? |  |  |
| Has the applicant or any other member of the household ever had to surrender a pet to a shelter for any reason?\*\*\* |  |  |
| Has the applicant or any other member of the household ever had to sell, give away, or otherwise rehome a pet because they were, for any reason, unable or unwilling to care for the pet?\*\*\* |  |  |
| If you answered YES to any of the questions with \*\*\* please explain: |

Section 3: About the Foster Dog

Section 3a: Desired Qualities

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| Why do you want to be a Community Foster for Hearts of Gold? |
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| Please circle any of the following requests or requirements for your prospective Foster Dog and indicate if it is a request or a requirement: |
| Medium Breed (25-49#) | Large Breed (50-74#) | Giant Breed (75# or greater) |
| Short Hair | Long Hair | Hypoallergenic |
| Low Energy | Medium Energy | High Energy |
| Other: |

Section 3b: Care

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| A Foster Dog REQUIRES daily care, training, and attention. Please indicate if you are able to provide the following for a Foster Dog.  | YES | NO |
| Do you have time to spend with the dog? |  |  |
| Are you able to exercise the dog? |  |  |
| Are you able to provide the dog with adequate enrichment and mental stimulation? |  |  |
| Are you able to allow adequate time for elimination multiple times per day? |  |  |
| Are you able to clean up after the dog goes to the bathroom? |  |  |
| Are you able to take the dog to the veterinarian at scheduled times or in case of an emergency? |  |  |
| If the answer is “no” to any of the requirements, please explain why not and your plan to ensure that this daily need is met in some other way. |

Section 4: References

Please provide 3 personal references (not family members or anyone listed in this application) of individuals who can attest to your character, history with animals, and need for a Foster Dog. Please ensure that all references are prepared to answer questions on your behalf.

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| Reference #1 |
| Name: | Email Address: |
| Phone Number: | Number of Years Known: | Relationship to Applicant: |

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| Reference #2 |
| Name: | Email Address: |
| Phone Number: | Number of Years Known: | Relationship to Applicant: |

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| Reference #3 |
| Name: | Email Address: |
| Phone Number: | Number of Years Known: | Relationship to Applicant: |

Section 5: Acknowledgements and Signatures

Section 5a: Acknowledgements

Please initial each of the following statements to acknowledge that you have read and understand each item listed below.

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| Initials | Statements |
|  | I understand that applying for a Foster Dog does not guarantee that I will receive a Foster Dog from this organization. |
|  | I understand that completion of the Community Foster course does not guarantee that a dog will be placed with me. |
|  | I understand that if a dog is placed with me, I will continue to travel to Morgantown, WV on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month for MANDATORY obedience classes.  |
|  | I understand that Hearts of Gold will provide medical care, equipment, and food for my Foster dog only. |
|  | I understand that Hearts of Gold will not be responsible for any fees or damages caused by my foster dog while he/she is in my care. |
|  | I understand that I must provide Hearts of Gold with updated vaccine records for all animals in my home while I am considered a Community Foster. |
|  | I understand that I will NOT be permitted to take my foster dog into public. |
|  | I understand that becoming a community foster has no affect on my application should I choose to apply for a Service, Therapy, or Emotional Support Dog from Hearts of Gold. |
|  | I understand that if I choose to apply for a dog from Hearts of Gold for anything other than a Community Foster, I must relinquish my current foster dog and begin the required application process for all applicants. |
|  | I understand that I must always follow all Hearts of Gold Rules and Regulations. |
|  | I understand that Hearts of Gold may choose to relieve me of my fostering duties at any time for any reasons. |
|  | I understand that I am submitting this application of my own free will and that I can choose to surrender a foster dog at any time and for any reason and to remove myself from the duties and responsibilities of being a Community Foster.  |

Section 5b: Signatures

Each individual listed in this application, including the Applicant, who is over the age of 18 must sign and date this application to acknowledge that they are aware of the application and agree to the potential placement of a Foster Dog with the applicant.

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| Printed Name | Signature |
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