



Foster Application Form

Why Foster?

Fostering saves lives. It's that simple.

Dachshunds as a breed generally don't do very well in shelters, and dogs that struggle in shelters generally are the ones who struggle to get homes, and if they are not in pro-life shelters, their future is bleak. By fostering, not only are you preventing that horrible ending, but you are also making space for another dog in a shelter.

Why the questions?

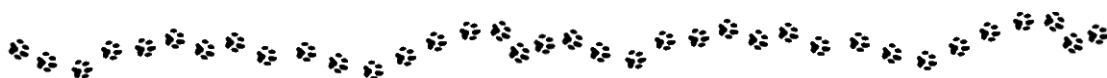
If we don't ask all of these questions, you might foster a dog that causes chaos in your house. Not only is that stressful for the dachshund, but it's also stressful for you and your family. Fostering a dog should bring you a sense of joy and fulfilment, and should leave you knowing that you have really done something amazing- you have saved a life.

So please bear with us while we take you on this lovely journey of rescuing a homeless dachshund; it's in your best interest to allow us to do it the right way.

About You:

We need to know more about you and your family, so we can assess which orphan will fit in best with your family.

Full Name	
Address	
Contact Number (M)	
Contact Number (H)	
Contact Email	
ID number	
Number of people living in your household?	
Ages of people living in your household?	
Who is at home during the day?	
Do you have a housekeeper? If so, how many days are they at home?	



About your Pets

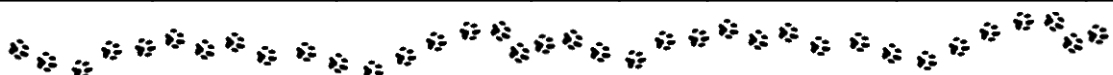
Not all dachshunds like other dogs, or other animals, and some would much rather be your only prince or princess. To help us match the right dog to your family, please help us understand who your non-human family are.

Do you have any other pets?	
Where exactly do they sleep?	
Please provide specific details of what you feed your dogs? (brand and quantity)	
Where exactly do you feed your dogs & how often?	
Do you walk your dogs? If so, where and how often?	
Where do your pets stay during the day if you are out of the house?	
Do they have access to the house when no one is home?	
Have your dogs ever been in a fight? If so, what happened?	
What do you do with them when you go on holiday?	
Do you breed any of your pets?	
If so, are you a registered breeder?	
Please provide your vets details.	
What would you do with your pet if there was a vet bill that you knew you wouldn't be able to cover?	
Are you aware that dachshunds can be chewers and diggers?	
How do you correct unwanted behaviour in your pets?	
Have you had a pet pass on in the last 5 years? If yes, how did they pass?	

Who are your Pets?

In order for us to be able to home the right dachshund with your pack, please tell us more about your own pets (that includes cats, birds, rabbits etc etc)

Name	Species	Breed	Where did you get them from	Age	Sex	Date of last vaccination	Date/year of sterilisation	Personality



About your Home:

Dachshunds are a funny little breed, with plenty of different personalities. In order to match the right dog to your home, we need a little more information about your home.

Do you rent or own?	
Is your home in a complex?	
If renting/complex: How many dogs are you allowed?	
If you are renting, or in a complex, do you have permission from your landlord or body corporate to have another dog in your home? Please provide confirmation.	
How big is your garden?	
Description of your property wall/fence line?	
Do your dogs have access to the driveway?	
Do you have a pool, and is it covered or fenced?	
If you have an unfenced pool, how do you keep your pets safe?	
Does your home have stairs or steps?	
Do you have a doggy door?	
Are you planning to move in the near future?	
Dachshunds can be quite vocal - will barking be a problem in your home?	
Are there any other animals on your property (eg neighbours or family members pets/livestock)	
Are any of your family members allergic to cats or dogs?	
Is everyone in your home agreed on fostering a new pet?	

Last few questions:

Have you ever owned / fostered dachshunds?	
Are you aware of the potential health issues associated with the breed? (IVDD, dental diseases, obesity, diabetes)	
Why do you want to foster?	
Do you have any preferences about the type of dachshund you want to foster? (eg. sex, age, house trained, good with kids, etc).	



Would you be happy for a TDH representative to visit your home and conduct an assessment?	
Do you foster for any other organisation?	
Have you ever had to rehome any of your pets? If so, what were the circumstances that led you to that decision, and how did you rehome them?	

Signature of applicant:

Date:

What Next?

Now that you have completed this application, please send it back to us at **adoptions@TheDachshundHaven.co.za**

We will review your application, and give you our feedback within 48 hours. We may have a couple of additional questions before we decide whether to proceed with your application, so please ensure you have given us the correct contact details.

If we are happy to proceed with your application, we will contact you to arrange a home check.

The purpose of this home check is to ensure that your home is a secure, safe and loving environment for our precious orphan, and to confirm that we have the right dachshund for your home.

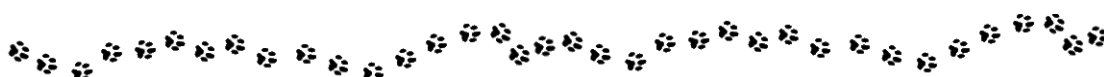
We will not be intrusive, but we will take photographs of the outside areas, such as the garden, pool (if applicable), gates and fences, which we will add to the completed "home check" form, which gets attached to your application and filed for auditing purposes.

We will then review your home check and application once more, and revert back to you within 48 hours of visiting your home.

At this point, there are 2 possible outcomes:

- Your application has been ***declined***. In this instance, we will advise you of why your application has been declined, and if there is anything you can do to reverse this decision (for example, if your property is not secure, we may decline this until you have fences fixed)
- Your application is ***successful*** and we will put your details on our file of approved fosters. If we have a dachshund looking for a home, we will arrange for him/her to be brought to you asap, otherwise we will contact you as soon as we need help.

Please remember that it can take six to eight weeks for your new addition to settle into your family. Don't expect a perfect introduction with hearts and



romance everywhere. It's scary for a little dog to find himself in a new home with new people and pets in it.

Some dachshunds are absolutely fine within a day or two, and it feels like they have been with you forever. Others take a little longer to learn to trust you, and reciprocate your love.

Don't be disheartened if you have the latter challenge. It makes it all the more rewarding when you get your first kiss, or your first tail wag, and the best part is when you hand over your happy, well balanced doggie to their new forever family.

Thank you for wanting to save a dachshund's life!! We will be in touch soon!

