

The following information and request are included in the September 2008 edition of the M.A. Newsletter:-

## **OEMC Mastiff Rescue**

**At a meeting held on Sunday 17th August, the M.A. Committee was pleased to re-affirm its on-going support for OEMC Mastiff Rescue and acknowledged that the prevailing financial and social climate was likely to increase the burden of the Rescue work being undertaken.**

**The M.A. committee considered in detail the contents of a letter received from OEMC Secretary, Mrs Chrissie Rischmiller, extracts from which are reprinted below for the information of M.A. members.**

*“As you will be aware, the OEMC has been running Mastiff Rescue for the past years with increasing difficulty and the problem of asking people to help by either home-checking, fostering, or transporting rescue Mastiffs in the present economic climate is becoming more difficult. As such, we feel that owners who wish to re-home their Mastiffs should be encouraged to keep them until a suitable home is found though we accept that this is not always possible so there is a need for foster homes to be available.*”

We are seeking your help in finding volunteers to cover all areas of the country. We need pairs of hands rather than monetary help although that would also be a help ....

**The M.A. Committee is therefore making an approach to its UK members to ascertain the strength of support for undertaking any of the various tasks that need to be carried out to rescue or re-home a Mastiff successfully by completing the accompanying insert questionnaire and returning it to Elaine Knight, MA Secretary, as soon as possible. Alternatively, it can be downloaded from the M.A. website, completed and e-mailed back to Elaine.**

**We must clarify that the coordination of activities relating to Mastiff Rescue remains with the OEMC’s serving Director of Rescue and that M.A. members who have volunteered to help will be doing so at the request of its D of R or other person delegated by the OEMC.**

### **Notes:**

- **Home Checkers should be experienced Mastiff owners who fully understand the needs of the breed and the implications of ownership.**

**No age limit or special insurance requirements are needed for this work.**

- Drivers who offer to transport Mastiffs MUST be covered by insurance which is specifically tailored for animal rescue work. OEMC members are already covered by such insurance which is held by the Club. The M.A. will be taking out similar insurance cover for the protection of its members. There is an upper age limit of 60 years imposed by the insurance company for members who undertake this work.**
- Foster Homes – a more difficult issue because requirements will vary depending on circumstances and length of time.**

**A foster home would probably need to have a kennel or other area where a Mastiff could be kept separately from other animals in the member's household but this would be entirely at the discretion of the member offering the temporary accommodation.**

**You may download the response form as a Word document [click here](#) from here onto your PC, complete it, and and e-mail it back to Elaine using [MA.secretary@kumormaimastiffs.plus.com](mailto:MA.secretary@kumormaimastiffs.plus.com)**

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