

Rescue Guidelines

General Guidelines

Dogs may not be accepted into rescue without the prior authorization of the rescue chair, or in the absence of the rescue chair, a member of the BOD.

Dogs accepted into rescue must have a signed release form.

The rescue chair is the central point of contact and informational resource for all rescue volunteers.

Stray Dogs versus Owner Release

Owner Release dogs require:

- PVSSC Release Form
- PVSSC Surrender Questionnaire

Strays dogs:

Coordination with the rescue chair is essential

- Shelter releases to rescue require an official release to rescue supplied by the shelter
- Turnovers from the public require:
 - Verification of breed by a PVSSC breeder
 - Scan for microchip or tattoo
 - Publication efforts by the rescue chair/volunteers consisting of alerting membership, local shelters and local veterinarians in an effort to find the owner breeder.
 - A minimum two week wait (longer at the discretion of rescue chair) before spay/neuter and offering the stray for adoption

Foster Homes

Foster homes accept the responsibility for the daily care of the rescue dog. Foster homes will be reimbursed for the customary expenses associated with fostering a rescue dog (indicated below). The foster home will, on accepting the dog, make arrangements for a veterinary appointment to verify the health status of the dog and obtain medical assistance for any problems. The foster home will make every effort to evaluate the dog, or contact a BOD member to assist in the behavioral evaluation of the dog prior to placement.

Acceptable veterinary procedures to be obtained without prior authorization from the BOD:

1. General Health Checkup
2. Routine shots
3. Fecal Check

4. Heartworm Check
5. Microchip
6. Spay/neuter
7. Bathing/grooming
8. Routine health care as defined as medication for common medical problems (wormer, antibiotics, ear medications, topical medications, CBC, urine analysis, etc.)
9. Boarding as related to the above procedures

Proposed: brucellosis test if foster home is concerned for any reason

Proposed: A vet bill can easily exceed \$250 with reasonable and customary routine care as listed above. The procedures listed may be obtained by a foster home in consultation with the rescue chair without seeking board approval.

Acceptable items that can be purchased without prior authorization:

1. Leash/collar
2. e-collar
3. Food
4. supplements

Items or veterinary procedures beyond those listed above must be cleared with Rescue Chair and/or BOD prior to obtaining items/care.

Request for reimbursement for customary care and expenses should be submitted to the Treasurer, with a courtesy notification to the rescue chair.

In an emergency, every effort must be made to contact the Rescue Chair or BOD member prior to authorizing expenses in excess of \$250 (as per standing rule 17).

Spay/Neuter

Generally all dogs will be spayed/neutered prior to placement. As there may be individual exceptions to this rule or issues requiring the postponement of a spay/neuter, surgery should be arranged with the approval of the rescue chair.

Home Check

Prior to a dog's placement into a new home, a personal home check by a rescue volunteer must be completed.

The rescue volunteer is to enter the home and speak to the adoptive individual/family about the responsibility of owning a standard schnauzer. The rescue volunteer will evaluate the home with the sole purpose of assessing if the individual/family is able to provide for the physical safety, exercise/training and emotional needs of a standard

schnauzer. Verify where the schnauzer will live (loose in house? Crate? Yard?). Note if the yard is free from debris and securely fenced. If individual/family does not have a yard/fence, what are their plans for exercising the dog? If possible, bring along one of your own standards for the individual/family to meet and evaluate all family members' reactions to the dog (are all family members excited and motivated? Is any family member not supportive of a new dog?)

Euthanasia guidelines

If a foster home is concerned that a rescue is either:

- 1) Medically unsound to the degree that euthanasia is recommended
- 2) Behaviorally unsound to the degree that euthanasia is recommended

Prior to taking action, the foster home must contact the rescue chair, or in the absence of the rescue chair contact a member of the BOD to discuss the situation and obtain permission to euthanize the dog. If the rescue chair or the BOD member disagrees with the foster home's assessment, the dog will be placed in an alternative foster home for additional evaluation. In any case the entire BOD will be notified by the rescue chair (or board member contacted) regarding the situation and outcome.