



BC Chihuahua Rescue Code of Ethics for Fostering & Rescue Volunteers

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

I agree to comply with the following general terms and conditions.

1. To conduct my rescue efforts as a non-profit endeavor, whether my group is an organization recognized by the province, the federal government or the work of one or more private individuals.
2. To conduct my rescue on a voluntary basis, receiving no personal compensation for any rescue work, nor engage in the selling of dogs from known puppy millers, wholesalers, or pet stores.
3. To do my best to educate people about the unique issues regarding the breed (i.e. temperament, health, training, care, etc).
4. To recommend specific purebred breeders to adopters desiring such information (when possible) but not to act as a general repository or adoption facilitator for any breeder's unsold animals.
5. I will not in any way use my rescue volunteering to promote my personal website, business, opinion, or other personal endeavors, nor will I utilize rescue discounts for my own personal use.
6. To ensure that all animals in my home are inoculated against infectious diseases by having inoculations administered by my veterinarian on a regular basis according to standard accepted practice.
7. To educate the public about the importance of spay/neuter both by way of setting an example by having my own pets spayed or neutered and by education.

IF YOU ARE GOING TO FOSTER:

1. To keep all rescue animals in my care under sanitary and safe conditions which comply with all standards as defined by local health and sanitation authorities. The dog will not be allowed to roam freely nor will the dog be physically restrained to any inanimate objects (trees, cable run, parking meters, etc.)
2. To provide, appropriate routine veterinary care as instructed by the directors of the BC Chihuahua Rescue organization, for fostered rescue animals.
3. To ensure that rescue animals are free of parasitic infestations.
4. To provide appropriate and sufficient food, clean water, and shelter for all animals in my care to ensure their health, comfort and well-being. To keep the foster dog safe and protected at all times, and to keep the dog on leash when not properly contained.
5. To assess each animal's temperament and health to the best of my knowledge and to disclose those findings to the directors of the BCCR and to any potential adopters.
6. Rescue animals deemed unadoptable for reasons of health resulting in pain and suffering and confirmed by a licensed veterinarian will be humanely euthanized either by a veterinarian or certified euthanasia technician and properly disposed of.
7. I will contact the directors of BCCR immediately if the dog is lost, stolen, injured or dead.
8. If fostering a dog with a known behavioral problem I will accept all responsibility to ensure the safety of the dog and the general public and understand that I am undertaking to foster at my own risk.
9. I agree to comply with the BCCR foster guidelines as provided.