



Rescue Coordinator Agreement

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Our Rescue Coordinators provide an extremely valuable service in the rescue of Kerry Blue Terriers. They manage all aspects of identifying and rescuing a dog, screen Foster Families and arrange foster care, screen potential adopters, place dogs in permanent homes, and provide follow-up to new owners. They also provide education to new and potential owners, and support to their local Shelter Scouts and Foster Families. The Kerry Blue Terrier Foundation (KBTF) considers its Rescue Coordinators to be essential to the welfare and proper placement of its rescue dogs, and wishes the experience to be enjoyable, free of misunderstandings, and eminently rewarding.

The person volunteering to serve a KBTF Rescue Coordinator agrees to the following:

- 1. Duties.** The Rescue Coordinator agrees to:
 - Manage KBTF rescues in their area.
 - Work with and assist Shelter Scouts to ID Kerries in shelters and recover them.
 - Work with pet store owners and backyard breeders who sell Kerries to ensure the welfare of the dogs
 - Screen, approve, and assist KBTF Foster Families.
 - Screen potential adopters, perform home checks, and provide breed information.
 - Place rescue dogs only in approved KBTF Foster Families or pre-approved permanent homes and provide follow-up.
 - Coordinate and cooperate with Kerry Club Rescue on joint rescue projects determined by the KBTF.
 - Report to the KBTF Rescue Director.

- 2. Rescue policy.** The Rescue Coordinator will follow all the KBTF procedures and guidelines described in its Rescue Policy, use the rescue tools provided by the KBTF, obtain a signed KBTF Release Agreement when recovering dogs from private parties, and maintain the required documentation on every rescue dog and keep complete and accurate records. The Rescue Coordinator agrees to make no decisions regarding euthanasia of any rescue dog without a prior written evaluation from a veterinarian or dog behaviorist and approval from the KBTF Rescue Director or Rescue Administrator except in life threatening situations.

- 3. Monetary reimbursement.** The Rescue Coordinator is not an employee of the KBTF but an unpaid volunteer working for the benefit of the dogs they help rescue.

The Rescue Coordinator will be reimbursed by the KBTF for the same expenses covered for Foster Families and Shelter Scouts should these costs be incurred in the course of the Rescue Coordinator's work, including:

- all long-distance calls to shelters, Foster Families, and Shelter Scouts
- all shelter fees
- initial veterinary examination and any necessary vaccinations (rabies, bordatella, DHLPP), spaying/neutering, and any other required veterinary care, testing, treatment, or boarding
- bordatella boosters for any other dogs residing in the Rescue Coordinator's home (should a rescue dog be fostered there), if desired, and previously approved by the KBTF Rescue Director or Rescue Administrator.
- good quality dog food, and a leash and collar with identification (if not already supplied)
- tattooing or microchipping in the name of the KBTF

Any other reasonable and necessary expenditures not resulting from carelessness, abuse, or neglect on the part of the Rescue Coordinator will be reimbursed with the approval of the KBTF Rescue Director or Rescue Administrator. The Rescue Coordinator agrees to make every effort to keep expenses billed to the KBTF as reasonable as possible, including requesting Rescue discounts for veterinary costs, and taking advantage of coupons, sales, and low telephone rates. All other expenses, such as any transportation to and from a shelter, and any other associated costs are deemed donated by the Rescue Coordinator unless the Coordinator specifically requests reimbursement.

- 4. Reliability.** The Rescue Coordinator agrees to be reliable and available to perform the duties outlined here, and will notify the KBTF Rescue Director when he/she is unable to continue to provide this service.

- 5. Time sensitive.** The Rescue Coordinator realizes that time is extremely critical in rescue operations, and understands the need to quickly

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ID a shelter dog, provide assistance to a family in need, or initiate a rescue when the situation warrants.

6. **Cooperation.** The Rescue Coordinator agrees to cooperate fully with the KBTF Rescue Director on all aspects of the rescue process, and to provide support to KBTF Foster Families and Shelter Scouts.
7. **Screening homes.** The Rescue Coordinator agrees to screen potential adoptive homes with the utmost care and scrutiny, to perform home visits with the families, and to match the requirements of the dogs with the requirements of the families to the best of his/her ability. The Rescue Coordinator will ensure that every adoptive home submits a completed and signed Adoption Questionnaire, meets the dog prior to adoption, and receives full disclosure on the dog under consideration.
8. **Placement.** After foster care, the Rescue Coordinator agrees to place dogs only in carefully screened homes that have been home-checked, and obtain a signed Adoption Agreement for every dog placed. The Rescue Coordinator recognizes and respects the emotional bond a Foster Family develops with a foster dog, and will allow the family to participate in choosing the adoptive home to the fullest extent possible.
9. **Follow-up.** The Rescue Coordinator agrees to provide assistance and advice to all new adopters, provide breed information and educational resources, and maintain follow-up thereafter, at least once each year.
10. **Confidentiality.** The Rescue Coordinator recognizes the vulnerability of an impounded dog, pet store puppy, or other dog in an at-risk situation, and agrees to never divulge the location of the dog, or any facts relating to it, to anyone other than the KBTF Rescue Director, both prior to and after a dog is recovered.
11. **Local animal laws.** The Rescue Coordinator agrees to obey all federal, state, county, and municipal laws in performing this service.
12. **Foster care.** In the event the Rescue Coordinator wishes to foster a recovered dog, the home must be pre-qualified in advance, and have a signed Foster Family Agreement on file with the KBTF. All costs relating to the care of the dog are covered in that agreement.
13. **Adoption.** In the event that the Rescue Coordinator wishes to permanently adopt a foster dog, an Adoption Questionnaire must be completed, then approved by the KBTF Rescue Director, and, if approved, an Adoption Contract must be signed and submitted along with the appropriate adoption fees.
14. **Property rights.** The Rescue Coordinator understands that any Kerry recovered in performing his/her duties is the property of the KBTF, and agrees to place the dog only in an approved KBTF Foster Family, in a duly screened and checked permanent home, or to return it to its breeder only at the request of the KBTF Rescue Director. The animal shall not be sold, abandoned, relinquished to a pound or shelter or to any other Rescue group, transferred, or given to any individual, or to any retail or wholesale establishment for the purpose of sale or resale to the public, nor to any research institution.
15. **Liability.** The Rescue Coordinator does hereby release, discharge, and hold harmless the KBTF and any person, firm, or corporation charged or chargeable with liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and assigns, from any and all claims, damages, costs, expenses, loss of services, actions, and causes of actions, whether known or unknown, belonging to the said Rescue Coordinator due to any action or occurrence from the date of this agreement arising out of or in connection with their responsibility as a Rescue Coordinator, except for those expenses specifically described in item 3.
16. **Attorney fees.** The Rescue Coordinator agrees to pay the KBTF any and all expenses, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees, in enforcing the terms and provisions of this agreement.
17. **Duration of Agreement.** This Agreement remains in effect until cancelled in writing by the Rescue Coordinator or the KBTF.

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The UNDERSIGNED Rescue Coordinator hereby acknowledges having read the terms of this Agreement and does hereby agree to abide by each of the rules set forth above.

Signature of Rescue Coordinator: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name and Address of Rescue Coordinator

Home Phone (_____) _____ Work Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Signature of Rescue Coordinator: _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Work Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Approved by Rescue Director

Name / Signature

Date