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| | Date: July 2019 |

1. PURPOSE

To establish the policy and procedures for the rescue of animals from Anchorage Animal Care and Control (AACC) by approved groups and individuals.

2. POLICY

It is the policy of AACC to provide the general public with the initial opportunity of adoption. Rescue groups may be utilized if an animal has special medical or behavioral needs, or is in immediate danger of euthanasia. The AACC Director may authorize exceptions to the rescue policy where rescue is essential for the animal's well-being.

3. DIVISIONS AFFECTED

All divisions of AACC

4. DEFINITIONS

A. Rescue:

The term used when an animal is rescued from AACC to a safe home as an alternative to euthanasia. Rescues may take place when the animal is in immediate danger of euthanasia. The rescuer agrees to provide for all of the animal's physical and psychological needs as well as accept the additional responsibility of making sure the animal is placed with a qualified adoptive family.

B. Approved AACC Rescue Partner:

Any group, individual or company interested in animal rescue and qualified to take responsibility for such an animal. To qualify as a rescue partner with AACC, a group representative, individual or company must:

1. Complete and sign the Rescue Program Agreement.
2. If applicable, provide proof of special purpose licenses in accordance with Title 17.15.060.
3. Be in good standing with AACC (no outstanding Notices to Comply, fees or fines).

5. PROCEDURE

A. Rescue Group Rescue

1. AACC rescue partners may rescue an animal from AACC if the following criteria are met:
 - a. The animal is deemed unadoptable to the general public for medical or behavioral reasons.
 - b. The animal is in immediate danger of euthanasia.
 - c. The AACC Director has authorized rescue for the individual animal's well-being.
2. AACC staff will attempt to contact approved rescue partners interested in rescuing specific animals should an animal be in danger of euthanasia for any of the above reasons.
3. Rescue groups may request an animal at AACC by contacting the Volunteer Coordinator or a Customer Service Representative. However, the animal will not be given into the custody of the rescue group until such time as the animal is in danger of euthanasia and no one else has expressed an interest in adopting him/her.

4. Rescue group members interested in adopting an animal for themselves may fill out the adoption paperwork and adopt an animal through normal AACC adoption procedures. Members of rescue groups shall receive the same rights as other adopters of an animal with all of the responsibilities pertaining to such adoption acts.
 5. After an animal is rescued by a rescue group, the animal becomes property of the rescue group. Per the Rescue Agreement, the rescue group contact is required to notify AACC with new owner information.
- B. Rescued Animals Returned To Animal Control
1. At the time a rescue group rescues an animal they make a lifetime commitment to care for that particular animal. For this reason, when rescue groups adopt out one of their animals rescued from AACC, some groups may require the new owner to sign a contract stating that the new owner will contact a rescue group representative if they can no longer care for that animal. Occasionally, adopters forget or disregard the agreement and will release the animal to AACC. When AACC contacts an approved rescue partner in this situation, the group may rescue the animal again and return him/her to their program. If AACC receives the animal as a stray, AACC will follow Title 17 requirements and AACC policy for impoundment.
 2. If our records trace an animal to a rescue group, or if the person releasing the animal indicates they obtained the animal from a rescue group, a note is entered into the computer. A rescue group representative is contacted and given the opportunity to adopt the animal. The rescue group is required to pay all necessary adoption fees.

6. ATTACHMENTS

Rescue Program Agreement
New Owner Information

7. REVIEW DATE

The AACC Director and Volunteer Coordinator will review this document annually.

Anchorage Animal Care & Control
4711 Elmore Rd.
Anchorage, AK 99507
Fax #: 343-8134

New Owner Information

Rescue Group/Organization: _____

New Owner's Name: _____

Physical Address: _____ Mailing: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Animal ID #: _____ Animal Name: _____

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Please submit this information for all rescued animals within 30 days of their
new placement.

You may submit this form by hand, fax, mail or email. Please send emails to
ACCS@muni.org.

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4711 Elmore Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507**

2020 RESCUE PROGRAM AGREEMENT

GROUP/ORGANIZATION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

WEBSITE: _____

MISSION STATEMENT: _____

May we give the above information out to the public? Yes No

AUTHORIZED RESCUER(S):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email: _____

Special Purpose License Number: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email: _____

Special Purpose License Number: _____

VETERINARIAN(S) (Name, Address, Phone Number):

1. _____

2. _____

PERSONAL REFERENCES (Name, Address, Phone Number):

1. _____

TYPE(S) OF ANIMALS INTERESTED IN RESCUING:

Are you interested in animals with:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Minor but highly treatable medical problems? | Y | N |
| 2. More serious medical problems? | Y | N |
| 3. A history of biting? | Y | N |
| 4. A history of aggression towards other animals? | Y | N |
| 5. A history of issues with children? | Y | N |
| 6. A history of significant separation anxiety? | Y | N |
| 7. Elderly? | Y | N |
| 8. Those exhibiting signs of food guarding? | Y | N |
| 9. Those exhibiting signs of resource guarding? | Y | N |
| 10. Those exhibiting signs of kennel stress? | Y | N |
| 11. Other: _____ | | |

Where will animals stay until finding appropriate homes? _____

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WE HEREBY AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- To see that all dogs residing in Anchorage receive a Municipality dog license.
- To apply and obtain appropriate licensing as required by Title 17.
- To accept visits from AACC.
- To see that the animal is spayed/neutered (if applicable) within 60 days of the adoption and/or when eligible (if not done so at the time of adoption), and to see that verification of spay/neuter is returned to AACC not later than 60 days from the animal's eligibility.
- To provide AACC with the new owner's information and proof of license within 30 days of placing the animal(s) in a new home.
- To ensure that proper and sufficient food, water, shelter and veterinary treatment are provided as the animal may require.

- To return the animal to AACC and not another rescue group if it becomes impossible to care for this animal.
- To not to permit the animal to run at large or become a public nuisance.
- To have the option to retrieve the animal from AACC if impounded.
- To not use the animal for experiments of any kind as per Title 17.
- To not hold AACC responsible for any present or future illness of the animal or any damage the animal may do to person or property.
- To inform new owners of above conditions and to educate about responsible pet ownership.
- To communicate with and about AACC and their staff in a positive, respectful and professional manner.
- To respond to AACC within 72 hours of initial rescue request. If AACC does not receive a response within that time period, AACC will assume rescue group is unable to accommodate request.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW ANY OF THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE TERMINATION FROM THE RESCUE PROGRAM.

I/We have received a copy and read AACC's Rescue Policy Section C-07.

Signature of Authorized Rescuer

Date

AACC Director

Date

AACC Rescue Program Coordinator

Date