



Rescue Partner Agreement

The Nova Scotia SPCA helps thousands of lost and unwanted dogs and cats each year. Unfortunately, not all the animals will be eligible for immediate adoption. Those arriving with serious medical conditions or displaying fractious or aggressive behavior may have a better chance at being adopted if released to a qualified rescue partner who can improve the animals chance at being adopted if released to a qualified rescue partner who can improve the animal's condition. In cases when the shelter has reached its maximum capacity for care additional animals, some very adoptable may be offered to qualified rescue partners as a way to lower the capacity and avoid having to euthanize otherwise healthy animals due to lack of holding space. In these situations, it is always preferred to release dogs and cats to an approved rescue group and help the rescue community promote the animals to a broader spectrum of potential adopters.

Qualified rescue organizations having a current charitable status that have the ability and knowledge to participate as a rescue partner whose purpose and goal is to help rescue dogs and/or cats from the shelter must first complete the attached application and return it to rescue@spcans.ca
Attention: Director of Provincial Animal Care

Agreement Summary

- The Nova Scotia SPCA endeavors to support rescue partners for the benefit of placing our companion animals into humane environments. The Nova Scotia SPCA recognizes the importance of rescue partners as well as protecting the interest of animals placed in our care and has established specific requirements:

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- A completed and approved rescue partner application must be on file prior to release of any animals to any rescue partner and/or its approved representatives.
- The Nova Scotia SPCA must be notified immediately of any changes in the rescue partner organization, such as location changes, principle/officer changes, contact information (phone numbers, email addresses), authorized representatives that may pull animals from the shelter on the behalf of any approved rescue partner.
- All rescue partner applications will be renewed annually. If the Nova Scotia SPCA has amended the process or if rescue partner has revised any information, a new application will be required.
- The Nova Scotia SPCA will only release animals to rescue partner representatives that are listed on the application and been approved.
- Communication between authorized rescue contacts and the designated rescue staff will be conducted using the rescue@spcans.ca email address.
- An approved Rescue Partner is an extension of the Nova Scotia SPCA and as such is expected to support the mission and efforts of The Nova Scotia SPCA. False, misleading or controversial media, publications and social media content directed towards The Nova Scotia SPCA is not acceptable.
- Rescue Partner acknowledges that no director, operator, staff, and/or animal caregivers of Rescue Partner have been charged for, convicted of, found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, regardless of adjudication, animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment.

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- The Provincial Director of Animal Care or when designated, the Provincial Branch Coordinator, has the sole discretion to determine which animals may be released to a rescue partner.
- A maximum of 48 hours from initial contact shall be extended to the approved rescue partner to pick up animals from The Nova Scotia SPCA
- If a rescue partner refers a potential adopter to The Nova Scotia SPCA Shelter regarding an animal available for adoption, the normal Nova Scotia SPCA adoption procedures and fees will be followed.
- Stray animals being held at The Nova Scotia SPCA during holding period are not available for this program, unless The Nova Scotia SPCA approval has been given to place the animal in a temporary foster environment during the stray hold period.
- In the event an approved rescue partner accepts an intact animal due to medical condition or age, it is the rescue partner's responsibility to spay/neuter the animal prior to adoption from their organization and provide written proof to The Nova Scotia SPCA.
- Rescue Partners shall comply with all parts of the Animal Protection Act Legislation
- The disposition of all animals obtained from The Nova Scotia SPCA, as well as all current owner information must be forwarded to The Nova Scotia SPCA immediately after an animal is placed in a permanent home by the rescue partner.
- The Nova Scotia SPCA does not transfer any breed registration papers with the animal.

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- The Nova Scotia SPCA cannot guarantee the health of the animal, or be responsible for any illness transmitted to other animals in the care of the rescue partner.
- Rescue partner must agree to an inspection of all animal housing facilities by a representative of The Nova Scotia SPCA
- All rescue partners and their pre-approved representatives must reside in a “pets allowed” living situation and shall comply with local zoning ordinances regarding the number of animals permitted and facility requirements.

Failure to adhere to these procedures may result in written termination of this agreement.

The Nova Scotia SPCA reserves the right to deny any application.

I UNDERSTAND THAT NOVA SCOTIA SPCA DOES NOT RELEASE ANY ANIMALS DEEMED TO BE AGGRESSIVE I have received and agree to abide by the summary of requirements listed above:

Note this section serves as a summary only. The Terms and Conditions portion of this application must also be signed and abided by to remain an approved Rescue Partner.

Organization's Name: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name and Title _____