

NORTHWEST VIZSLA RESCUE ALLIANCE, INC BREED RESCUE GUIDELINES

Objectives of Breed Rescue

- The objectives of breed rescue shall be to:
 - Encourage and promote formation of regional club rescue efforts for purebred Vizslas;
 - Provide such financial assistance in rescue situations as is possible and consistent within current guidelines.

Basis for Breed Rescue Involvement

- The dog must be eligible by meeting two criteria:
 - It must be a “Rescue” – A Vizsla from various types of shelters, owner(s) no longer able to care for their dog(s), strays or abandoned; and
 - It must be a “Purebred” Vizsla – Lacking registration papers, purebred status will be established through evaluation by a person knowledgeable of the Vizsla breed standard.
- Dogs must have a reasonable chance to be placed into a new home on a permanent basis. Dogs believed questionable for adoption due to severe health or temperament problems will be judged on a case by case basis, by those volunteers in NWVRA qualified to make the evaluation. Their recommendation to the BOD will be considered along with amount of funds needed to bring dog to adoptable status.
- Before a dog may be accepted into the program, the owners must contact the dog’s breeder about re-homing the dog and demonstrate responsible efforts towards solving existing problems or making their own responsible placements.

Financial

- The following expenses are generally considered reimbursable through NWVRA
 - Basic veterinary examination, necessary inoculations or titers, and immediate care up to established spending limits;
 - Shelter adoption fees;
 - Spaying and neutering costs;
 - Reasonable expenses incurred by foster homes if the rescue becomes ill while in the foster care. Any expenses other than emergency care require prior approval by the Board of Directors
 - Heart worm treatment is reimbursable provided the attending veterinarian renders a greater than 60% chance of survival opinion.
- Owners surrendering their dogs should be encouraged to make a donation.
- A reasonable adoption fee will be charged.
- Expenditures over \$200 must be approved by the Board of Directors

Management of Vizsla in Rescue

- If a Vizsla is surrendered to Rescue and the breeder, owner of the sire, or any of the owners of the four grandparents (in that order) can be identified, he or she will be notified and given the opportunity to take back the dog.
- If the dog is returned to the breeder it will be done without spay or neuter or inoculations and with any papers available.
- If the breeder refuses to take responsibility for the dog, it will then enter the Rescue Program formally, and all rescue procedures will apply.
- All Vizslas placed through rescue will be given all legally required immunizations. Vizslas coming into rescue should be checked by a veterinarian prior to mixing with any other dogs.
- If a Vizsla enters the Rescue program with AKC registration papers, these papers will be returned to the AKC with notification that the dog was spayed or neutered.
- If a pregnant bitch enters Rescue, the Board of Directors will be notified immediately.
- Dogs accepted into the NWWRA rescue program will be fostered as necessary and appropriate to dog and the area. Appropriate foster care may include, but not be limited to, private homes, approved shelters, or boarding kennels.
- If a dog in foster care manifests extremely severe health or behavior issues which appear to warrant euthanasia, the decision to euthanize will be made only after notifying the Board of Directors, except in cases of medical emergency.
- All applicants to adopt a Rescue will be screened by a rescue volunteer to verify their suitability. An adoption questionnaire will be completed. The right is reserved to refuse adoption to any applicant deemed unsuitable. In the event of a dispute, the decision of the Board of Directors will be final.
- No personal information will be given out about any previous owner(s) to the new owners unless mutually agreed to by both parties.
- All Vizslas placed will be done so only upon completion of the NWWRA Adoption Agreement and the Release, Waiver and Disclosure forms.