



Volunteer Agreement

Thank you for your willingness to be a volunteer for Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue. Your interest in helping our rescued dogs is very much appreciated. Please fill out, read and sign the form below, indicating your agreement with our policies and procedures and your promise to follow these guidelines.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone (_____) _____ Cell phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Conducting home visits

- Volunteers who visit the homes of applicants are the face of the Rescue and are crucial to our mission in terms of public relations and successful placement of dogs.
- All home visit volunteers will receive training in either a group session or a one-on-one meeting with a home visit trainer.
- After the training meeting, you will shadow an experienced home visit volunteer on several home visits before being asked to do any on your own.
- After each home visit, you will submit a confidential, online report with details about the suitability of the home for a rescue dog.
- Attending the training and participating in home visits with another volunteer will provide you with the tools and confidence you need to be successful.

Walking dogs

- All of our dogs are cleared by a vet before going to foster homes, but sometimes medical care requires them to remain in a kennel at the vet's office to recuperate from surgery or recover from a virus or infection. Our dog walkers are critical to the recovery and socialization of the dogs who are housed temporarily at the vet.
- Before taking on this role, you will take part in an orientation with an experienced dog walker. What may seem to some like a simple task takes on more complexity when walking a dog that has experienced a dramatic change in its environment and routine. In addition, many rescue dogs have no experience of being on leash, so you will learn strategies and techniques that will ensure your safety and that of the dog.
- The dog's rep will provide a specific set of instructions that you must follow that are based on what we know about each dog. Some examples are the use of a Martingale Collar or Gentle Leader, not giving treats to a particular dog, avoiding other dogs on the walk or taking a particular route with less traffic. You agree to abide by these directions.
- You will email a brief report to the dog's rep after each walk noting positive behaviors and sharing any problems or concerns.

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Transporting dogs

- Volunteers are often needed to transport dogs from shelters, vet offices, foster homes or adoptive homes. Safety for you and the dog is paramount, so we require that you use a crate, harness or tie-down when you are driving a dog in your vehicle.

Community events

- One of the most enjoyable roles our volunteers undertake is to attend special events in our local communities. Whether it's a holiday parade or a dog expo or a walk that raises money for the Rescue or other charity, you agree to always conduct yourself in a professional and friendly manner with the public.

The volunteer roles listed above are the most common, but there are other ways to contribute to our mission of matching dogs with the right homes. When you participate in any activities of this Rescue, you forever release, discharge and agree to hold harmless and indemnify Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue, its Board of Directors, officers, volunteers and agents from all claims, demands, actions, causes of action or liability of any kind whatsoever that may arise by undertaking to act as a volunteer under this agreement.

Print name _____

Signature _____

Date _____