

# The Rescue Program

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Most local Miniature Schnauzer clubs have dedicated volunteers who attempt to place dogs that have lost their homes, frequently, for no fault of the dogs'. They may have been picked up by the local animal shelters, or their owners may be forced to move to homes which do not permit pets. Their owners may no longer be able to care for them. For whatever reason, these pure-bred Miniature Schnauzers have lost their homes.

Policies vary from group to group. Most of the time the dogs have had at least a minimal health check-up. They have usually been spayed or neutered, since they are not for breeding. They are pets deserving of a loving pet home. Most rescue groups require an adoption donation to cover the costs of getting the dog ready for its new home, and allow them to help the next dog that comes in to rescue.

Don't "rescue" or remove a dog from a bad situation or adopt it from a shelter "assuming" someone in rescue can help you with the dog. Many times the rescuers are overflowing with dogs, and our resources (foster homes and financial) are limited. If you are considering trying to help a dog, but don't know that you can handle the situation unassisted, check with your closest rescuer BEFORE you take the dog in. We all do what we can, but most of us are limited by state or local ordinances (number of dogs we can have in our homes, whether we can take owner surrenders, etc.) and will not be able to help you with the dog. Also, buying a dog at an auction only puts more money in the hands of the substandard breeders selling those dogs and there are rescue groups that will not assist with dogs purchased at auctions. It is against AKC policy for rescuers to take dogs from auctions:

4. "The American Kennel Club discourages Parent Club rescue groups from purchasing dogs at auctions. Although Parent Clubs may be doing good things for individual dogs purchased at auctions, it perpetuates the problem and tends to create a seller's market. Reciprocally, auctioneers seek more dogs of those breeds to offer at auctions. AKC applauds the work of Parent Club rescue groups on many fronts. However, AKC believes that the purchasing of dogs at auctions is not overall in the best interest of purebred dogs." <http://www.akc.org/rules/policymanual.cfm?page=7>

If you would like to surrender your dog to a rescuer, PLAN IN ADVANCE. Don't call and expect that the rescuer will be able to take your dog that day. They may need to put you on a waiting list, and even being on a waiting list does not assure you first come, first served, as some of the dogs we are contacted about are in shelters and will be put to sleep if we cannot take them. Those dogs are considered a priority. Also, before surrendering your dog to a rescuer, FOR YOUR DOG'S SAKE, it should be current on vaccinations. Dogs, like humans, can be carriers of a disease that they don't have, and your dog could be put at risk if it is not protected against rabies, distemper, etc., when it comes into contact with the other foster dogs, or, it could put the foster dogs (or rescuer's own dogs) at risk if it is not current on the vaccinations. You will need to provide proof from a veterinarian that your dog IS current on its shots.

Miniature schnauzers generally do not do well in shelters. They are frightened because they have lost their home and their family, and are in a loud, strange place. Because of this, when evaluated by the shelter staff, they may be euthanized because their behavior may be misinterpreted as aggressive. So, if you REALLY care about your schnauzer but need to find it a new home, contact rescue as far in advance so we have a better chance of helping you. We are all volunteers, many with full time jobs and a family, and we are doing this out of our home. Most do not have kennel set ups, and we are limited (by law) as to how many dogs we can foster in our home.

Since rescue is usually funded out of the pockets of the rescuers themselves, it makes it a lot easier for them to take your dog if they can place it without needing to have it "vetted" or groomed prior to placement. "Vetted" means have it altered (spayed or neutered - A MUST FOR ALL DOGS WE PLACE), tested for heartworm and on preventive, brought current on its vaccinations, and for Miniature Schnauzers, a dental is usually necessary. A donation to cover the cost of vetting and grooming the dog is greatly appreciated, and will help keep the rescue group in a position to continue finding homes for placeable dogs.

When you call to surrender your dog, be honest about why you are surrendering it. If the dog is aggressive, not housebroken, destructive, not good with other dogs/children, or has some other issue(s) please tell us. We ARE going to find out, and this information can be very helpful when we attempt to place the dog, and being deceptive doesn't help us help the dog you are giving up.

If you are in a position to do so, make a donation to the group taking your dog. If the dog doesn't need to be vetted, the money will go for food, heartworm and flea preventive, and supplies, such as laundry detergent to keep the dog beds clean, cleaner for the dog crates, dishwashing detergent to keep the food and water bowls clean, etc. Your donation helps us be able to continue helping dogs in the future. Keep in mind that if the dog has special needs, or is older, it may take over a year to find the right home for him/her.

If you find a stray schnauzer....

Most rescue groups cannot take strays directly from the person who found the dog. You can contact the rescue, to let them know you found it, and provide them with any information you can about the dog. However, the dog should be taken to your veterinarian or local shelter to have it scanned for a microchip. If it does have a chip, and the chip has been registered, they will provide you with the number and you can contact the microchip company for the name of the owner, so that you can let them know you found the dog. If the chip has not been registered, you can ask the microchip company who purchased the chip (usually a shelter/rescue, veterinarian or breeder), and you can contact THAT person or group and let them know you found the dog, and THEY should be able to track down the owner.

If the dog is not microchipped or wearing identification (tags or is tattooed), the dog should be taken to the closest police department. They will take the dog to the closest holding facility, where the dog will be held for a certain amount of time, allowing the owners to track down their dog. If the owners do not come forward, then the facility may contact a rescue group, or the dog may be euthanized. If you let the closest rescue group know about the dog, they can keep track of the dog, since many of these facilities will work with rescue and allow us to help find a new home for these dogs  
Where can I find them?

Click on this link [Local Miniature Schnauzer Clubs](#) and see the list at the end of this page.

This listing shows a Rescue contact for most of the local clubs. If there is not a rescue person listed, then contact an officer of the local club and ask about their rescue operations.

I am interested in helping to rescue Miniature Schnauzers. Where do I start?

Contact the closest Miniature Schnauzer Club Rescue contact person. Most are always in need of extra help. If there is no active rescue group, consider volunteering to start one. The best way to do this is to work with an established group, to learn about being a responsible rescuer and seeing what is involved.

If you are interested in contacting a breeder, see [Breeder Referral](#).

The national chairperson for the American Miniature Schnauzer Club Rescue is:

AMSC Rescue Chairman:

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Are there other MS rescue resources?

Yes. Here are some other MS rescue groups unaffiliated with the AMSC. Please refer to the AMSC Minimum Rescue Requirements that apply to these groups.

ARIZONA Arizona Schnauzer Rescue, Inc. Gail Greeley  
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