



American Miniature Schnauzer Club, Inc.

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Minimum Rescue Requirements

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Any rescue group wishing to be recommended by the AMSC must be following these minimum guidelines. If someone adopts a dog from a group who was recommended by the AMSC, and they are not following these guidelines, we encourage them to contact AMSC Rescue at rescue@amsc.us. Authorized signature listed below is responsible for all rescuers in their group following these guidelines. It is STRONGLY recommended you have each rep read and sign a copy of this agreement for your files.

Please note: Agreeing to these guidelines does not make a rescue group part of AMSC Rescue, it just assures people we refer to the group are following reasonable guidelines and our Code of Ethics.

1. All dogs placed MUST BE NEUTERED/SPAYED PRIOR TO PLACEMENT.
2. Biters and terminally ill dogs are not placeable.
3. Dog should be vet checked to verify that you are placing a healthy dog.
4. All dogs placed must be up to date on vaccinations: rabies, distemper combination. In states where infection has occurred, they should also be tested for heartworm and the owner informed of the results, and provided proof that vaccinations are current. Dogs accepted from breeding facilities, or known to have come from breeding facilities MUST be tested for brucellosis, and any dogs with positive results MUST be euthanized.
5. Schnauzers should be reasonably and recently bathed and groomed.
6. Adoption fee must be charged to discourage unscrupulous people from acquiring a free dog that they can turn over to laboratory for animal testing, etc.
7. Adoption contract must be completed for each dog placed. Contract MUST stipulate that the dog must be returned to the rescue organization if the new owner cannot keep the dog for any reason.
8. AKC papers are NEVER to be given to new owners per AKC Policy and Guidelines.
9. Owner surrendering dog must sign contract relinquishing all claim to the dog.
10. Vet records for owner surrenders should be acquired from the owner's vet if possible. These records should be passed on to the new owner, HOWEVER, the previous owner's information (name, address, phone number, work phone number, etc.) should be obscured so new owner cannot contact previous owner.

11. If it is determined that a rescue dog came from an AMSC breeder, the breeder should be contacted and if the breeder so desires, dog should be returned to the breeder.
12. Rescuers are responsible for adhering to the state laws applicable to their state.

Name of Rescue Group: _____ Date: _____

Rescue Mailing Address: _____

Authorized Signature: _____
(please print)

Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Veterinarian used for Rescue Dogs: _____

Veterinarian's Phone Number: _____

How long has the group been using the services of this veterinarian? _____

Previous veterinarian (if above less than 1 year): _____

Name(s) of Rescue Reps (continue on back if necessary):

- The group I/we represent adheres to the AMSC Minimum Rescue Guidelines, and I/we would like our names and information added to the list of independent schnauzer rescuers on the AMSC Rescue webpage.
- The group I/we represent adheres to the AMSC Minimum Rescue Guidelines, and I/we would not like our names and information added to the list of independent schnauzer rescuers on the AMSC Rescue webpage.