



American Miniature Schnauzer Club, Inc.

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Minimum Rescue Requirements

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Any rescue group that wants to be recognized by the American Miniature Schnauzer Club must agree to follow these minimum requirements. Agreeing to these guidelines allows the AMSC rescue program to provide referrals to recognized rescue groups across the country.

MINIATURE SCHNAUZERS SURRENDERED FOR REHOMING

1. If a dog entering/in rescue was bred by an AMSC or regional club member/breeder, the rescue group must contact the breeder and return the dog to him/her unless other arrangements are made.
2. The individual surrendering the dog must sign an agreement relinquishing all legal claims to the dog.
3. Vet records for owner surrenders should be acquired directly from the owner's vet, if possible. These records should be given to the new owner; however, the previous owner's information (name, address, phone number, work phone number, etc.) must be redacted/obscured.
4. Due to the serious risks posed to domestic dogs and citizens, rescue groups may not import dogs or puppies for rehoming from outside of the United States.

MINIATURE SCHNAUZERS PLACED IN ADOPTIVE HOMES

1. All dogs must be neutered/spayed prior to placement.
2. All dogs must be checked by a veterinarian to verify that the dog is healthy. Vet checks should occur no more than 45 days prior to adoption.
3. All dogs must be current on vaccinations and medical tests deemed necessary in the rescue group's area. Dogs accepted from breeding facilities must be tested for brucellosis and any dogs with positive results must be euthanized.
4. Dogs should be reasonably and recently bathed and groomed.
5. Known biters and terminally ill dogs are not placeable.
6. An 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. An adoption contract must be completed for each dog placed. The contract must stipulate that the dog be returned to the rescue group if the new owner cannot keep the dog for any reason, at any time.
8. AKC papers may never to be given to the new owners per AKC Policy and Guidelines.

In addition, rescue groups are responsible for adhering to all applicable laws and regulations.