

Your Rights and Responsibilities as an ACA Rescue Trust Foster Home

Your Rights

You have the right to refuse to accept a rescue Affen into your care for justifiable cause.

You have the right to consult with the Rescue Chair on prospective adopter(s) prior to a home visit with your foster rescue.

If you decide you would like to adopt your foster Affen, you may repay the Trust for expended medical costs if these costs are less than the usual \$350 adoption fee.

You have final approval/disapproval of any prospective adopter who comes to your home.

You may specify the equipment needed by an adopter to safely transport the foster rescue to his/her new home. This can include a travel crate, choke or pinch collar, harness, type and length of lead, etc. If the adopter fails to have specified equipment, you may refuse to hand over your foster Affen to the adopter.

While you have the right to discuss and deny a prospective adopter a home visit or taking possession of your foster Affen, repeated denials/refusals will lead to the question of your wish to adopt the dog permanently.

Your Responsibilities

You must take a rescue Affen to your veterinarian for basic medical care: neutering/spaying, inoculations, dental exam and cleaning (if needed). You may prepay the bill and be reimbursed or request the veterinarian bill the Trust directly. (All bills must specify dog's name and itemized charges.)

You are responsible for feeding and watering your foster Affen. The Trust does not reimburse for food cost.

You are responsible for keeping your foster Affen safe: providing exercise either in a fenced yard or on lead

You are responsible for obtaining prior approval from the Trustees for medical treatment exceeding the basic medical care. If prior approval is not obtained, the Trust may refuse to reimburse your payments or refuse to pay the veterinary bill.

In event of an emergency, it is your responsibility to provide prompt veterinary care. The Trust will never refuse reimbursement or payment for a true emergency. If a veterinarian tells you a foster Affen is too ill or injured to regain quality of life, be a kind animal lover and euthanize the Affen, advising the Trust of your action.

It is your responsibility to provide heartworm preventative to your foster Affen and appropriate flea preventative if your home has a flea infestation. The Trust will reimburse your costs for Interceptor heartworm preventative.

It is your responsibility to address any behavioral problems of your foster Affen and to make a recommendation on safe adoption to the Rescue Chair.

Examples/Definitions

Basic Medical Care: Fecal check, heartworm check, routine inoculations, spaying/neutering, dental check and cleaning, if needed

Emergency: Dog struck by car, bloody diarrhea, repeated projectile vomiting, seizures, etc.

Non-Emergency Medical Procedures: Cataract removal, ear repair, non-emergency orthopedic procedures such as patella repair, femoral head ostectomy, etc; dental treatment beyond necessary cleaning or extractions

Behavioral problems: food aggression, dog aggression, housebreaking, fears based on age, race or gender (e.g. a dog who is frightened by or aggressive toward children might be an ideal candidate for adoption by a senior citizen.) **Seriously aggressive dogs with a history of unprovoked attacks will NOT be accepted into the rescue program due to the financial and moral liability represented;** such dogs normally are NOT good candidates for adoption. Instances of provoked biting will be reviewed on an individual basis and final decision on rescue program participation will be made by the Rescue Chair.