

**MERCY A RESCUE AND ADOPTION, INC.**

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### **MRA Policies:**

#### **ADOPTION PROCESS**

Here are the steps you will go through in the adoption process: Our process includes asking questions, asking to see proof of identity and checking personal and veterinary references, particularly when you have other animals at home, and a home visit. You will be asked to sign an adoption contract and pay an adoption fee. There is a schedule of fees, which begin at \$50.00. The adoption fee covers the veterinary care, deworming, and vaccines your pet receives at the shelter. All animals adopted from our rescue are spayed/neutered. Please note: As a general rule, we cannot hold animals for anyone. Unfortunately, because of tremendous demands on our limited foster space, all adoptions are on a first-come, first-served basis, and the first good, properly qualified prospective home will get the pet.

#### **ADOPTION POLICIES**

Mercy Rescue and Adoption requires that pet adopters sign two documents when they adopt pets from our rescue. The rules in these documents are the rules that we follow to select adopters, and that you follow to become an adopter. The first document is the Adoption Application and the second is the Liability Waiver.

#### **SURRENDER A PET**

We are a limited-admission program . We do not put animals down (euthanize) due to space or time constraints. We only take in as many as we can commit to and have foster homes for. You will need to call for an appointment, for both strays and owner-surrenders. We know there are many more animals in need than we can take in. We are often booked several weeks in advance. Some people have had to wait more than a month for an appointment. Please do everything you can during the wait to find a home for your pet yourself.

#### **STRAY ANIMALS AT MRA**

If you believe one of the animals posted on our website or Facebook page, is your lost pet, please provide proof of ownership (vet or purchase records, picture of the animal with you, and/or

microchip information). For animals in our care for more than three days, owners will be asked to provide proof of adequate effort to find the pet (Did you notify in writing or by phone JC Animal Control or Mercy Rescue that your pet was missing no more than 24 hours after the animal arrived at MRA, did you post on Facebook pages notifying friends and family, did you post signs looking for your pet). If adequate proof can not be provided, your actions may be considered negligent and the animal may not be returned. Animals already placed in adoption homes will not be returned to the previous owner unless current adopter and Mercy Rescue agrees to the return of the animal and owner pays all fees associated with reclaiming your animal. Owners will pay \$15 per day for boarding costs when they come to reclaim their pet. There will also be an additional fee for a microchip so that the pet has permanent identification \$35.00. Owners will also be required to pay for any vaccines, tests or treatments provided to their pet while in Mercy Rescue and Adoption custody. Mercy Rescue and Adoption reserves the right to transfer animals to JC Animal.

### **VOLUNTEER**

Mercy Rescue offers a broad range of volunteer opportunities. Volunteers help save the lives of animals each year by assisting in the direct care of animals, fundraising, reaching out to the community and fostering animals in their home. Volunteer opportunities exist in the following areas:  
Fostering an animal in your home  
Fundraising  
Transporting animals to events and veterinary appointments  
Helping with Monthly Spay/Neuter Transport

-updated 11/2013 Board Meeting