

## **Dalmatian Club of America Rescue Education**

### **Application To Be Eligible for Reimbursement of Expenses**

Name of Rescue Group:

Contact Person:

Address:

Phone: ( )

Email address:

Website URL:

What geographic area do you cover?

How do you wish to be listed on the DCA website?

Are you a part of a regional Dalmatian Club? ( ) Yes ( ) No Which club?

How many members does your rescue group have?

How many members of your rescue group are members of DCA?

Is your rescue group incorporated? ( ) Yes ( ) No If so, what is the date of incorporation? Do you have or have you applied for 501 ( C )3 non-profit status with the IRS?

Does your rescue provide foster care, health care, and evaluation or is it referral only?

Do you accept dogs from:

( ) Stray dogs

( ) Animal shelters or other rescue groups

( ) Private owners who want to give up their dogs

( ) Dogs surrendered because of medical problems

What is your policy about the placement of deaf dogs?

What is your policy about the placement of dogs with aggression towards other dogs or other animals?

What is your policy about the placement of dogs with aggression toward people?

Do you rescue Dalmatian mixes? ( ) Yes ( ) No Do you rescue any other breeds? ( ) Yes ( ) No If so, what breeds?

Do you have a list of disqualifiers for adoption such as:

( ) Unfenced yard

( ) Potential adopter over the age of \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Suspicious references

( ) Children under the age of \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Personality and/or lifestyle mismatch

( ) "Gut" feeling it won't work

( ) History of irresponsible ownership

( ) Other reasons...please list

Do you follow-up after the adoption? ( ) Yes ( ) No If so, how?

( ) Phone Interview

( ) Home visit

( ) Mailed questionnaire

( ) Educational materials sent

How often do you follow-up?

If the adopter wishes to return the Dalmatian do you take the dog back? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Do you encourage the adoptive families to:

( ) Join the regional Dalmatian club

( ) Join DCA

( ) Join an all breed club

( ) Join an obedience, agility, or training club

Do you encourage adoptive families to take the Dalmatian to obedience classes? ( ) Yes ( ) No Is this a requirement? ( ) Yes ( ) NO Do you provide a list of classes offered in your area? If not, do you provide lessons, instruction, or training materials?

What types of educational materials do you provide to adoptive families:

- Breed profile  General dog care  
 Care for that specific dog  Veterinary references  
 Training & behavior information  Obedience class information  
 Other...explain.

DCARE is interested in helping rescue groups acquire appropriate education hand-outs. Please give us suggestions on materials you would like us to make available.

Do you use a newsletter or email list as a form of communication to adoptive families?  Yes  No Is it:

- a separate newsletter for rescue  email list  
 a column in a breed club newsletter  Other (Describe)

How do you let the public know that you have Dalmatians available for adoption?

How do you let the public know you can assist Dalmatians in need?

Dalmatians waiting for adoption are primarily kept:

- at foster homes  boarding kennel  veterinarian  
 local shelter/pound  stay with current owner  other...explain

Do you have arrangements with any veterinarians for reduced cost care?  Yes  No If yes, please describe.

Do you charge an adoption fee in order to defray costs and maintain a positive cash flow?  Yes  No If yes, is the fee a fixed fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_, a sliding fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ - \$\_\_\_\_\_ or a fee based on some other criteria. Please explain.

What other means of financial support are used?

Describe the fundraising activities you have used. Were they successful? Is there a special one you would recommend to other rescue groups?

Does your rescue pay any compensation to any full or part-time employees? If yes, please explain.

Please enclose a copy of the forms you use for Adoption Application, Dog Intake, Adoption Contract, Dog Surrender.

**Any requests for reimbursement will have to be submitted on the proper form and must be accompanied by receipts, copies of forms, and all paperwork pertinent to the dog for which a reimbursement is being requested. Reimbursement is available only for dogs meeting DCA Rescue Guidelines.**

**The Dalmatian Club of America**  
**Guidelines For Groups/Individuals In DCA Rescue**  
(Approved by the DCA Board of Governors, June 1995)

All those who participate in rescue should be prepared to abide by these guidelines.

Each group or individual:

- Shall agree to contact, or encourage the owner to contact, the "breeder" of the dog and urge that person to take responsibility for the unwanted dog.
- Shall agree to counsel and encourage owners to place their own dogs and shall offer some form of meaningful material to aid owners in this task.
- Shall agree not to place deaf dogs of any age.
- Shall agree not to place biting or aggressive dogs.
- Shall agree to try and return all inquiring phone calls within a reasonable time of receiving the initial call.

- Shall provide some form of educational material or verbal counseling to those who are seeking to adopt a Dal. Examples of such materials would include: obedience/behavior information, health and feeding as it applies to crystals and stone formation, and the DCA Board of Governors' statement on deafness.
- Shall make every effort to visit potential homes, in person, at some point before the dog is placed or at least when the dog is taken for a provisional first visit to the home.
- Shall use a contract when placing a dog in a home.
- Shall keep records of placements or disposals of dogs.
- Shall spay or neuter all dogs before placement or offer a contract which guarantees this will be done and then follow up on said contract.
- Shall follow up on all placed dogs to ensure their care and safety.
- Shall agree to take back any placed dogs if the home does not work out.
- Shall be able to be autonomous. The actual method of rescue, whether by referral, by taking the dog, or a combination of both, would be left to the individual groups who are the best judges of their abilities and who know their own financial status and manpower.

The DCA Board agrees that the placement of dogs with severe medical problems is best left to local rescue groups or workers. However, the Board urges that careful consideration be given to the limits of time, space, money and probability of placement before accepting these dogs into rescue. Severe medical problems are defined as: uncontrolled seizures, degenerative diseases, severe and debilitating injuries and some degrees of stone forming. Each group will also agree to provide potential owners with detailed medical treatment, a veterinary prognosis and an assurance to the new owner that the group will follow up on the care and progress of the dog.

I certify that the information provided herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I have the authority to make this application on behalf of our rescue organization.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Rescue Group

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Date Submitted

Please send to: Cindy Bowman, DCARE Chairperson, 958 Barker Lane, Martinsville, IN 46151. If you have questions, call Cindy Bowman at 765-349-0811.