



Rescue: *Code of Conduct*

As SHCA Trust Approved Rescue Entities listed on the SHCA Trust website, we are guided by the following common code of conduct:

1. We will operate as a charitable endeavor staffed by volunteers who may not profit personally from rescue.
2. We will offer timely response to requests for assistance.
3. We will always keep the best interests of purebred Siberian Huskies in mind and serve as their advocate.
4. We will ensure, to the best of our ability, that no otherwise adoptable purebred Siberian Husky will be denied rescue because of a reasonably treatable physical condition. If a Siberian Husky is ultimately deemed unadoptable for reasons of health or temperament, we will ensure that a veterinarian humanely euthanizes the Siberian Husky.
5. We will honestly evaluate the breed qualities of the rescue dog and only designate a dog as a Siberian Husky that exhibits the basic qualities of a purebred Siberian Husky and does not exhibit any qualities which are counter indicative.
6. We will be honest and forthcoming with the public and never knowingly misrepresent a rescue dog's age, medical condition, and/or temperament to anyone.
7. We will not place a Siberian Husky that is terminally ill without full disclosure of medical conditions and prognosis.
8. We will not place a Siberian Husky with any undisclosed known physical diseases or conditions.
9. We will screen and evaluate, to the best of our ability at that time, the temperament of each Siberian Husky placed into rescue, and we will never knowingly place a dangerous Siberian Husky.
10. We will counsel potential adopters about the Siberian Husky breed including temperament, health, training and care issues promoting responsible pet ownership.
11. We will refer anyone desiring breeder referral contact information to the Siberian Husky Club of America and/or the Regional Siberian Husky Clubs.
12. We will obtain a completed release of ownership form on rescue dogs that pass through our custody. We will not assist anyone in fraudulently depriving an owner of their dog. We will utilize written adoption contracts on each rescue dog placed and never release the original registration papers in our control on any rescue dog.
13. We will not purchase dogs for re-homing. This does not include adoption fees set by local shelters. Nor does it include assisting other rescues by helping to place dogs from their area with homes in your area when possible. However, this does include participation in Retail Rescue—the purchase or acquisition of puppies, dogs, or females in whelp from other sources and areas such as pounds and shelters, for the specific purpose of profiting on their sale or from their placement fee. We will not acquire dogs from auctions or dealers.

14. We will ensure that all rescue Siberian Huskies will be spayed or neutered unless contraindicated by veterinary evaluation of a temporary condition. If the contra-indication exists, we will include a spay/neuter clause in the adoption agreement and enforce it to the best of our ability, including adhering to any local or state law on the adoption of an unspayed/unneutered dog.
15. We will provide every fostered Siberian Husky appropriate food, water and shelter under sanitary conditions and provide veterinary care as we (rescue organization) deem appropriate.
16. We will thoroughly interview potential adopters, receive a veterinary reference on current pets or previous pets prior to placement to the extent possible, and request that prospective adopters who rent or lease their residence provide landlord approval allowing the tenants to have pets.
17. We will provide follow-up advice and assistance to adopters and take back any rescue Siberian Husky placed by our rescue group at the request of the adopter.
18. We will maintain a waiting list of interested adopters and require that adopters be at least 18 years of age.
19. We will conduct ourselves in a courteous manner in rescue work such that our behavior brings credit to the image of Siberian Husky Rescue and animal rescue in general.
20. We will never apply for, receive, or accept donation(s), funding, reimbursement, or grant money from one or more source(s) for the same purpose (i.e., receiving funding in excess of the expense).
21. We will never knowingly give or sell a Siberian Husky of any age to any pet shop, catalogue house, laboratory or any wholesale dealer in dogs or to any person who sells to any of the above nor to knowingly aid or abet the sale or purchase of any Siberian Huskies through any of the above.

We are aware that this Code of Conduct may be modified over time and we agree to review any new version for our agreement. If we feel unable to follow and sign a new version, our organization will cease to be a Trust Approved Rescue Entity. We further realize that failure to comply with signed Code of Conduct, will at a minimum cause our organization to cease being a Trust Approved Rescue Entity.

Name of Rescue Organization _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail _____

Website _____

Signature of Officer **Date**

Position _____

Return all completed forms to the address on SHCA Trust Website Rescue page.