



Rescue Application

*Please e-mail completed applications to transfers@vbspca.com

Name of Rescue Organization _____

Head of organization/contact person _____

Mailing Address (No P.O Boxes please)

Phone Number _____ Fax # _____

Email _____ Website _____

Name of Veterinarian (s) used by group _____

Do you have boarding or sheltering abilities? _____

Do you utilize foster homes? _____

Please attach the following items:

1. Mission Statement
2. Philosophical views on animal placement
3. Statement signed stating that all fosterers have signed documentation and kept on file with above rescue organization that no one has ever been convicted of animal cruelty or animal neglect; this is to be updated annually.
4. Adoption Policies
5. Adoption Application and other screening procedures
6. Adoption Contract
7. Training material for foster homes
8. Fee Schedule
9. Name (s) of person authorized to pick up animals and sign legal documents for your group.

****All animals transferred from the VBSPCA will be spayed/neutered prior to release****

Rescue Group representative is to sign below acknowledging that their organization is in compliance with all Virginia codes including but not limited to Virginia's Comprehensive Animal Law 3.2-6549 effective 2009-2010.

Releasing agencies other than pounds or animal shelters; confinement and disposition of companion animals; recordkeeping; affiliation with foster care providers; penalties. (Old number 3.1-796.96:5).

- A. A releasing agency other than a pound or animal shelter:
 1. May confine and dispose of companion animals in accordance with subsections B through G of state code 3.2-6546
 2. Shall keep accurate records of each companion animal received for two years from the date of disposition of the companion animal. Records shall a pound or animal shelter shall submit a summary of such records to the s shall: (i) include a description of the companion animal including species, color, breed, or finder's name, address and telephone number, license number or other identifying tags or markings, as well as disposition of the companion animal; and (ii) be made available upon request to the Department, animal control officers, and law –enforcement officers at mutually agreeable times. A releasing agency other than a pound or animal shelter shall submit a summary of such records to the State Veterinarian annually in a format prescribed by him, wherein a post office box may be substituted for a home address.
 3. For the purposes of recordkeeping, release of a companion animal by a releasing agency to a pound, animal shelter or other releasing agency shall be considered a transfer and not an adoption. If the animal is not first sterilized, the responsibility for sterilizing the animal transfers to the receiving entity.
- B. Each releasing agency other than a pound or animal shelter shall obtain a signed statement from each of its directors, operators, staff, or animal caregivers specifying that each individual has never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect or abandonment, and each such releasing agency shall update such statement as changes occur.
- C. No releasing agency other than a pound or animal shelter shall place a companion animal in a foster home with a foster care provider unless the foster care provider has read and signed a statement specifying that the foster care provider has never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment, and such releasing agency shall update the statement as changes occur. A releasing agency other than a pound or animal shelter shall maintain the original statement and any updates to such statement for so long as the releasing agency has an affiliation with the foster care provider.
- D. A releasing agency other than a pound or animal shelter that places a companion animal in a foster home with a foster care provider shall ensure that the foster care provider complies with state code 3.2-6503.
- E. If a releasing agency other than a pound or animal shelter finds a direct and immediate threat to a companion animal placed with a foster care provider, it shall report its findings to the animal control agency in the area where the foster care provider is located.
- F. Any releasing agency other than a pound or animal shelter that finds a companion animal that has not been released by its owner and : (i) provides care or safekeeping; or (ii) takes possession of such companion animal shall, within 48 hours:
 1. Make a reasonable attempt to notify the owner of the companion animal, if the owner can be ascertained from any tag, license, collar, tattoo, or other identification or markings, or if the owner of the companion animal is otherwise known to the releasing agency: and

2. Notify the pound that serves the locality where the companion animal was found and provide to the pound contact information including at least a name and a contact telephone number, a description of the companion animal including at least species, breed, sex, size, color, information from any tag, license, collar, tattoo, or other identification or markings, and the location where the companion animal was found.
- G. A releasing agency other than a pound or animal shelter shall comply with the provisions of state code 3.2-6503.
 - H. No releasing agency other than a pound or animal shelter shall be operated in violation of any local zoning ordinance.
 - I. A releasing agency other than a pound or animal shelter that violates any provision of this section, other than subsection G, may be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$250.

I _____ (Authorized Representative) understand the above legal requirements and guarantee that _____ is in full compliance with all state laws pertaining to their organization. I also understand that the Virginia Beach SPCA requires the above rescue group contact our organization and update adoption information including Full name(s), address, phone number(s) and email address of adopter(s) within two weeks of adoption from above rescue group.

Signature (Authorized Representative)

**** */Virginia Comprehensive Animal Law**

3.2-6503. Care of companion animals by owner; penalty. (Old number 3.1-796.68

3.2-6546. County or city pounds; confinement and disposition of animals; affiliation with foster care providers; penalties; injunctive relief. (Old number 3.1-796.96)