



WETZEL COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Rescue Partnership Application & Agreement

SECTION 1: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

- Organization Name: _____
 - 501(c)(3) EIN: _____
 - Primary Contact Name & Title: _____
 - Phone: _____ Email: _____
 - Physical Address: _____
 - Mailing Address (if different): _____
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SECTION 2: ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

- Type of Organization (check one):
 - Facility-Based Rescue
 - Foster-Based Rescue
 - Combination
 - Year Established: _____
 - Brief Description of Operations: _____
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SECTION 3: ANIMAL CARE & CAPACITY

- Average number of animals in care at one time: _____

- Maximum capacity: _____
- Types of animals typically accepted (check all):
 - Small Dogs Large Dogs Puppies Seniors
 - Medical Needs Behavioral Needs Cats Other: _____
- Do you accept animals with medical or behavioral challenges?
 - Yes No

If yes, please describe:

SECTION 4: INTAKE PRACTICES & SELECTION

- Please describe your intake process and how animals are selected for intake:

- Do you accept animals based on shelter need, including harder-to-place animals?
 - Yes No
- **Are you willing to consider animals of varying size, breed, age, and condition based on shelter need, within the limits of your organization's capacity and resources?**
 - Yes No

If limitations apply, please describe:

SECTION 5: BIOSECURITY & HOUSING (CRITICAL SECTION)

- Describe your disease prevention and quarantine protocols:

- How are animals separated by intake source and medical status?

- Do you house animals from multiple organizations together?
 - Yes No

If yes, explain how cross-contamination is prevented:

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- Describe how you track animal origin and medical history:
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SECTION 6: VETERINARY CARE

- Name of primary veterinary provider: _____
 - Contact Information: _____
 - Vaccination protocol upon intake:
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- Spay/Neuter policy:
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SECTION 7: TRANSPORT & PLACEMENT

- Describe transport procedures:
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- Adoption process overview:
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SECTION 8: REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Please attach the following:

- Proof of 501(c)(3) status
 - Veterinary reference
 - Photos of all facilities and/or foster environments utilized, including any additional or multiple locations where animals are housed or cared for
 - Copy of adoption contract
 - Copy of foster contract
 - Proof of general liability insurance
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RESCUE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

By signing below, the organization agrees to the following:

1. Policy Compliance

The organization agrees to comply with all Wetzel County Animal Shelter (WCAS) policies and procedures.

2. Mission Alignment

The organization agrees to support the shelter's mission, including consideration of animals based on identified need and not solely on adoptability factors.

3. Biosecurity & Animal Welfare

The organization affirms that it maintains appropriate biosecurity, quarantine, and animal care standards.

4. Inspection & Oversight

The organization agrees to permit reasonable access, with or without prior notice, for WCAS representatives to inspect facilities, observe operations, and verify standards of care.

5. Transparency

The organization agrees to provide accurate information and updates regarding animals transferred from WCAS, including final disposition upon request.

6. No Guarantee of Transfer

Submission of this application does not guarantee approval or transfer of animals.

7. Right to Deny or Terminate

WCAS reserves the right to deny, suspend, or immediately terminate any partnership at its sole discretion, particularly in cases involving concerns related to animal welfare, misrepresentation, non-compliance, or legal risk.

8. Legal & Case Compliance

The organization acknowledges that some animals may be part of active legal cases and may be restricted, delayed, or prohibited from transfer until full legal clearance is obtained.

9. Transfer of Custody and Liability

Upon physical transfer of any animal from WCAS, full custody, ownership, and responsibility transfers to the receiving organization. The receiving organization assumes all liability for the animal from the time of transfer forward. WCAS and the Wetzel County Commission shall not be held liable for any future claims or incidents involving the animal following transfer.

10. Indemnification

The organization agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless WCAS, the Wetzel County Commission, and their employees, agents, and representatives from any and all claims, damages, losses, liabilities, or expenses arising from or related to animals transferred under this agreement.

11. No Warranty

All animals are transferred “as is,” with no guarantees or warranties, expressed or implied, regarding health, behavior, temperament, or suitability.

12. Placement Responsibility

The receiving organization agrees to retain custody and responsibility for each animal transferred by WCAS until the animal is lawfully adopted, placed, or otherwise dispositioned through the

organization's standard screening and placement procedures. The organization shall not use any transferred animal for breeding, research, fighting, or any unlawful purpose.

13. Euthanasia

The organization agrees that euthanasia decisions will be made based on humane considerations and not for convenience, space, or financial reasons.

14. Governing Law

This agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of West Virginia. Any legal action arising under this agreement shall be brought in Wetzel County, West Virginia.

15. Final Authority

Final authority for approval, denial, and oversight rests with the Wetzel County Animal Shelter Director, with support from the Wetzel County Commission.

SIGNATURES

Authorized Representative Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

WCAS Director: _____ Date: _____