

Beaufort County Animal Control

Guidelines for Rescue Partners

To ensure the rescue partners who work with Beaufort County Animal Control share our ultimate goal of finding our animals forever homes, an approval process is required by our facility. Upon entering our shelter, most animals will be held for a mandatory 72-hour hold. Animals deemed adoptable or rescuable will be moved to the adoption floor and are available for immediate adoption or rescue.

Required documentation for Rescue approval process

- Copy of the organization's 501c3 letter (pending status will not be approved)
- Rescue Partner application
- Two shelter references with phone numbers and email addresses for contact. These should be shelters your rescue has pulled from before.
- Name and phone number of the rescue groups veterinarian. If multiple veterinarians are used, please include those as well.
- Names, phone numbers and email addresses of individuals who are given permission to request and commit to rescue pulls from our shelter. (This list should be kept up to date)
- Names, phone numbers and email addresses of individuals who are given permission to pull, sign for, pay for and transport animals from our shelter on your rescues behalf.

Rescue Pulls

- The standard pull fee for a rescue adoption is \$20 per animal pulled. This includes DHPP, Bordetella, microchip and deworming for dogs and FVRCP, deworming and microchip for cats. A mother with a litter is pulled for \$20 but only mother dog/cat will receive vaccinations and microchip.
- We are unable to heartworm test at Beaufort County Animal Control. By signing your adoption contract with each animal, you are assuming responsibility for any additional medical or boarding fees the animal may need.
- We currently do not have staff available to "dog test" or "cat test" at this shelter. You may request help with that from our volunteer partners or send someone from your organization. The volunteer should be on the rescue organizations list of approved persons to pull and transport for the organization.
- Rescue partners are responsible for removing the rescue animal from the shelter within 24 hours of the animal being approved to pull. The shelter will not hold the animal past 24 hours for a rescue group. All pulls and transports are done Monday thru Friday. We do not allow rescue pulls on Saturdays or Sundays.
- All pull fees and fee inclusions are subject to change by Beaufort County Animal Control at any time.
- BCAC does work with our community partners in sponsoring a "Pet of the Week". Animals that are labeled "Pet of the Week" will not be available for a rescue pull until they have been held for the "Pet of the Week" time frame. After this time expires, rescue may pull these animals on a first come first serve basis.

- In high risk animal(feral/aggressive) and breed placement situations, Beaufort County Animal Control reserves the right to approve/reject potential adopters or rescue organizations in an attempt to place the animal in the best possible home.
- **Any animal that has bitten a person will not be available for adoption or rescue pull.**
- Beaufort County Animal Control is unable to arrange transport for rescue adoptions. Transport can be arranged with one of our volunteer partners, if said volunteer is on the rescue organizations list of approved persons to pull and transport for the organization.

Responsibility of rescue partners (Initial each)

- It is the rescue organizations responsibility to have the rescue animal altered before adopting out that animal. If the rescue animal is pregnant at the time of rescue pull, the entire litter must be spayed or neutered by the time they reach the age of 6 months.
- It is the rescue organizations responsibility to have the rescue animals registered microchip information updated when adopting out that animal.
- We expect all rescue partners to ensure with proper documentation that adequate veterinary care is provided for rescue animal including but not limited to regular vaccinations, deworming, heartworm testing and administration of heartworm and flea/tick preventative.
- We expect all rescue partners to thoroughly interview potential adopters with the goal of placing all rescue animals in homes that are specifically appropriate to each individual animal.
- We expect all rescue partners to transfer any vet medical record or treatments of Beaufort County Animal Control animals onto their own documentation in order to protect previous owner's privacy. **No original BCAC, previous owner or local veterinarian paperwork should be transferred to the new adopter nor should the adopter contact BCAC regarding the adopted animal.**

Requesting rescue pulls from Beaufort County Animal Control

- Rescue application can be found online at www.co.beaufort.nc.us.com .
- Rescue pull requests for organizations **can only be made by previously approved persons** with the rescue organization. Shelter staff will not approve rescue pulls from anyone who is not on this list.
- All rescue pull requests must be made by email to animal.control@co.beaufort.nc.us . In your email, please include the following: Your name, Group name, animal ID number, animal name and name of person transporting (this will be the person paying the fee and signing adoption paperwork on your rescues behalf).
- **All requests for same day pulling must be made by 10am** to ensure the animal will be ready for transport at 11am. Any request received after 10am will be available the next day.

Picking up rescue animals

- The rescue coordinator, or delegate, will respond to each request and notify groups as to when animals will be processed and ready for pickup from the shelter.
- If the transporter of the rescue animal is not one of the registered contacts with the rescue, the rescue must notify the rescue coordinator that the transporter may be used on their behalf.

- To pick up, we ask rescue personnel to enter through the volunteer door located on the right side of the building and proceed to the front desk. Paperwork must be finalized before removing animals from the shelter. Once paperwork is complete, the animal(s) will be brought to the front for departure.

I, _____, have read and understand the above document in full. I am an approved representative of my organization. I understand that failure to comply with any of the Rescue Partner guidelines may result in termination of my organization's relationship with Beaufort County Animal Control.

Primary Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Secondary Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____