



Reputable Rescue

What is "Rescue"?

Animal Rescue is very common these days and thanks to the internet it's made a rescuers job just a little easier. There is a rescue for almost every breed of dog, cat and small critters.

Rescues fall under the same animal cruelty laws as the general public, but there are currently no laws or regulations that govern private rescue. Many people have been duped by what seems to be a great rescue only to find out the rescue wasn't honest at all. Anyone can say they are a rescue; but what makes a rescue reputable? Here are some things to look for in a good rescue:

1. All rescues should spay or neuter the animals PRIOR to adoption. In some cases, a rescue will release a young puppy prior to altering, with a contract and extra deposit.
2. All rescues should vet check and most vaccinate the animal you are adopting. The rescue should provide you with copy of any vet records the animal may have. If the rescue tells you they lost the paperwork or they cannot find it, request the name of the vet and call the vet to verify the information.
3. A rescue should NOT charge exorbitant fees for the animal you are adopting. The goal is to try to cover most expenses, and/or a donation to the rescue.
4. Not all rescues are registered charities, some are small non-profit, or not for profit. Feel free to ask for references.
5. All rescues should have the animal in the best health possible before adopting. A good rescue will keep the animal in rescue until it is of a good weight and is as healthy as possible. If a rescue adopts out a animal with health issues they should be honest and upfront about the issue. They should also be honest about the animals temperament and or needs.
6. A good rescue will do a home visit and spend time communicating with you. Rescues want to see that the animal is going to a good home and is going to an environment suitable for that particular animal. The goal is to make the best possible match for you and the animal.
7. All rescues should have a contract upon adopting the animal. They should state that they will always take the animal back, for any reason at any time.
8. The dog/cat should be microchipped or tattooed.
9. Good Rescues will provide resources for training and or advice. Rescues want to see the new home work out for the animal and will offer support.
10. Rescues should let you come and view their location BUT some times the location is a private home and not all want to share their private home with you. They should want you to meet the animal a few times to be sure it's a good match.

Remember these are just guidelines and with many fraudulent "rescues" that are only trying to make a fast dime it is important to know what to look for before adding a new rescue dog to your house. Research your new pet and be sure you want your new addition!

There are many great rescues out there and it only takes a few minutes to ask these important things to find out if the rescue you are considering volunteering with, fostering for or adopting from is a reputable rescue.

Here's a great place to start!!!



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