



Animal Eligibility for Transfer to BCSPCA Rescue Partner

In deciding which animals are available for transfer, BCSPCA will consider the best interest of the individual animal's needs, the safety of our community, and the needs and goals of either agency. BCSPCA recommends that Rescue Partners carefully consider all available medical and behavior information prior to deciding whether to accept an animal for placement. While BCSPCA will provide Rescue Partners with all known information concerning an animal's medical condition and behavior, BCSPCA does not guarantee the medical or behavioral condition of the animal or exact age and does not warranty any medical/behavior problems/complications/illnesses that may arise with a particular animal after transfer to a Rescue Partner.

Animal eligibility for transfer through the Rescue Partner program is as follows:

1. Animals may be eligible for transfer to a placement partner under the following circumstances:
 - a. BCSPCA has determined the animal shall be made available to rescue partners;
 - b. The animal's stray holding period is complete;
 - c. There is no prior or anticipated interest by public adopters;
 - d. The animal doesn't have a medical condition that poses a significant risk to public health¹;
 - e. The animal doesn't pose a danger to the community²;
 - f. The animal doesn't have medical and/or behavior conditions that significantly compromise the animal's quality of life;
 - g. The animal is not under active quarantine by a municipal authority.
2. If, after an animal has been confirmed for placement with a partner, BCSPCA becomes aware of a new health or behavior issue not observed or present during the initial evaluation, the BCSPCA staff will attempt to contact the Rescue Partner to inform them of the status. However, if the Rescue Partner is not able to be reached and an urgent decision needs to be made, BCSPCA retains the right to make this decision and act accordingly.
3. Animals with a bite or aggression history to either people or other animals may be limited for transfer to Rescue Partners who have specific experience and resources dealing with animals that display those behavior issues.

¹Practices must take into account state requirement for transfer. Requirements vary by state, but often include specific vaccinations and health certificates.

² Determining what poses a danger to the community is challenging and any approach must balance animal welfare and public safety. Partners acknowledge that this will require communication, trust, and transparency between partners, as well as a review of related laws. Prior to making a decision, BCSPCA will fully disclose all facts related to safety concerns and Rescue Partner will disclose to BCSPCA what steps it will take to assess safety, address concerns, and proceed with adoption. Rescue Partner should also be willing to sign a liability release for the animal.

4. BCSPCA will notify Rescue Partners of possible transfer candidates by e-mail or Facebook message:
 - a. The information can be forwarded to anyone outside of approved rescue partner organizations.
 - b. Rescue Partners notifies BCSPCA if they are committing to placement for that animal through e-mail by the commitment date given on the e-mail or Facebook message.
5. Rescue Partners must organize transfer pick up of the animal within a reasonable time period discussed with the BCSPCA representative. Please note that BCSPCA may require immediate transport for certain animals with significant health problems and/or in the event of an emergency.

I agree that I have the authorization to enter into this agreement on behalf of the organization listed below, and that I have read and agree to all of BCSPCA policies outlined in this agreement.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of Organization: _____ Position: _____

Signature of BCSPCA representative: _____