



GUIDELINES FOR RESCUE PARTNERS

An approval process is required by the McKamey Animal Center for all rescue partners to ensure that the groups we partner with meet our standards for animal care, responsible animal placement and share our goals of finding forever homes. Animals available for rescue are animals that do not meet the criteria for adoption at the McKamey Animal Center. Animals available for adoption are not available for rescue until after they have been given adequate time to find a home on the MAC adoption floor.

Documentation Needed for Approval Process

1. A copy of the organization's 501(c)3 letter (if applicable)
2. Adoption Application & Contract
3. Foster Application & Contract (if applicable)

References

1. At least two references with phone number and email address are needed, preferably shelters from which your group has previously pulled.
2. Name and phone number of the group's veterinarian
3. Contact information of local animal control if out of the Chattanooga area.

Pull Fees

1. The standard dog pull fee is \$50 which includes spay/neuter, DHPP, Bordetella, dewormer, rabies, heartworm test, in-house flea preventative treatment, in-house heartworm preventative (if applicable) and a behavioral assessment. A microchip can be implanted for an additional at cost fee of \$10.
2. The standard cat pull fee is \$20 which includes spay/neuter, dewormer, FeLV test, rabies, and in house flea preventative. A microchip can be implanted for an additional at cost fee of \$10.
3. The pull fee for a heartworm positive dog is \$10 and includes DHPP, Bordetella, rabies, heartworm test and in-house flea preventative. Because of the health risk of altering an untreated heartworm positive dogs, the McKamey Animal Center does not require heartworm positive dogs to be spayed or neutered before being transferred to a rescue group, however it is the rescue group's responsibility to alter the animal before adoption. Documentation of spay/neuter must be submitted to MAC before adoption is finalized. A microchip can be implanted for an additional at cost fee of \$10.
4. Should a rescue group pull an unaltered animal from the McKamey Center, such as a heartworm positive dog or a nursing mother, that group may make an appointment to have the animal altered at the McKamey Center for \$50 once the animal is medically able to have surgery.
5. Rescue partners are responsible for removing the rescue animal from the Center within 24 hours of notification of commitment. If the animal is not removed within that time period, the Center will hold the animal for rescue for \$5 per day. The holding fee must be paid or a credit card number must be given to MAC prior to pick up to ensure the animal will be pulled. The McKamey Animal Center will not hold an animal for rescue longer than two weeks. A holding fee justifies taxpayer expenses on animals that are deemed unadoptable by MAC standards and supplement the cost of holding a space for an adoptable animal.
6. Pull fees are subject to change.

Responsibility of Rescue Partners

1. All rescue partners must house animals in sanitary conditions with adequate space and care as defined in the Chattanooga City ordinances. MAC reserves the right to inspect the premises without any notice at any time upon which any transferred animal will be or is being housed including foster homes. Rescue organizations cannot be approved as a rescue partner for at least one year after a non-compliant inspection.
2. All rescue partners must ensure with proper documentation that adequate veterinary care is provided for rescue animals including but not limited to regular vaccinations, deworming, heartworm testing and administration of heartworm and flea/tick preventative.

3. All rescue partners that pull heartworm positive dogs must ensure with proper documentation from a veterinarian that dogs have been treated.
4. All rescue partners must provide adequate exercise, socialization, food, clean water and shelter for all animals in care. All rescue partners are to restrict intake numbers to provide appropriate animal so as not to place stress on the animals, other members of rescue and/or fosters. Rescue partners must maintain adequate levels of care at all times and must know their capacity.
5. All rescue partners must thoroughly interview potential adopters with the goal of placing all rescue animals in homes that are specifically appropriate to each individual animal.
6. All rescue partners must transfer vet records and treatments of McKamey animals on to their own documentation. No original McKamey documents should be transferred to the new adopter nor should the adopter contact the McKamey Center in regards to the adopted animal.
7. All rescue partners are required to sterilize all rescue animals and provide MAC with documentation. Failure to provide proof of sterilization may jeopardize your rescue partner status with MAC under city ordinance.