

Rescue Report

May 12, 2024

Following the Special Meeting on March 24, 2024, the Club Secretary compiled a list identifying suggestions for the “Future of Rescue for the IWCC”. This list was compiled from the feedback of the Membership and the Board Members and was the structure we use to guide next steps in the following rescue situation.

On April 16, 2024, Rescue was made aware of a litter of 8 unregistered Irish Wolfhounds that had been surrendered to the City of Edmonton ACCC (Animal Care & Control Centre). Jill and Laurie visited the Centre and through consultation with the coordinator, determined that the pups likely were purebred Irish wolfhounds based on pictures of the Sire and Dam. The 8 were accepted in transfer to the care of IWCC Rescue. The ACCC did not request any reimbursement for their financial outlay to date.

Laurie stepped up as Interim Rescue Coordinator and set forth reviewing the Member and Board recommendations for Rescue so that we could try to incorporate what we could, using this as a “test” case. The following is a description of our process:

- The Irish Wolfhound Club Secretary was first point of contact for any requests to Adopt these puppies.
 - Guylaine sent out a message to the “Membership” asking for assistance to find good homes for the 8 puppies with a very good response.
 - Adoption Forms that were submitted were sent to Laurie who forwarded to both Jill and Emma for review. Vetting homes was distributed as appropriate. We used Members to visit homes and make phone calls.
 - Guylaine reported to the Membership through a Club Newsletter sent out May 2, 2024
- Members asked for transparency, papers, and traceability.
 - A Rescue Contract (attached) was drafted by Laurie and distributed to the Board for feedback. The final draft requests only basic information and provides direction for payment. It outlines the rescue relationship including a privacy statement. It also suggests signing up for a free membership for one year so the owner can benefit from the Club resources.
 - Once signed, payment received, and dog transferred to its new owner(s), the owners received a signed copy, and the form was emailed to our secretary for storage in a Rescue Folder on iCloud.

- Any records available for each puppy were scanned and sent to be stored as well.
- Waivers (for travel) were forwarded to be stored.
- The Treasurer accounted for dollars spent (to date) in the Month end report (April).
 - Expenses (to date): 2,256.06
 - Donation to ACCC: \$1000.00
 - Income: 7 x \$700 = \$4,900.00
 - Mileage: TBD for Jill and Laurie

There was good response from the call out by Guylaine for people to step up and join the Rescue Committee or as “Friends of Rescue”.

New Rescue Committee

Laurie Rutherford – National Coordinator

Emma Ross - BC

Jill Benoit - AB

Guylaine Gagnon - Que

Lani Hopf – Ont

Cindy Kremer - AB

Friends of Rescue

There were only 3 individuals who let their names stand for this list.

In this case, we informed the Membership through a group email, and we were able to get help with Fostering, transport, acquiring supplies etc. from willing members. What we thought, is that every Rescue situation will be very different.

The secretary will continue to keep “The Friends of Rescue” list updated in her files.

Discussion at the BOD Meeting May 12, 2024, provided guidelines for a few questions related to funding Rescue from the Restricted Rescue Fund.

- Medical expenses funded within reason. No heroics
- Dog Food and misc. items required that are related to dog care and safety.
- The new owner is responsible for the travel expenses required to bring the dog home from the foster location.
- Mileage should be offered to all rescue volunteers for transport of the Rescue(s) while in foster care. As a Non-Profit, we will follow CRA auto allowance rates listed as .70/km for the first 5,000km and .64 after that.

Next Steps

- to send this document to the Membership for their feedback and ask them to bring forward any further suggestions or questions.
- **Revise the P&P:** Once feedback has been received, the Committee can meet to make the appropriate Revisions to Rescue Policy & Procedures.
- Fund Raising: The Committee needs to explore Fund Raising ideas to keep the Rescue Reserve Fund topped up.

Our Success Story – It took a village to successfully find homes for this group of 8 unregistered Irish Wolfhound puppies. Special thank you to Jill Benoit and Jeslene Quinn for fostering the group over the last month despite the challenge of a mild case of kennel cough. The puppies have wonderful homes and will be going to their new homes after their quarantine period.

Respectfully submitted by Laurie Rutherford.