

# *TOLLER RESCUE* Inc.

## ADOPTION POLICY

**POLICY:** There will be procedures relating to the adoption/placement process.

1. All applicants must be 18 years of age or older to submit an application. ALL members of the family **MUST** desire the Toller.
2. Toller Rescue Inc. does not normally adopt to families with children under 5 (five) years of age.
3. Toller Rescue Inc will consider out of area/state adoptions from where the Toller is living in their foster home. It is mandatory that the adopters meet their prospective rescue. This **MAY** involve substantial travel. The adopter must be prepared to assist with planning transportation for the dog, and agree to pay any and all expenses associated with the transportation.
4. The adoption donation is: 400.00. This amount can be waived or modified in special circumstances. The adoption donations are used to cover the cost of medical treatments incurred while the dog has been in the possession of Toller Rescue Inc., prior to adoption. (i.e., examinations, spay/neuter, vaccinations, heartworm checks and preventative, heartworm treatments, flea preventative, etc.)
5. There is a 14-day trial period for all adoptions. Toller Rescue Inc. Is glad to offer suggestions to help the adoptive family and Toller through any adjustments or problems at **ANY** time.
6. Rarely, despite the best efforts of all involved, an adoption does not work out. In this case, the Toller must be returned to Toller Rescue Inc., as stipulated in the adoption contract. If the Toller is returned within 14 days, the adoption donation fee (less the adoption application processing fee and any transportation expense incurred by Toller Rescue Inc.) will be refunded.
7. Toller Rescue Inc. attempts to place our Tollers in the best possible of home environments. To that end, several interviews (including a telephone interview(s), review of the adoption application and a home visit to see where the dog will live, play and exercise) will be held between the prospective Forever Home and Toller Rescue Inc. volunteers and/or representatives. **All members of the potential Forever Family including pets that will be living in the home with the rescue Toller must be present for the home visit. Fencing requirements must be met.**
8. The interviews, home visit and application will help the Board and foster(s) determine which (or if) a Toller is suitable for the applicant.
9. A submitted application does not guarantee adoption of a Toller from Toller Rescue Inc., nor does the application guarantee that the dog an applicant would **LIKE** to adopt from Toller Rescue Inc. is the one that is best suited to meet their needs. Toller Rescue Inc. reserves the right to offer the dog that they feel is best suited to match the application.
10. Adoptive families must agree to:
  - a. Periodic follow-up calls and visits during the ownership of their rescue Toller. Providing medical treatment when necessary.
  - b. Medical Care including
    - i. Tollers are sensitive to over vaccination and thus it is important to insure the Toller while vaccinated against deadly diseases is not Over vaccinated. "Core" Vaccinations Only. No: 4,5,6,7,8 way vaccines. There may be some exceptions in some regions for specific vaccinations. Titers recommended for Rabies IF allowed by state and local law. Yearly Parvo vaccination Strongly Discouraged.
    - ii. Providing regular heartworm preventative.
11. Toller Rescue Inc. places Tollers as primarily indoor dogs, and adoptive families should plan for their Toller to be indoors when they are not home.
12. Keeping the Toller contained and not allowing the Toller to run loose unsupervised at any time.

13. Within six months of ownership, adoptive families agree to enroll and complete at least an eight-week companion dog obedience course. Toller Rescue Inc. will assist the forever family in finding a suitable obedience school.
  14. Toller Rescue Inc. is committed to our dogs, and requires that they be returned to Toller Rescue Inc. in the event that they cannot – at any time – remain in their new home.
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### **Special Considerations. Puppies under 6 months of Age**

1. Puppies under 6 months are placed on the condition that they will be spayed or neutered at approximately 8-9 months of age, unless medical necessity demands earlier. The organization that Toller Rescue Inc. rescues the Toller pup from might have more restrictive ages. There have been many studies that show that early spay/neuter is not healthy for the dog. TRI will reimburse the adopter or the veterinary clinic directly for the cost of spay/neuter.
2. Vaccination Requirements. Tollers are sensitive to over vaccination and thus it is important to insure the Toller while vaccinated against deadly diseases is not Over vaccinated. TRI will reimburse the adopter or pay the vet bill directly for the following.
  - a. Multi combo vaccination (4,5,6,7 way) Not Permitted. "Core" vaccinations only.
  - b. Per Dr. Dodds Recommendations: Parvo Distemper (DPv) Only vaccination. Often comes with Hepatitis which is acceptable. Age: 9-10, 14-15. A last Parvo Only Vaccination (Pv) at 18 weeks. Then at one year. Annual vaccination Not recommended. In High Parvo areas the schedule may be altered.
  - c. Rabies vaccination, Preferably 6 months of age or older if state law allows. However No Earlier than 3-4 weeks AFTER the 18 week Parvo-Distemper. Mercury-free (thimerosal-free, TF)
  - d. Other vaccinations for specific areas of the country may be recommended.

### **GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS: PROCEDURE:**

<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>ACTION (in chronological order)</b>
Applicant	Completes Application (without adoption fee) and sends (email preferred) to TRI Rescue Coordinator.
Applicant	Understands that submission of the application confirms that he/she has read and understands the adoption procedures, and indicates agreement to abide by Toller Rescue Inc. terms of adoption.
TRI Rescue Coordinator	Receives and reviews application
TRI Rescue Coordinator	Forwards to Board of Directors
Regional Coordinator	Conducts or Arranges for home visit
TRI Volunteer or Designee	Conducts home visit per TRI home visit policy Reports back to the Regional Coordinator
BOD	Approves or rejects application and determines who will notify applicant of the adoption status. If the BOD finds an issue that can be remedied, Rescue Coordinator works to help Adopter remedy the issue.
Rescue Coordinator	Sends Adoption Contract to Adopter

Adopter	Returns Signed Contract Hard copy and adoption fee (can be Pay Pal) to rescue coordinator
BOD	Assigns a mentor TRI volunteer to the adopter if required
Foster Home and Rescue Coordinator	Coordinates the transportation of the rescue to the new Forever Home
Mentor	Makes every attempt to be in contact with and visit the adopter if possible. Serves as a role model and support person to the adopter.
Rescue Coordinator or Mentor	Insures compliance with required Obedience class, and Spay/Neuter, and Vaccination Schedule if applicable.
Adopter	Unless waived by the BOD, within six months of ownership, enrolls in and completes at least an eight-week companion dog obedience course

Date:

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