
Owner Relinquishment Policy

Purpose:

Colorado Canine Rescue (CCR) receives many requests from the general public asking CCR to assume ownership of their dogs with the purpose of re-homing. CCR must evaluate the needs of each dog to determine whether resources are available to provide for those needs prior to committing to the transfer into the program.

Scope:

General Public, CCR Coordinators, CCR Foster Homes

POLICY

I. Policy Statement

Prior to committing to transfer of the dog into CCR's program and for each Owner relinquish request, CCR will evaluate the dog to determine its needs and determine if there is a Foster Home available to care for the dog.

II. Procedure

The Intake Coordinator and a behavioral specialist will work together with the Owners to determine if CCR is able to provide assistance in re-homing the relinquished dogs through Owner relinquish requests.

- A. Owners will contact CCR with a request to relinquish and re-home their dog. The Intake Coordinator will initiate a conversation with the Owner to determine the situation of the dog.
- B. If the dog appears to be a candidate for CCR's program, the Owner will complete the Owner Relinquishment Information Form and provide CCR with a picture of the dog.
- C. The Intake Coordinator will present the information to CCR Foster Homes to see if anyone is available and willing to foster the dog.
- D. If there is an available Foster Home, a behavioral specialist or an assigned CCR member will meet the dog and observe the behavior, current living situation, and any medical needs.

- E. If there are no behavior or medical reasons that prevent CCR from acquiring the dog, the Intake Coordinator will approve the intake.
 - 1. An Owner Relinquishment Form must be completed and any recent medical paperwork must be submitted prior to CCR taking possession of the dog.
 - 2. Once CCR has ownership of the dog, standard adoption and foster policies will ensue.

III. Regulations

- A. CCR is not breed-specific and will accept any mix of breeds as long as the Foster Home is able and willing to provide the needs.
- B. CCR will prioritize rescuing dogs of “bully breeds” in the Denver area before accepting these breeds from out of the area.
- C. CCR will not accept dogs into the program that are known dog- or people-aggressive.
- D. CCR will not accept dogs with a known bite history into the program.
- E. Any or all material sent with a relinquished dog will be used solely for the benefit of CCR rescue dogs.
- F. If the previous Owner of a relinquished dog requests contact with the new Owner, the new Owner will be contacted to determine if s/he is amenable to such contact.