
Transfers from Another Shelter or Rescue Policy

Purpose:

Colorado Canine Rescue (CCR) transfers dogs from shelters in several states. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that every dog transferred into CCR's program has proper documentation, known health conditions, and known behavioral conditions so CCR can ensure that all needs are met for the foster dog.

Scope:

Foster Homes and Intake Coordinator

POLICY

I. Policy Statement

The transfer of all dogs into CCR will be organized through the Intake Coordinator and requires his/her approval and commitment.

II. Procedure

All steps of the intake process must be followed and coordinated through the Intake Coordinator.

- A. The approved animal shelter or rescue will contact the Intake Coordinator with their requests of dogs available for transfer.
- B. The Intake Coordinator will determine which dogs are appropriate for transfer into CCR and will email information about those available dogs to the CCR Foster Homes.
- C. When a Foster Home finds a dog that they are interested in fostering, they will notify the Intake Coordinator.
- D. The Intake Coordinator will obtain as much information about the dog from the shelter or rescue to ensure that it will be an appropriate dog for the Foster Home.

- E. If the foster dog is appropriate, the Intake Coordinator will commit to taking in the dog and will coordinate the transport of the dog from the shelter to the Foster Home.

III. Regulations

All regulations and policies must be followed when working with other animal shelters and rescues.

- A. CCR will only accept dogs from approved animal shelters and rescues.
 - 1. Transferring groups must perform a behavioral evaluation on all dogs.
 - 2. Transferring groups must perform a medical evaluation on all dogs.
 - a) For in-state transfers, the basic distemper combo vaccine is required prior to transfer.
 - b) For out-of-state transfers, the basic distemper combo vaccine, rabies vaccine, and a health certificate is required prior to transfer.
 - 3. Each dog's medical and transfer paperwork must accompany the dog on the transport or have been emailed or faxed in advance.
 - a) Each dog must have medical paperwork that clearly states the care they received on the dates.
 - b) Each dog must have transfer paperwork that clearly states that ownership of the dog is being transferred from the previous shelter to CCR on the transfer date. The full contact information of each organization must be included.
 - 4. Transportation of the foster dog will be provided by the transferring shelter or rescue or another volunteer group. CCR will not be responsible for the transportation.
 - a) The transport must be up to all of PACFA standards, whether it is a large transporting volunteer group or an individual person.
 - b) All dogs must be evaluated prior to being loaded on the transport and any dogs showing any signs or symptoms of illness must be held back and treated.
- B. 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.
- C. CCR will prioritize rescuing dogs of "bully breeds" in the Denver area before transporting these breeds from out of the area.

- D. CCR will not accept dogs into the program that are known dog- or people-aggressive.

- E. CCR will not accept dogs into the program with a known bite history.