

Illinois Animal Rescue

Recommended Guidelines for Receiving Organizations

Receiving organization should have sufficient space to quarantine and appropriately house the transported animals. No animal should be displaced or euthanized because of incoming transported animals. No animal transported should be euthanized after arrival because of lack of space, illness, etc; without first notifying the sending organization as well as the IAR Rescue Coordinator. All sending organizations will have the option to take the animal back at any time.

It is the responsibility of the receiving organization to monitor available kennel or foster home space to determine the number and types of animals that can be accepted. It is the responsibility of the receiving organization to clearly communicate with the Rescue Coordinator any restrictions and availability and have submitted an on-line form to IAR stating preferences, etc.

Once an animal has been accepted on to the transport vehicle, 'ownership' of that animal transfers to the receiving organization. The receiving organization or transporter cannot 'reject' an animal once it reaches its destination. The Transports set up through IAR are one-way transport, so this policy is designed to protect the animal from going through the stress of being transported, only to be rejected. The sending organization or shelter must act in good faith to transport animals that meet the health and behavior guidelines of the receiving organization and their requirements or restrictions. The receiving organization must act in good faith to prepare transported animals for its adoption program and to screen potential adopters to make the right match for the animal and the adopter. All receiving rescues must be no-kill; licensed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture, if applicable; not for profit; all animals must be spayed or neutered prior to adoption; all animals must be vaccinated for rabies prior to adoption; all dogs over the age of 6 months must be tested for Heartworm and all cats over the age of 12 weeks will be checked for FeLv/FIV, prior to adoption; all animals must be kept current on all core vaccines, per age recommendations; all animals must be microchipped prior to adoption; all know health status must be disclosed to adopters; and all animals may be returned to the adopting facility unconditionally.

If any receiving rescue intentionally violates these recommended guidelines, the organization may risk severing themselves as an active coalition partner. The receiving organization should always communicate any such problems to the Rescue Coordinator immediately to work together to alleviate any problems. Written feedback is always welcome and should be sent directly to info@illinoisanimalrescue.org in a timely manner, so IAR can address any issue immediately.

Upon arrival at any receiving organization, all animals will be immediately put in quarantine and be allowed to rest and acclimate to their new surroundings for a minimum of 12 hours (or overnight). Any appropriate vaccines, a physical exam and deworming may take place upon intake, unless the animal is stressed. No temperament testing should be done, as it is absolutely unnecessary to cause any more stress to the animal and the results will not be accurate. We recommend a continued isolation period, in a separate area or in a foster home.

All receiving organizations or foster homes are subject to site inspections, and must adhere to the provisions outlined above to remain an active coalition partner, as to continuously stay in the best interest of the animals. In order for IAR to promote your organization and together save many, many more lives, both parties will agree to link share if applicable. Let's get rescuing!

Thank you,
Illinois Animal Rescue and the Coalition
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