



## **TINY PAWS DOG RESCUE CANADA**

### **Tiny Paws Rescue Canada Volunteer Member Application**

Name:

Street Address:

City/Province:

Postal Code:

Day Telephone:

Evening Telephone:

Email Address:

Occupation:

Please place an X beside as many items you would be interested in assisting with:

**Transport:** Use your personal vehicle to transport dogs to vetting appointments, from shelters or owner surrenders to the foster home and occasionally to the new adopter.

**Home Visits:** Review the home visit application, visit the home of a potential adopter or foster home, and evaluate and report on the suitability of the home for a rescue dog.

**Reference Checks:** Calling references provided by potential adopters, members and foster homes. We provide a checklist of questions to be asked.

**Publicity:** Contacting newspaper, radio and television to promote our events or any milestones within the rescue. It may involve handing out business cards, adding our rescue to other rescue websites and maintaining the accuracy of information.

**Fundraising/Events:** TPDR attends fundraising events throughout the year and needs volunteers to work in the Tiny Paws booth to promote the rescue, educate the public and generate donations for vetting of our dogs.

**Crafters:** We need talented people with sewing, woodworking, quilting or other skills to make items that can be sold online or at our events (e.g. bandanas, belly bands, quilts, doggie blankets, doggie beds, clothing, etc.)

**Website Experience:** People who are familiar with free sites and could provide assistance with online auctions or do other updates.

#### **Please tell us about yourself:**

Are you currently fostering or involved with another rescue? If so, please identify the rescue and list your duties:

Please list the animals you currently own:

What are your views on:  
Spaying or neutering pets?

*(As of October 7, 2007, all members and fosters of TPDRC must have their companion animals spayed and neutered unless there is a vet endorsed medical issue or you are a reputable registered breeder who shows/trials and titles their dogs, strives to better the breed and is knowledgeable about the breed, genetics and bloodlines).*

Euthanasia?

### References:

**Veterinary Reference:** *(please contact your veterinarian to give permission to release information to us)*

Name/Clinic Name:

Telephone Number:

**Two personal references that have seen you interact with animals:**

*(references who are not family are preferable)*

Name:

City/Province:

Telephone Number(s) /Best time to reach:

Name:

City/Province:

Telephone Number(s) /Best time to reach:

Date:

Signature:

*A fee of \$20.00 payable to Tiny Paws Dog Rescue Canada is required when your membership is processed. Annual membership dues of \$20.00 are payable on August 1 of each calendar year and represent payment from August 1 – July 31 of the following year.*



## TINY PAWS DOG RESCUE CANADA

### Volunteer Agreement and Liability Waiver

*Thank you for volunteering your time to assist Tiny Paws Dog Rescue Canada (TPDRC). Please read and complete this form, initial where indicated, sign and mail it to the address at the bottom of the form.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Telephone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please indicate if this is a work or cell phone number)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read, understand and agree to abide by the  
(please print name)

conditions of the Tiny Paws Dog Rescue Canada Volunteer Agreement and Liability Waiver. I understand that all work done with Tiny Paws Dog Rescue Canada is at my own risk, and hereby release Tiny Paws Dog Rescue Canada and its members of any and all public liability, property damages and medical costs while I am volunteering for Tiny Paws Dog Rescue Canada.

I understand that when representing Tiny Paws Dog Rescue Canada, Tiny Paws Dog Rescue Canada will not be held accountable for any incident that may occur that may affect me or my animal(s). Tiny Paws Dog Rescue Canada will not be held liable if I am bitten while representing Tiny Paws Dog Rescue Canada.

#### Release of Liability

I have fully read and understand the Tiny Paws Dog Rescue Canada Volunteer Agreement and Liability Waiver \_\_\_\_\_  
Initials

There have been no other representations or promises other than those included in this Volunteer and Liability Waiver \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that all rescue volunteer work done with Tiny Paws Dog Rescue Canada is at my own risk. \_\_\_\_\_

I, hereby for myself, my heirs, administrators and assigns, fully, irrevocably and unconditionally release and agree to hold harmless Tiny Paws Dog Rescue Canada and its individual members from and any and all known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, suspected or unsuspected and/or fixed, conditional or contingent, actions, causes of action, charges, suits, debts, demands, claims, contracts, covenants, liens, rights, liabilities, losses, royalties, costs, expenses (including without limitation, attorneys' fees) or damages, including but not limited to any medical costs, damages to property, persons or other pets, of every kind, nature and description, at law or in equity, in connection or arising while I am volunteering for Tiny Paws Dog Rescue Canada.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

TPDRC Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## **TINY PAWS DOG RESCUE CANADA**

### **Code of Ethics**

Please read over very carefully before signing. All members must agree via their signature to follow the Code of Ethics as outlined below.

As a member of Tiny Paws Dog Rescue Canada, I pledge:

- To perform Tiny Paws Dog Rescue as a non-profit endeavour. I understand that rescue work will be done on a voluntary basis with no financial compensation for my efforts.
- To ensure that all Tiny Paws Dog Rescue dogs are spayed and neutered prior to placement in their adoptive homes to prevent further breeding.  
(Please note that as of October 7, 2007, all members and fosters of TPDR must have their companion animals spayed and neutered unless there is a vet endorsed medical issue or you are a reputable registered breeder who shows/trials and titles their dogs, strives to better the breed and is knowledgeable about the breed, genetics and bloodlines).
- To educate potential adopters regarding the small mixed breed and our rescue organization. These issues may include, but are not limited to: temperament, nutrition, training and the proper care of the breed.
- To advance my knowledge of small dog breeds, their temperaments and health issues.
- To provide the necessary veterinary care for rescued dogs including, but not limited to, spaying/neutering, vaccinations, heartworm testing and other emergency care.
- To review all vetting procedures and costs with the Board of Directors prior to the procedures being done.
- To not knowingly place a temperamentally unsound dog in an adoptive home.
- To provide mentorship to new members in the areas of fostering, breed identification, adoption screening, transportation and event protocol.
- To have a certified veterinarian euthanize, in a humane manner, a dog in our care which has serious health issues compromising the dog's quality of life, as determined by the Board, or is deemed temperamentally unsound by training and behavioural specialists.
- To provide appropriate safe and sanitary conditions, food, and clean water to all rescue dogs.
- To ensure all rescue dogs are parasite free.

- To thoroughly screen all prospective adopters, ensuring that the adopter is at least 21 years of age, using a written application, by checking vet and personal references and performing home visits with the goal of placing all rescue dogs in the most appropriate home for their needs.
- To utilize a written adoption contract for each rescue dog.
- To maintain records for each rescue including receipts, surrender forms, shelter releases and vetting information, and keep the Board apprised of the dog's progress.
- To obtain landlord approval from prospective adopters who rent or lease their residence.
- To fully disclose all information that is known at the time of the adoption with regards to health and temperament of the dog.
- If the dog has a tattoo or has CKC or AKC registration papers or a microchip, to make every attempt to contact the breeder for right of first refusal or to return to its legal owner.
- To provide follow up advice and assistance to adopters.
- To require every adopter to return the adopted dog to the rescue if they can no longer keep it.
- To return phone calls and answer emails promptly, to advise the Board of any sustained absence from rescue, and to obtain assistance from another member if I am unable to respond in a timely manner.
- To keep communication honest and open but not hurtful, both on the telephone and in written transmission.
- To always conduct myself in a courteous manner in my rescue work in order to represent TPDRC as a professional, reputable and creditable organization and to animal rescue in general.

Member's Printed Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please mail this completed form to:***

*Tiny Paws Dog Rescue Canada  
27 Ancroft Court  
Nepean, Ontario  
K2G 4A5*