

TOLLER RESCUE Inc.

ADOPTION POLICY

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

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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. However, 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:
Purebred Tollers: 350.00
Toller Mixes: 250.00
Puppies Under 6 months: 400.00

Note: Puppies under 6 months are placed on the condition that they will be spayed or neutered before they turn 9 months of age. The organization that Toller Rescue Inc. rescues the Toller pup from might have more restrictive ages.

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. Occasionally, 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 and application will help the Board and the 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: periodic follow-up calls and visits during the ownership of their rescue Toller, providing medical treatment when necessary, all vaccinations at the clinic of their choice as recommended by their vet and as required by city/county/state law, providing regular heartworm preventative, and keeping the Toller contained and not allowing the Toller to run loose unsupervised at any time.
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. 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.
13. **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.

PROCEDURE:

RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION (in chronological order)
Applicant	1. Completes application (without adoption fee) and sends to individual/address noted on application form. (Application is Attachment #1)
Applicant	2. Understands that submission of application confirms that he/she has read and understands the adoption procedures, and indicates agreement abide by Toller

	Rescue Inc. terms of adoption.
TRI Secretary	3. Receives and reviews application and follows up with applicant if additional information is needed and/or application is incomplete
TRI Secretary	4. Forwards to BOD and Regional Coordinator (RC)
Regional Coordinator	5. Conducts or Arranges for home visit
Member or designee	6. Conducts home visit per TRIhomevisitpolicy Reports back to the Regional Coordinator
BOD	7. Approves or rejects application and determines who will notify applicant of the adoption status
Adopter	8. Sends Signed Contract (attachment #2) and adoption fee
BOD	9. Assigns a mentor TRI member to the adopter
Foster Home Regional Coordinator or Intake Chairperson	10. Coordinates the transportation of the rescue to the new Forever Home
Mentor	11. 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.
Adopter	12. Unless waived by the BOD, within six months of ownership, enrolls in and completes at least an eight-week companion dog obedience course

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