

# TOLLER RESCUE Inc.

## AGGRESSION POLICY

**POLICY:** There will be a procedure and criteria for determining whether and which dogs with aggression issues are taken into the TRI program.

### GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. See Attachment #1 (Aggression References) for materials related to aggression.
2. All aggression issues will be considered on a case-by-case basis in determining if dogs qualify for acceptance into the TRI adoption program.
3. In cases of dog/people aggression, the utmost and first priority will be the protection of people. Every effort will be made to assure that injuries do not occur. The dog in question is humanely euthanized if all other options are exhausted.
4. TRI will not knowingly rescue a Toller with severe human aggression issues into our rescue program, and the following procedures are in place to help determine the nature and severity of the aggression, and what TRI can do to assist.

### PROCEDURE:

<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>ACTION (in chronological order)</b>
1. Relinquisher, member, regional coordinator, or anyone else	Identifies dog with either dog-to-dog or dog-to-people aggression
2. Member of BOD	Contacts Regional Coordinator or local Member to handle case
3. Assigned member	Coordinates with Regional coordinator and BOD
4. Regional coordinator or Assigned member	Reviews application, sees or arranges for member to see the dog, and gathers all possible information concerning the dog's behaviors.
5. Regional coordinator	Notifies Board of Directors (BOD) as soon as the dog is identified as having aggression issue(s)
6. Regional coordinator or Assigned member	If dog has not yet been accepted into the program, obtains guidance from BOD regarding how to proceed, e.g., temperament testing, veterinary workup, etc.
7. Regional coordinator or Assigned member	If dog is already in the program and in foster when the aggression is identified, works with the foster and BOD guidance regarding how to proceed, e.g., locating resources for temperament testing, veterinary workup, etc.
8. Regional coordinator or Assigned member	For dogs with aggression towards other dogs, follows steps 2-5 above

9. BOD	For dogs with aggression towards other dogs, makes decision regarding disposition of the dog, e.g., continued fostering, rehabilitation, placement in home without dogs, etc.
10. Regional Coordinator	For dogs with aggression towards people, follows steps 2-5 above
11. BOD	For dogs with aggression towards people, makes decision regarding disposition of the dog, e.g., continued fostering, rehabilitation, euthanasia
12. Regional Coordinator	If the BOD determines that euthanasia is warranted, arranges for this procedure to be performed.
13. Regional Coordinator	If the BOD determines that rehabilitation or other options are warranted, works with members, BOD, and any other resources as appropriate to effect the dog's rehabilitation.
14. Regional Coordinator	If the BOD determines that rehabilitation is warranted, reports rehabilitation progress to the BOD
15. BOD	Makes final decision regarding placement of the rehabilitated dog
16. Adopter	Completes adoption agreement as per TRI standard adoption procedure, including waiver of liability and additional requirement of heightened reporting frequency regarding the dog's status.
17. Regional Coordinator or Assigned member	Monitors dog's progress and status in the adoptive home monthly for the first year after placement. If at any point there appear to be any signs of aggressive behavior, works with the adopter, BOD, and any other entities (e.g., vet, behaviorist) to determine dog's disposition.
18. BOD	Maintains final decision-making authority for dog's disposition.

Date:

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