

Toller Rescue Inc.

Locating and Identifying Tollers in Need of Rescue

POLICY: There will be a procedure of locating and identifying Tollers in need of rescue.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. Because Tollers are not always identified correctly by shelters and rescue organizations as Tollers, TRI has to “cast a wide net” to locate Tollers in need of rescue.
2. Timely identification and reaction is crucial as a Toller in need could be PTS before location, identification and ultimate rescue occurs. It is important for RCs and IC to designate another member to function in their absence if they are going to be away.
3. Because of the volume of dogs viewed on such places as Petfinders, there needs to a record of dogs discussed by TRI.
4. The final decision if the rescue is a pure bred Toller or a Toller mix, will be determined after the dog is in rescue by the BOD.

PROCEDURE: Petfinders Search Group

ACTION (in chronological order)	RESPONSIBILITY
1. Petfinders Searchers	Each Petfinder Searcher assigned a breed/section of country as required. See “Petfinders Searchers” Attachment 1
2. Petfinders Searchers	Search at LEAST weekly
3. Petfinders Searchers	Identify potential Toller(s) on Petfinders website
4. Petfinders Searchers	<p>Plan A: If the searcher feels strongly this is a Toller AND is in a potential kill shelter it is recommended that the Searcher CALL the Intake Chairperson. If the Intake Chairperson is not home call the Regional Coordinator where the Toller is located. Follow up with emails.</p> <p>Plan B (most usual): Preferred if the Searcher has not determined the status: Send link by email for each potential Toller to the Intake Chairperson</p> <p>It is acceptable for the Searcher to post directly to the TRI Yahoo Group. This is discouraged because of potential duplication and confusion. It is important that a shelter or rescue organization is contacted one by TRI volunteer</p>

5. Intake Chairperson	Keeps quarterly documentation of every potential Toller reported and status and checks new dogs against the list.
6. Intake Chairperson	If possible at least once daily checks the TRI Yahoo Group for new potentials submitted by Petfinder Searchers and other members.
7. Intake Chairperson	Keeps in contact with members and regional coordinators that are checking into a potential Toller
8. Intake Chairperson	Plan B: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Makes initial determination if the dog is a potential Toller, and criteria used to make that determination (why it is not a Toller), if in a shelter (what kind), or with other rescue organization 2. Reports findings back to Searcher. This will help the Searcher become the best searcher possible 3. If determined it is likely a Toller in a kill shelter, becomes Plan A. 4. If it is a potential Toller, warranting more discussion, Submits link to the TRI Yahoo discussion group.
9. Plan A: Strong Possibility of a Toller in a Kill Shelter Intake Chairperson	Contacts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional Coordinator by PHONE and email follow-up 2. If RC not home, contacts Shelter, finds out more about potential Toller, tries to determine with more surety if the dog is a Toller, how long they have. 3. Contacts local volunteer to go and identify/rescue Toller/Toller Mix ---See Intake Policy and Procedures for further steps---
Intake Chairperson	As soon as Regional Coordinator is contacted IC turns over rescue to Regional Coordinator.
Intake Chairperson Regional Coordinator	Reports back status to TRI Yahoo Discussion Group and Board of Directors if Toller is now in Rescue
10. Plan B: TRI Yahoo Discussion Group	Comments and discusses if dog is a potential Toller.
Intake Chairperson	Makes a consensus decision if the dog is a potential Toller based on opinions on the discussion group.
Intake Chairperson	Contacts Regional Coordinator
Regional Coordinator	Shelter (no or low kill): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contacts shelter or 2. Contacts local member to contact shelter Call (preferred to email) shelter to discuss if the dog is a potential Toller. Sends information about TRI, request photos if possible. If not a Toller reports back to Intake Chairperson. If still a potential Toller, contacts local person to evaluate the dog first hand.

TRI Member	Can volunteer to look at potential by contacting list, Regional Coordinator or Intake Chairperson.
Regional Coordinator Member	Physically looks at potential Toller and makes determination if the dog is a Toller or a Toller mix and with consultation with RC determines if eligible for TRI Rescue program -----See P&P: TRlintake policy-----
10. Intake Chairperson	Identifies a potential Toller in another rescue organization
11. Intake Chairperson	Contacts Regional Coordinator
12. Regional Coordinator	Contacts other rescue organization. Determines what help Toller Rescue Inc. can be. TRI can: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Help determine if the dog they have is a Toller/Toller mix eligible to be taken into TRI's program. 2. If it is determined that the dog is a Toller/Toller mix, and the other rescue organization wants to keep in their foster program, TRI can provide web space referral to the organizations website IF the other organization has similar P&Ps in regard to adoption and placement. 3. If determined to be a Toller/Toller mix eligible in TRI's program, and other organization wishes to release the Toller, arrange per P&P TRlintake policy to pick up, foster and adopt the Toller through TRI.

PROCEDURE: Potential Tollers discovered or reported by other means

ACTION (in chronological order)	RESPONSIBILITY
1. TRI member	Receives information of a potential Toller by means other than Petfinders
2. TRI member	Contacts Intake Chairperson It is less preferable but acceptable to contact the Regional Coordinator or Yahoo list.
3. Intake Chairman	Depending on the situation follows for Plan A or B of the Yahoo Discussion list, or Intake Policy if an owner turn in.

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