



Yorkie Rescue South Africa

YRSA POLICY AND VALUES

I. HONESTY

- Communicate consistently, truthfully and with integrity inside and outside of Yorkie Rescue South Africa
- Accept responsibility for our actions.
- Provide honest and accurate information regarding Yorkie Rescue South Africa's policies, procedures and programs like fund raising and the disposition of animals.

II. RESPECT

- Treat all living creatures with respect and dignity.
- Create an open environment which encourages and solicits input from all stakeholders.
- Recognize the value of each individual or group.
- Acknowledge socio-economic, cultural, ethnic and philosophical differences.
- Advocate and model respectful behaviour through individual and examples set by Yorkie Rescue South Africa.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- Apply all applicable laws impartially within our organizational guidelines.
- Provide humane treatment and care for animals.
- Seek ways to improve the operation and delivery of services. Pursue excellence.
- Share information and seek input from, educate, and cooperate with others.

IV. BE FAIR & JUST

- Use good judgment instead of being judgmental.
- Listen to and consider opposing viewpoints.
- Make informed decisions without personal bias.
- Apply consistent principles in decision-making while allowing for flexibility.

V. CARING & COMPASSION

- Strive to provide for the physical and psychological needs of people and animals.
- Encourage and support all involved in Yorkie Rescue South Africa.
- Provide a humane and dignified death for animals using recommended and approved methods.
- Extend the principles of caring and compassion to the public.
- Provide a supportive environment in which to deal with issues of euthanasia and grief.

VI. CITIZENSHIP

- Represent the organization in a professional manner.
- Strive to promote positive and collaborative relationships with other agencies, organizations, and individuals.



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VII. CONDUCT

- YORKIE RESCUE SOUTH AFRICA will operate as a charitable endeavor staffed by volunteers who will not profit personally from rescue and offer timely response to requests for assistance.
- We will always keep the best interests of the dogs in mind and serve as their advocate.
- We will ensure, to the best of our ability, that dogs that cannot be adopted for whatever reason will not be denied rescue because of age or treatable physical condition. If a dog is ultimately deemed unadoptable for reasons of health or temperament, we will ensure that a veterinarian humanely euthanizes the dog.
- We will be honest and forthcoming with the public and our members and never knowingly misrepresent a rescue dog's age, medical condition, and/or temperament to anyone.
- We will screen and evaluate, to the best of our ability at that time, the temperament and health of each dog placed into rescue, and we will never knowingly place a dangerous dog.
- We will counsel potential adopters about the dog breed including temperament, health, training and care issues promoting responsible pet ownership.
- We will obtain a completed Surrender of ownership form (if possible) on rescue dogs that pass through our custody and ensure they will be spayed or neutered unless contradicted by veterinary evaluation. If the contradiction is temporary, we will include a spay/neuter clause in the adoption agreement and enforce it to the best of our ability
- We will provide every fostered dog appropriate food, water and shelter under sanitary conditions and provide veterinary care as we Yorkie Rescue South Africa deem appropriate.
- We will never place a rescued dog as anything other than an indoor house pet.
- We will thoroughly interview potential adopters, complete a comprehensive Home Check document, ask for veterinary reference on current pets or previous pets prior to placement.
- We will request that prospective adopters who rent or lease their residence provide landlord approval allowing the tenants to have pets.
- We will utilize written adoption contracts on each rescue dog placed by Yorkie Rescue South Africa.
- We will provide follow up advice and assistance to adopters and take back any rescue dog placed by our rescue group at the request of the adopter. Or if we assess the situation and see that the dog or the humans don't fit we will remove the dog immediately.
- We will maintain a waiting list of interested adopters and require that adopters be at least 18 years of age. Each region will keep a list and a master list will be kept at Yorkie Rescue South Africa Head Quarters in Johannesburg.
- All correspondence between potential adopters and Yorkie Angels will be copied to Yorkie Rescue South Africa HQ.
- We will conduct ourselves in a courteous manner in rescue work such that our behavior brings credit to the image of Yorkie Rescue South Africa and animal rescue in general.
- We will build bridges and communicate well with other Rescue Agencies, creating good working relationships.
- We will never knowingly give or sell a dog of any age to any pet shop, catalogue house, laboratory or any wholesale dealer in dogs or to any person who sells to any of the above nor to knowingly aid or abet the sale or purchase of any dog through any of the above.