



## **RESCUE PROCEDURES**

1. Any party who will be in possession of an Entlebucher during the rescue process must sign a waiver absolving NEMDA of any damages resulting from the rescued animal. Said form must be completed and sent to the Rescue Chairperson or the Secretary before taking possession of any Entlebucher. No person shall initiate the Rescue Process without prior approval of the Rescue Chairperson and one NEMDA Officer.
2. An authorized representative of NEMDA may take possession of the animal upon obtaining a signed Release Form by the current owner. Where appropriate, NEMDA will request a \$100 service fee from the current owner toward Rescue expenses. NEMDA will continue the Rescue process even if the fee is not paid. NEMDA or representative will not take physical possession of the animal until or unless necessary.
3. The dog's temperament must be evaluated by a competent individual, whether or not a member of NEMDA.
4. If the dog is considered to have dangerous character faults (ie. aggressiveness, biting) that cannot be rectified, NEMDA will recommend that the owner have the dog euthanized or will arrange and pay for euthanization as quickly as possible.
5. If the dog is considered a good candidate for placement, and the dog is intact, NEMDA shall request that the owner spay/neuter the dog or shall arrange and pay for neutering.
6. If a NEMDA member takes possession of the dog, s/he will be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred during the Rescue process. The Board must approve any individual expense exceeding \$100.
7. If no NEMDA member is available to take the dog, NEMDA will not be able to take possession of the dog. In extreme circumstances, Rescue Chair may ask for a special vote of the Board.
8. NEMDA Rescue Chairperson will contact prospective adoptive families from pre-approved list. Interested qualified families will be given information to contact the interim responsible party holding the dog.
9. If a family wishes to adopt a Rescue dog, a fee of \$500 US and completion of adoption papers are required before the adoption may take place. This fee may be adjusted by Board approval on a case-by-case basis.