

Rescue Committee Guidelines

The GPCA Rescue Committee shall exist under the guidance of the German Pinscher Club of America.

Goal: To locate forever homes for purebred German Pinschers of good temperament, which have lost their family and home through no fault of their own. Also, to encourage all GPCA members to participate in rescue to the best of their abilities.

Purpose: To locate breeders of displaced purebred German Pinschers which have been placed in shelters or whose owners no longer can keep the dog to changing life circumstances. Also to place any displaced purebred German Pincher of good temperament in a proper forever home.

1. The committee shall consist of a minimum of 3 members all having computer access to Yahoo Rescue Group. Of these committee members one shall be the official contact for all rescue related issues. The contact information will be posted on the GPCA website. The contact person will notify all committee members of any GP which is referred to Rescue. It is imperative that the active people on this committee be willing to make timely decisions about referred dogs.
2. Create and maintain a current list of interested parties which have inquired about adoption of a GP.
3. Review pre adoption form, surrender form and a final adoption form every two years beginning in 2009. Any changes shall be approved by the GPCA Board and be used in all placements of German Pinscher rescues. Develop a better foster home form.
4. Keep a current list of helpers throughout the country who can transport, foster, and/or evaluate a German Pinscher for suitability of placement and other tasks as needed.
5. Complete home checks when possible on the homes of the people who want a rescue dog to ensure that they will make a good German Pinscher owners
6. Maintain a relationship with rescue clubs of German Pinscher look-alike breeds.
7. Maintain a relationship with transportation groups in order to help transport any rescue German Pinscher.
8. Ensure that all dogs adopted through the rescue committee are spayed or neutered and microchipped before they are permanently placed
9. Provide an updated list of committee members to the Board annually.
10. Encourage GPCA members to permanently identify all German Pinschers with a microchip or tattoo before they are placed.

11. Any German Pinscher that is deemed of poor temperament and can not be rehabilitated shall be humanely euthanized.
 12. Maintain an account to provide for the necessary costs of any dog coming into the rescue program.
 13. Actively raise funds through donations, or other means to support the rescue program for German Pinschers.
 14. Maintain a GPCA rescue website.
 15. The committee chair will present an annual report to the Board prior to the Annual Board Meeting as required by the GPCA Constitution/bylaws. This report will include a description of the dog and outcome of the rescue for all dogs passing through the program.
- If a report is not provided by the chairperson in the future, the committee may be dissolved by the GPCA board.

Committee chairs must submit a quarterly report each quarter for publication in the Pinscher Press. If no committee action has occurred during a quarter, that should also be reported. The yearly report required for the annual membership meeting will count as one of the quarterly reports.

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By the authority of the GPCA Constitution/Bylaws, any committee member who does not follow these guidelines may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint a successor for the person whose service has been terminated.

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