



Rescue and Placement Committee Charter

Function: The purpose of the Rescue and Placement Committee is to adopt and place Irish Wolfhounds, who have been identified, in the DC, MD, VA area, for placement in an appropriate home as best suits the Wolfhound.

The Rescue and Placement Committee will maintain a set of forms to be used in the rescue and adoption process. These forms are a rescue application, release application, adoption application, personality and temperament evaluation, and home visit evaluation. A copy of these forms will be kept with the Charter maintained by the Secretary of the club.

The Rescue and Placement Committee will maintain a list of applications and contacts of people who have shown an interest in adopting an Irish Wolfhound and/or who have submitted a PVIWC Application Form. Each application and information will be reviewed to find a qualified home.

The Rescue and Placement Committee will maintain all related paperwork related to the release and adoption of an Irish Wolfhound.

Membership: The Rescue and Placement Committee consists of one Chair, one assistant Chair. Additional members may provide support as requested by the Chair.

The Chair is appointed by the PVIWC Board of Directors, and serves until December 31 of the year appointed. All committee members are appointed by the Chair to serve until December 31.

Activities: The Committee's primary responsibility is to respond to requests for assistance in placing an Irish Wolfhound that has been identified as needing placement. These contacts may come from shelters, owners, or other interested parties (such as relatives)

An Irish Wolfhound will be received into the Rescue program after the existing owner signs a release form. The owners may stay in contact with the committee for updates but no information on the new family is provided to the original owner.

If possible, the Rescue and Placement Committee will obtain an Evaluation Form regarding the behavior and history and records of the Wolfhound being released. Each Irish Wolfhound will be evaluated by the Rescue and Placement Committee for health, temperament, and suitability for adoption.

Each Irish Wolfhound will be given a full physical (if necessary) by a Veterinarian as soon as practical after acquisition. All Wolfhounds will be spayed/neutered prior to adoption (health permitting).

The adoptive home will be inspected by The Rescue and Placement Committee, or designated representative, to verify suitability for adoption of the Wolfhound.

Before a dog is placed in a new home, an adoption form will be filled out and signed by the new family which describes the conditions they must meet and maintain to keep the Wolfhound. The Rescue and Placement Committee will periodically review the health and safety of each adopted Wolfhound through direct and indirect communication, including site visits to the home.

The Rescue and Placement Committee will be notified upon the death and circumstances of any adopted wolfhound.

Restrictions: PVIWC will only rescue and place Irish Wolfhounds. We will not rescue "mixes" or "half-breed" canines.

The committee will not "purchase" Irish Wolfhounds from an owner, breeder, shelter, pet store, or another rescue group. We will pay fees required to remove an animal from a shelter.

The committee will not seek to adopt in Irish Wolfhounds from beyond the DC, MD, and VA area. Exception would be requests for help finding a suitable home for a placement/rescue from IW rescue coordinators in another state. If contacted by out-of-region owners, who could not find help in their area, the owners will be referred to their state IW rescue coordinator, or the IWCA rescue coordinator.

Financial Responsibilities: The Rescue and Placement Committee will request that new owners pay for the initial veterinary care required to adopt the dog (to include spay/neuter when necessary).

In specified circumstances, that have been explained to, and approved by, the board, the Rescue and Placement Committee will expend the necessary funds from the Rescue and Placement Fund to provide help for the dog.

Approval: This Charter and any revisions or amendments must be approved by the Board before taking effect.