



Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue Trust

Rescue Code of Ethics

This Code of Ethics is established under the authority of the Trustees of the Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue Trust. It is intended to set forth guiding principles and minimum standards of practice to which approved Shar-Pei Rescue groups adhere.

As a Shar-Pei Rescuer, I pledge:

1. To perform Shar-Pei Rescue as a non-profit endeavor. My rescue work will be voluntary, not performed to profit any organization or individual.
2. No individual rescuer either on their own or within an organization or the rescue organization as a whole shall have been found guilty or plead nolo contendere or guilty, regardless of adjudication of violating the animal cruelty, neglect or abandonment statutes of any local or state government, or have had their AKC privileges revoked .
3. To assure that Rescue Shar-Pei are not bred by spaying or neutering all dogs before adopting them to new owners, unless there is a compelling medical reason not to spay/neuter before adoption. If I place a dog intact due to a compelling medical reason, I will thoroughly educate the adopter on the risks of accidental breeding and precautions that must be taken, require a written agreement by the adopter to prevent the accidental or intentional breeding of the dog, require the adopter to spay or neuter the dog as soon as the medical condition is resolved, and remain in close contact with the adopter to ensure the dog is not bred. I will never place an intact female rescue dog in a home with an intact male in the home. If I breed Shar-Pei (in addition to handling Rescue Shar-Pei) I will do so in accordance with the CSPCA Code of Ethics and I will not use my rescue activities as a bait-and-switch tactic to sell puppies I breed.
4. To house Rescue Shar-Pei in safe, humane, sanitary conditions, which meet or exceed all minimum standards as defined by local health, animal control and sanitation authorities, and to provide Rescue Shar-Pei with appropriate food, clean water, and shelter. I will pay attention to and care for the emotional needs of the Shar-Pei I receive into my Rescue Program. I will provide a secure, stable environment for the dogs and will interact one-on-one with them as much as possible in order to properly assess their temperament and special needs for placement.
5. To vet the rescue dogs immediately, for checkups, kennel cough worms, heart worm, etc. they are always spayed or neutered and microchipped prior to adoption. To provide necessary veterinary care and appropriate routine veterinarian care for Rescue Shar-Pei including, as appropriate, regular inoculations, heart worm testing, administration of heart worm preventative, treatment for intestinal parasites, and emergency care, including entropion surgery when needed. To the best of my abilities and resources, I will provide appropriate medical care and training towards the goal of putting each dog in the best possible condition for a permanent adoption.
6. To not knowingly place a vicious or otherwise seriously temperamentally unsound dog in an adoptive home.
7. If a dog comes into my rescue's care with AKC papers or a breeder's microchip is discovered, I will make a reasonable attempt to contact the breeder to inquire about return of the dog, and/or assistance in placing the dog. In accordance with paragraph 2, the dog would be spayed or neutered before being returned to the breeder and the breeder would be asked to contribute to that expense. If the dog turns out to be the breeder's personal dog, every attempt will be made to return the dog to the breeder intact, **provided**, however, that this does not violate any county, state or local shelter license requirements, restrictions, laws or regulations.
8. That I will only euthanize Rescue Shar-Pei that are determined to be unadoptable due to serious health or temperament problems. Rescue Shar-Pei that are euthanized will be humanely euthanized by a veterinarian or certified euthanasia technician and properly disposed of. Rescue Shar-Pei that are deemed unadoptable due to serious health, temperament, or other problems may be placed with a humane and knowledgeable hospice care provider,

when available.

9. To thoroughly evaluate potential adopters utilizing a combination of written applications, home visits, checking vet references, telephone interviews, face-to-face interviews, and personal reference checks, as appropriate, with the goal of placing all Rescue Shar-Pei in homes that are appropriate to the Shar-Pei breed and specifically appropriate to each individual Rescue Shar-Pei's needs.
10. To utilize a written adoption contract for each Rescue Shar-Pei.
11. To fully disclose all relevant information that is known at the time of placement or adoption regarding the health and temperament of each Rescue Shar-Pei.
12. To provide each adopter with information on the Chinese Shar-Pei Breed, common diseases, crate training, housebreaking, basic obedience, and appropriate standard of care.
13. To provide follow up advice and assistance to adopters.
14. To require every adopter to return the adopted Shar-Pei to me if he/she can no longer keep it. I will always accept the return of a dog that has been adopted from me.

Signature of Rescuer: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Name of Rescue Organization: _____

Title/Position with Rescue Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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Please return this signed form to the CSP Rescue Trust President:

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