



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of organization:			Date:
Mailing address:			
City:	State or province:	Postal code:	Circle one: USA Canada
Street address (if different):			
City:	State or province:	Postal code:	Circle one: USA Canada
Date your organization was formed (mo/year):		Number of adoptions processed in past 12 months:	
Legal structure of your organization (check all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) eff. date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> For-profit corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit corporation but not 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Not incorporated (individual)	
Website URL: http://www.			
Primary species (dogs, cats, ferrets, birds, rabbits, etc):			
Primary breed (Beagle, Siamese, Parrot, etc.) For all-breed, enter "all breed":			
Work with mixed breed animals? <input type="checkbox"/> No, purebred only <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> YES, if predominant breed is: _____			

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact name:	Title:
Phone: (____) - _____ - _____	Email:
Fax: (____) - _____ - _____	

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY LISTING

How would you like your organization to be listed on our web site?
(if left blank, we will use the "Name of organization" as above)

CODE OF ETHICS

I have read the Animal Rescue Code of Ethics and agree to abide by them.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership Dues are \$ 25.00 (US dollars).	<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed, mail to:	Animal Rescue Association 4370 NE Halsey St. Portland, OR 97213
<input type="checkbox"/> Charge credit card (circle one) VISA MC Credit card orders may be mailed or faxed to: 1.866.855.3495	Name on card:	
Card#: _____	Exp. date (MM/YY): ____ / ____	Security Code: _____ (last 3 or 4 digits on back of card)
Billing address for card (required to approve charge):		
City/State/Zip:		

I authorize Animal Rescue Association to charge the dues as above (signature of cardholder):



Sign me up for the association newsletter!



Animal Rescue Association of America™

Animal Rescue Code of Ethics

Adequate Care

- 1. Veterinary care**
 - All animals must receive adequate veterinary care including health screening and vaccinations. Microchip or other permanent identification is preferred. Where resources are available and the benefit-to-cost relationship is appropriate, additional veterinary care should be provided.
- 2. Shelter, food, & water**
 - Provide all animals with appropriate shelter, food, and water.
- 3. Compassion, respect, and kindness**
 - Treat all animals with compassion, respect, and kindness. The reward is confidence and trust – by the animals and the observing community.
- 4. Know your capacity**
 - Do not become overwhelmed. Maintain appropriate levels of care at all times. Ask for help when capacity is stretched.

Adoption Process

- 5. Rescue-for-life**
 - Adopted animals should be welcome to return at any time.
- 6. Educate and screen adopters**
 - Educate adopters about the species or breed. Screen adopters carefully to ensure a reasonable fit with the animal.
- 7. Full disclosure to adopters**
 - Provide full disclosure to adopters including health and behavioral history and temperament (bite history, separation anxiety, etc.). Vicious or dangerous animals must be explicitly and completely disclosed.
- 8. Post adoption follow-up**
 - Follow up with the animal's progress after adoption. Continue the education process with the adopters.

General

- 9. Spay/Neuter**
 - All dogs, cats and other species, where applicable, must be spayed or neutered, preferably prior to adoption. If they are not altered prior to adoption, policies and practices must be in place to ensure sterilization within a reasonable time.

10. Ethical intake

- All animals taken in must be with the owner's permission or provided by the proper authorities.

11. Abide by shelter rules

- Honor any agreed upon commitments with shelters. If the shelter has stated rules, abide by them. Credibility and trust with shelters must be earned.

12. Stray Notification

- Communicate the intake of strays with the appropriate local shelters or authorities with the goal of reuniting the animal with its owner.

13. Not-for-profit philosophy

- Operate as a not-for-profit whether or not you are recognized as such by federal taxing authorities. Be financially responsible. Keep proper records and separate bank accounts for rescue activities.

14. Personal pets: don't abuse provider discounts

- Do not abuse the rescue system by using provider discounts for personal pets. Credibility and trust with providers must be earned.

15. Professionalism

- Practice good "sportsmanship" in our trade. Do not speak negatively about other organizations (shelters, rescues, etc.). If there is a problem, take positive action to address the situation. Communicate these issues to the Animal Rescue Association for possible investigation or assistance. A professional attitude and demeanor will build credibility.

16. Honesty

- Be forthright and honest in all interactions with the Animal Rescue Association.