



Whippet Rescue Information

VETERINARIANS

Establishing a partnership with a veterinary clinic (or several) is vital. Vets cannot be expected to work for free, as they have bills to pay too. Formulating a reduced cost agreement, particularly for spay/neuter, is recommended. There is nothing improper in sending the dog to its new home with the name of the clinic where it received care for the partnering veterinarian may pick up some responsible new clients.

Contact other rescue groups in your area for suggestions on where to obtain low cost care.

IDENTIFICATION

Each dog awaiting placement should be provided with a collar and a tag. In case the dog gets loose, it will be easier to reclaim the dog wearing a tag. When dogs are placed, the new owners should leave the rescue tag on and order a new tag for identification for their own dogs. If the volunteer has a resource for tattooing each rescue dog, it is advised.

WRAP will provide a Microchip for the dog.

CONTRACTS

Documentation is essential, and protects us legally. No WRAP funds will be reimbursed without the proper paperwork being turned in. Most critical are the adoption agreements and the release agreement. All forms are included with your WRAP rescue material, and instructions for submitting to the your Regional Advisor.

SUPPORT FOR ADOPTIVE HOMES

Each adoptive home should receive more than just the dog Health information, a list of Whippet books and publications, a pamphlet about the Whippet breed, breed standard, information on the American Whippet Club, hints on crating, training, etc. It would be wise to also include an order form for tags, food samples, and appropriate websites. Carol Benjamin's book Second Hand Dog is an excellent recommendation.

Follow-up visits to the home and/or phone calls are very important. Often, you can head off a potential problem if you are made aware of it before it becomes serious.

NON-PROFIT

Check into local laws concerning the benefits of registering as a non-profit charitable organization.

PET STORES AND PUPPY MILLS

The WRAP rescue fund does not allow for the purchasing of puppies from pet stores, auctions, or puppy mills, as this is to participate in and encourage the wholesaling activities of these individuals. We will assist you in developing some creative ways to deal with these situations.

If you are having rescue problems with a breeder in your area, we may be able to assist in exerting some pressure to correct the situation.