

Bibb County Rabies Impoundment Facility

Standard Rules and Procedures for Approved Rescue Organizations

Purpose

The purpose of these rules is to establish uniform procedures for approved rescue organizations seeking to remove animals from the Bibb County Rabies Impoundment Facility (BCRIF). These guidelines are intended to ensure public safety, animal welfare, and compliance with Alabama rabies and animal laws.

1. Approval Requirements

- 1.1. All rescue organizations must be recognized as a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or provide proof of equivalent nonprofit status.
 - 1.2. Rescue organizations must complete a BCRIF Rescue Partner Application and receive written approval prior to removing any animals.
 - 1.3. A copy of the organization's liability insurance certificate must be provided, naming Bibb County as an additional insured where applicable.
 - 1.4. Rescue organizations must designate one primary contact person for coordination with the facility.
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2. Scheduling and Facility Access

- 2.1. All visits must be scheduled in advance with BCRIF personnel.
 - 2.2. No rescue representative shall enter the facility without authorization from BCRIF staff.
 - 2.3. Rescue personnel must sign in and sign out at each visit.
 - 2.4. Access is limited to designated areas only.
 - 2.5. BCRIF reserves the right to limit the number of representatives present at any time.
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3. Animal Selection and Transfer

- 3.1. Animal selection must be coordinated with BCRIF staff.
 - 3.2. Animals under active rabies quarantine, involved in legal proceedings, having behavior issues such as aggression or any animals not approved by BCRIF will not be available for transfer/ release.
 - 3.3 Animals that are not approved by BCRIF are prohibited from being advertised to the public. Photos and Videos must be taken by BCRIF employees.
 - 3.4. Rescue organizations assume full responsibility for the animal upon signing the transfer documentation.
 - 3.5. A signed transfer agreement must be completed prior to removal.
 - 3.6 Removal of the approved animal from the facility must take place within 7 working days of signing the transfer documentation. No animals will be held longer than the 7 work days stated unless approved by BCRIF.
 - 3.7 Rescues must have a suitable location for holding the animal till transport takes place.
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4. Health and Vaccination Requirements

- 4.1. Rescue organizations acknowledge that animals may have unknown health histories.
- 4.2. Rescue organizations agree to provide appropriate veterinary care if needed.

BCRIF does not provide medical care for animals,

- 4.3. Rescues must supply BCRIF a copy of all documentation stated in Alabama Code 3-7a such as Rabies Vaccinations and proof of spay/neuter of animals.
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5. Conduct and Safety

- 5.1. All rescue representatives must always conduct themselves in a productive, positive and professional manner.

5.2. Aggressive, disruptive, or unsafe behavior will result in immediate removal from the premises and possible revocation of rescue privileges.

5.3 Proper handling equipment (leashes, carriers, crates) must be provided by the rescue group.

6. Liability / Hold Harmless

6.1. Rescue organizations accept full liability for any injury, illness, or damages occurring after the animal is transferred.

6.2. Bibb County shall not be held responsible for the health, temperament, or behavior of animals once released.

6.3. Rescue organizations agree to indemnify and hold harmless Bibb County, its officials, and employees from any claims arising from transferred animals.

7. Communication and Reporting

7.1. Rescue organizations are encouraged to provide updates on animals transferred.

7.2. Rescue groups should notify BCRIF if any animal is euthanized for medical or behavioral reasons. The rescue will provide necessary documentation to BCRIF.

7.3. Rescue organizations may not represent themselves as agents of Bibb County.

8. Revocation of Privileges

8.1. BCRIF / Bibb County Commission reserves the right to suspend or revoke rescue access privileges at any time for noncompliance with these rules.

8.2. Failure to follow established procedures may result in immediate termination of partnership.

9. Compliance with Law

All rescue organizations must comply with applicable Alabama state laws, including rabies control statutes, and any local ordinances governing animal impoundment or facility operations.

Adopted by the Bibb County Commission

Effective Date: _____