



AHDRO Code of Ethics

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- Our rescue is a 501(c)3 non-profit entity.
- Our rescue is made of up volunteers who are not paid for their work, nor is any organization they are affiliated with.
- All AHDRO dogs will be spayed or neutered before adoption except in the following cases:
 - Age; if a dog is too young to be neutered; the adopters are required to sign a contract stating that that puppy will be neutered upon acquiring the proper age. AHDRO will have our vet perform the neuter, or reimburse the adopter up to the amount we normally pay.
 - Medical condition; if a dog's medical condition prevents neutering, the adopters will sign an agreement stating that under no circumstances will they allow the dog to be bred.
- All AHDRO rescued dogs are placed in the homes of thoroughly pre-screened fosters and are kept safe, well-groomed and fed a nutritious diet.
- All AHDRO rescued dogs receive a veterinary examination upon intake; all routine immunizations are administered; all dogs are kept on Interceptor and Frontline.
- Any AHDRO rescued dog will be given whatever medical care is necessary to ensure the dog is as healthy as medically possible.
- Any AHDRO rescued dog that is considered to have behavior or temperament issues will be assessed by our Behavior Coordinator and, if necessary, assessed by an approved accredited professional behavior/training specialist. If recommended by that professional, that dog will receive the training required to allow the dog to be a safe adoptable dog.
- All AHDRO adopters might pass our screening process which includes a phone or in-person interview with our Adoption Director. If that is successful, a home visit takes place, as well as a vet check.
- A written adoption contract is mandatory; follow up phone calls are performed; and each adopted dog is invited to AHDRO events.
- The potential adopter is made fully aware of the special requirements of the collie breed in grooming and the breed's herding instinct. The potential adopter is always made aware of the dog's temperament and any special medical requirements (i.e. thyroid medication).
- Every adopter is required to sign an adoption contract. That contract specifies that if for any reason the adopted dog cannot remain in the adopted home, that dog must be returned to AHDRO. AHDRO will take back into its program any dog that is returned.
- In the event that an AHDRO rescued dog has an illness that seriously impairs that dog's quality of life, and there is no medical solution, that dog will be humanely euthanized by a veterinarian that works with AHDRO.



Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio Code of Ethics Acknowledgement

I have read and agree to abide by the Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio Code of Ethics located on the previous page of this document.

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Please sign and return by mail to:

**Cheryl Rakich
Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio, Inc.
4672 Aberdeen Ave.
Dublin, OH 43016**