

Starting Over Airedale Rescue, Inc.

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Volunteer Agreement

By the signing and returning this Agreement to the address on page 2, I certify I have read and understand this Agreement and will abide by the policies set forth. I certify that any rescue activities I engage in under the name of SOAR will comply with the guidelines, policies and procedures that SOAR has outlined in this document.

My information (please print):

Name _____ Home phone _____
Address _____ Cell phone _____
_____ Fax number _____
City/State/Zip _____ Work phone _____
e-mail _____

Specific policies include but are not limited to:

- I do not tell owners we are too full, busy, etc. to take their dog into rescue.
- I do not use our rescue contacts and volunteers to advertise or sell any dogs for profit.
- I will use the SOAR database only for purposes that further the mission of SOAR.
- I consider the dog's welfare before deciding to return an unwanted Airedale to the breeder.
- If an Airedale is in a shelter near me, I will let the shelter workers know that SOAR will work with them to find a good home for the dog. If the shelter wishes to place the dog on their own, I will do everything I can to help support the shelter volunteers and the new home. If the shelter is willing to surrender the dog to SOAR, I will immediately arrange to get the dog out of the shelter.
- Foster homes always have the first option to adopt.
- SOAR does not place dogs in homes (or foster homes) where they will be housed outside.
- No dogs will be placed outside the SOAR region unless support is available from a responsible rescue volunteer.
- I agree to act on behalf of SOAR to ensure the safety of the dog should it become necessary.
- All surrenders, placements, etc. will be documented using approved SOAR forms.
- I understand and will work within SOAR euthanasia policy for dogs found to be aggressive.
- I understand that SOAR's mission is to rescue PUREBRED Airedales. There are other groups that are dedicated to rescuing mixed breed dogs and other breeds, but SOAR's resources will be used only for purebred Airedale Terriers. SOAR will offer Web space on our mixes page to help advertise Airedale mixes available for adoption.
- Each Airedale in SOAR care will be evaluated for personality and temperament and will be matched with its new home with these traits in mind.

When an Airedale is placed in a new home, it will be thoroughly checked out by a veterinarian, spayed or neutered, free of heartworm and other parasites, up-to-date on all vaccinations, microchipped, clean and groomed (either stripped or clipped). Copies of all available veterinary records (with personal information of the previous owner deleted) will be provided to the new owner. The new owner will also be given a full and honest assessment of any known health problems of the dog.

Please check all rescue services you can provide:

- 1. Responsibility for seeing that immediate action is taken to help Airedales in shelters, either by getting them out of the shelter or by working with the shelter staff and volunteers to find good homes for the dogs.
- 2. Foster care: In-home care while initial temperament/behavior evaluation, vet care, spaying/neutering, and grooming are done and until another foster home or an appropriate permanent home is available.
- 3. Kennel space at reduced or no cost until a foster or permanent home is available.
- 4. Transportation from shelters or existing homes to vets, foster homes, or permanent homes, transportation coordinator.
- 5. Grooming for Airedales in shelters or foster homes.
- 6. Pre- adoption home visits to insure that conditions for adoption can be met or post-adoption home visits (and counseling if necessary) to insure that dog and new owner are happy with each other.
- 7. Obedience instruction/training (if qualified) when needed before or after adoption.
- 8. Potential adopter contact: Meet potential adopters with my Airedale if they have never seen one or if they need to determine allergy tolerance.
- 9. Public relations, media relations, public education, seminars, booths at events, and similar activities.
- 10. Fundraising activities: Work with our Aire Affaire auction committee, obtaining items to sell, annual calendar publication, merchandise manager, grant writing, work with e-Bay, Facebook auctions and similar activities.
- 11. Craft unique Airedale items to sell to raise funds.
- 12. Website services or computer skills: Google Adwords, database, Joomla, plus the website itself and more as needed.
- 13. Social media and communications: Facebook, e-newsletter articles, writing thank-you notes, contacting adopters and collecting stories, updates and photos for the website.
- 14. Support activities: microchip manager, census and other support activities as needed.
- 15. Other services you could provide, including your life experiences that you feel could assist you in some aspect of rescue.

Once we receive your signed form via mail, fax or scan attached to e-mail, we will send you a volunteer kit.

Signed _____ Date _____

Mail this form to: **SOAR Volunteer Committee**, 580 Hapsfield Lane, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
or
e-mail a scan of this form to: **mhowitz@aol.com**
or
Fax this form to: **517-546-8306**