

# CONESTOGA VIZSLA CLUB

## NEW BEGINNINGS COMMITTEE GUIDELINES



### Basis for Breed Re-homing Services Involvement

- A dog will be eligible by meeting two criteria:
  - A Vizsla from various types of shelters, owner(s) no longer able to care for their dog(s), strays or abandoned; and
  - The dog must be a “Purebred” Vizsla - Lacking registration papers, purebred status shall be established through evaluation by a person knowledgeable of the Vizsla breed standard. The evaluator must be a committee or board member, or an AKC breeder of Vizslas.
- Vizslas considered for the New Beginnings Program must have a reasonable chance to be placed into a new home on a permanent basis. Dogs believed questionable for adoption due to severe health or temperament problems shall be judged on a case by case basis by the CVC New Beginnings Committee. For some severe and rare cases the CVC New Beginnings Committee has authority to euthanize a dog that is deemed to be un-adoptable. Where the Committee feels a dog may be suitable for placement in a home following rehabilitation but will require abnormal time and money associated with medical bills and/or behavioral work, the Committee may recommend rehabilitation to the CVC Board of Directors. The CVC Board of Directors shall consider the recommendation along with the amount of funds estimated to be needed to bring the dog to adoptable status.
- Before a dog is accepted into the Program either the owners or the Committee must contact the dog’s breeder to inquire about re-homing the dog. If it is believed that the dog has come from a pet store or a backyard breeder, this step can be omitted.

### Financial

- The following expenses are covered by the CVC New Beginnings Program and will be reimbursed:
  - Basic veterinary examination, necessary inoculations or titers, and immediate care; up to \$300.
  - Shelter adoption fees; up to \$150.
  - Spaying and neutering costs; up to \$300.
  - Expenses incurred by foster homes if the rescue becomes ill while in the foster care; up to \$300.
  - Heart worm treatment; provided the attending veterinarian renders a greater than 60% chance of survival opinion.
  - Mileage associated with transport of a dog at the IRS standard mileage rate then in effect. In order to be reimbursable, the trip should be approved by the Committee in advance of the transport.

- Owners surrendering their dogs shall be encouraged to make a donation of \$100 or more.
- There shall be an adoption fee of \$300 applied to the new owners. Adoption fees may be waived by the Committee, in its discretion, where the new owners are anticipated to incur an abnormal amount of medical or behavioral expenses for the dog.
- Any expenditure over \$300 must first be approved by the CVC Board of Directors. In the rare circumstances where time is of the essence to protect the life of the dog, approval of the CVC President shall suffice.
- Reimbursement of expenses shall be paid in accordance with the above upon submission of documentation establishing the actual costs incurred.

### **Management of a Vizsla in CVC New Beginnings Program**

- If a Vizsla is surrendered to the Program, and the breeder, owner of the sire, or any of the owners of the four grandparents (in that order) can be identified; he or she shall be notified and given the opportunity to reacquire the dog. If it is believed that the dog has come from a pet store or a backyard breeder, this step can be omitted.
- If the dog is returned to the breeder it shall be done without spay or neuter or inoculations, and with any papers that are available.
- If the breeder refuses to take responsibility for the Vizsla:
  - He/she shall be removed from future CVC Breeder Referral puppy buyer references.
  - The dog shall enter the Program formally, become legal property of the CVC, and all Program procedures will apply.
- The owner who surrenders a Vizsla into the Program shall complete and sign the Transfer of Ownership Form.
- All Vizslas placed through the Program shall be given all legally required immunizations. All Vizslas shall be checked by a veterinarian prior to mixing with any other dogs.
- If a Vizsla with AKC registration papers enters the Program, the papers shall be returned to the AKC with notification that the dog was spayed or neutered.
- If a pregnant bitch enters the Program, the Board of Directors shall be notified immediately and will assist in decisions made on those cases.
- Dogs accepted into the Program shall be fostered as necessary and appropriate to the dog's temperament and health conditions.
- If a dog in foster care manifests extremely severe health or behavior issues which appear to warrant euthanasia, the decision to euthanize shall be made by the New Beginnings Committee, but only after first notifying the Board of Directors.

- All applicants to adopt a Vizsla shall be screened by a member of the Committee to verify their suitability. An adoption questionnaire must be completed and filed. The primary consideration in making all placements shall be the best interest of the dog. The Committee reserves the right to refuse adoption to any applicant without explanation. In the event of a dispute, the decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.
- No personal information shall be given out about any previous owner(s) to the new owners unless mutually agreed to by both parties.
- All Vizslas placed in new homes shall be done only upon completion of the CVC New Beginnings Adoption Agreement and the Release, Waiver and Disclosure forms.

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