



Schipperke Rescue Net, Inc.

Lancaster, PA

Veterinary Protocols for New Foster Dogs

To all Rescuers and Foster homes working with SRN:

Initial vet visits for foster dogs should include the following unless you have documentation showing that these things have been done recently and are considered up-to-date:

1. Exam – physical and dental
2. Vaccinations:
 - a. Rabies – 3 year if available
 - b. DHPP (Distemper/Hepatitis/Parainfluenza/Parvo)
 - c. Bordetella – if the dog comes from a shelter or kennel
3. Heartworm test
4. Blood Panel – if over 7 years old
5. Fecal float
6. Initial Nail care – One-time only (maintenance is part of foster care)
7. Initial flea treatment – if excessive and beyond traditional treatment to gain control.

SRN will also cover charges for the following:

- Spay/neuter upon clean bill of health
- Short-term medications for treatment of any initial concerns such as parasites, kennel cough, minor injuries, etc.
- A 3-month supply of heartworm preventative (unused amount goes WITH the dog to adoptive home)
- Long-term medications for documented pre-existing conditions.

Dental: Treatment (including extractions and cleaning beyond light scaling) should be **pre-approved UNLESS** there is an emergency concern for health.

Initial fees should be able to be covered in the \$300.00 to \$400.00 range for a basically healthy or partially vetted dog.

Dogs having had no previous vet care may extend to \$500.00. **Any expenses over \$500.00 should be reported and pre-approved by Rescue Coordinator before proceeding with care.**

EXCEPTIONS: sudden injury/illness in which initial comfort care or emergency stabilizing care can be given. However, Rescue coordinator should be contacted ASAP in these cases. Contact is available 24 hours a day for these cases.



Special Medical Care exceeding the initial care should be discussed with the Rescue Coordinator before proceeding. Rescue Coordinator may authorize emergency care at any time with consideration to the prognosis of life quality. However, the Rescue Coordinator is expected to justify any decision and seek board approval for expenses of long term care and non-emergency related cases exceeding the \$500.00 limit.

There are 2 ways to cover these costs.

1. Foster may expend the monies to cover the costs and provide copies of all invoices, diagnostic information, and results to the Rescue Coordinator for approval and submission for reimbursement; or
2. Foster may seek the help of the Rescue Coordinator or the SRN board member with whom they are working and request that SRN use the SRN credit card for these charges. In that event, the SRN board member will require direct contact with the vet for test results, diagnoses, recommendations, etc. Fully documented invoices must be submitted immediately, either by fax to 717-898-0970 or email to schipfreak@duck.com within 48 hours of the charge.

24/7 Contact Numbers:

Rescue Coordinator: Susan Fogleman: 757.814.3430

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