

# Rowdy Dog Rescue

A program of

Spring Hill Horse Rescue and Humane Society

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**Rowdy Dog Mission:**  
*To assist in the rescue and rehoming of dogs in high-kill animal shelters.*

Dedicated to one of the most wonderfully energetic, enthusiastic little dogs ever... Rowdy was rescued from a southern kill shelter in 2003 and became Spring Hill's smallest volunteer. Sadly he disappeared from Spring Hill Horse Rescue's farm not long ago. We searched high and low but he was never found. Every visitor that came to Spring Hill was first greeted with tail wags and wiggles by Rowdy. He loved people and enjoyed every minute of life on the farm. Although we still have hope that Rowdy will someday return we formed the program **Rowdy Dog Rescue** as a tribute to the millions (yes, millions!) of unfortunate dogs that are euthanized every year due to overpopulation.

Because the North East has such great spay/neuter programs and not nearly the amount of high kill shelters other areas of the country do, **Rowdy Dog Rescue** is devoted to saving dogs in immediate danger of being euthanized through no fault of their own, in particular dogs from the south and mid-west. Some of these shelters still use the gas chamber as a grizzly means to kill animals.

This is how our program works:

- We have a resource of people in the South and Mid-West that volunteer to physically go into these high kill shelters and take photo's and gather information on the high risk dogs. We have a small 'inventory' of rescued dogs here on the farm. If we do not have a dog of interest, we can search the shelters for the particular type dog the individual is looking for. All interested individuals must fill out an adoption application to be a pre-registered adopter. It's important to pre-register as time is of the essence.
- Once you are a pre-registered adopter, **Rowdy Dog Rescue** will either email you photos and information about available dogs or list them on a website. Because we work hard to find the right dog for you the search will take some time...please be patient.
- Once commitments are made by pre-registered adopters the volunteers 'tag' the dogs at the shelters so they won't be euthanized. Participating shelters will work with the volunteers and give them a deadline to get the tagged dogs out before they euthanize which is usually once or twice a week (it's very important to be punctual in your decisions!). Sadly, who ever is left on the list will be killed.
- When the volunteers pull the tagged dogs from the shelter the urgency is over, the dog is safe. However, it does take time to get the dogs prepared for transport as they will be need to be vetted, vaccinated and the proper paperwork completed before they can be transported to the North East.
- Once commitments are made on the dogs we'll contact our Transport Coordinator who will later tell us when to expect the dogs. We'll pass the information along to our adopters. Adopters may

pick their dogs up at Spring Hill or other arrangements can be made. This entire process could take as long as 2 – 3 weeks or it could happen quicker. We expect our adopters to be patient and understanding of this process.

- Adoption fees will vary depending on what expenses we incur to rescue a dog. There are pull fees, vet expenses, and transport documents that must be reimbursed back to the shelters and not all shelter fees are the same. Ordinarily transportation of rescued dogs is done by volunteers but there may be a situation that we may have to pay a transport fee or donate gas monies to make a transport happen. We try to get the dogs spayed/neutered before they get transported but sometimes that does not work out or the dogs are too young at the time. **All dogs adopted out through our program must be spayed or neutered so we are not contributing to an already out of control overpopulation problem.** If they aren't before they arrive then we will have it done here or the adopter will be responsible for doing it. If for some reason a dog is not spayed/neutered when the adopter gets him/her the Adopter will actually be considered a Foster Family until the dog is procedure is complete. Meaning the adopter will not have legal ownership until we have proof the dog has been altered. If the dog does not get spayed/neutered in a timely fashion we will take it back into our possession. Adopters should expect to pay a \$75 - \$250 adoption fee to **Rowdy Dog Rescue**. In most instances we will not know what the expenses are until after the dog is pulled and the vetting done. If you are not comfortable with this then our program may not work for you.
- If for some reason the adoption does not work out we will take the dog back. However, we ask that adopters make every effort to fix the problem before sending the dog back. That means if it's a behavioral problem the adopter should seek help from a professional first. Remember, it takes a while for a dog to get adjusted into a new home AND it takes a household (including animals already there) time to adjust to a new dog. We ask you give the situation at least 2 weeks to work itself out before contacting us.

If you are interested in adopting or even a being a foster home, please fill out the adoption application and get it back to us as soon as possible as dogs are in urgent need every day.

Thank you for wanting to save a dog from a shelter and for your interest in **Rowdy Dog Rescue!** We look forward to receiving your application.

Warmest Regards,

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