



## **EAST COAST ASIAN DOG RESCUE, INC.**

### **TRANSPORT POLICY**

**E.C.A.D.R., INC.** transport is to be used for transporting Asian breed dogs rescued by our rescue group. Volunteers are utilized to provide an animal transportation to the safety of a foster home, within foster homes and to permanent homes. Any and all questions or concerns related to the transport should be directed to the coordinator of the transport. If you should desire to transport other rescue animals outside our organization during an **E.C.A.D.R., INC.** transport, you must first ask the coordinator. In order to be included, the animal must be current on vaccinations and disease free to ensure the safety of our rescue dog and the animals that may be located at the destination.

#### **Foster Home Preparing a dog for transport:**

- 1. Provide the coordinator with the information they need to furnish others for the success of the transport.**
- 2. Belongings sent with the dog should include water and some of the food that the dog has been eating. Be sure to label the bag so the next individual caring for the dog will know what food the dog is eating. Belongings such as toys, bowls, and medicines etc. should be kept in a bag with the dog's name labeled on the outside. Grocery bags work well. Do not send a bag that you expect to have returned. Give the list to the coordinator.**

- 3. Always try to send something that smells familiar to help the dog during the transition.**
- 4. Be sure to Include copies of the veterinary records, shelter release form or owner release form along with the dog in transport. Always keep a copy for yourself in the case that the records are lost. Any medicines or heartworm prevention received for the dog is to be sent along with the dog.**
- 5. If you have any information of the dog's temperament, it will be helpful to disclose for the safety of the drivers and the well being of the dog. If the dog has aggressive tendencies, it is imperative that everyone participating in the transport understands and is aware of that fact.**
- 6. Dogs going on transport must have ID. Be sure the dog is wearing their Rabies tag and the certificate is Included in the records. If an actual ID tag is not available, use your ingenuity and create a temporary tag. Ideas Include: an address label with your name and location and phone number on an expired tag covered with clear tape to secure the label; a piece of masking tape addressed on one side, through the metal loop and attached to the masking tape itself; permanent marker on a ribbon attached to the collar, etc.**
- 7. Any dog going on transport must be up to date on rabies vaccination and annual vaccinations as customary in your state.**
- 8. In some cases the dog will be altered upon rescue intake. Be sure to advise the coordinator if the dog is not spayed or neutered.**
- 9. Chronically ill dogs or dogs with infectious diseases will not be transported.**
- 10. Dogs must be free of fleas, parasites, and clean.**
- 11. Any minor health issues, special needs or disabling conditions should be discussed with the coordinator prior to arranging transport.**
- 12. Put bedding in the carrier to soak up any accidents. (Newspaper, an old towel, wee wee pads, washable items). Do not use cedar chips or wood shavings.**
- 13. Do not put any edible items in the dog's crate.**
- 14. Do not feed the dog an entire meal before departure.**

- 15. It is preferred that a Asian breed dogs wear a halter rather than a collar. Please be sure that the dog is wearing an item that will not allow escape while on lead. Do not use choke chains or pinch collars! Any dog that is afraid can back out of a collar that is not properly tightened.**
- 16. We understand when a dog goes into a permanent home after being fostered that it can be a very emotional time. For the sake of the dog, try not to get upset when the dog is departing. He or she may sense your anxiety and it could affect the dog's confidence and increase worry while being transported. If you feel you may get upset, it is best to hug the dog and say quick good-byes.**
- 17. If you are sending a carrier that you expect to be returned, please make arrangements with the coordinator prior to sending the crate on transport.**

**Guidelines for participating in transport:**

- 1. Please provide your information in our database for transport volunteers in the group messageboard(s). This information is not open to the general public; however, other [E.C.A.D.R., INC.](#) members may access it.**
- 2. When a transport is being planned, and you are asked to help, let the coordinator know whether or not you are available as soon as possible to enable continued planning of the route.**
- 3. Make contact with the designated team members as to meeting time and place immediately and report back to the coordinator as soon as possible. At times, the coordinator may prefer to select meeting places and times. It is imperative that all requested information is given to the coordinator before the rescue dog begins to travel. The coordinator will issue a run sheet with the itinerary and all team member contact info to all team members before the transport begins.**
- 4. Do not ever ask someone else to replace you on the team once you have been selected. If for any reason your availability changes, CONTACT the coordinator immediately. Under no**

**conditions should you take it upon yourself to find a substitute driver without informing the coordinator.**

- 5. Be respectful of the coordinator by checking emails frequently for changes or updates if you have volunteered to participate in a run. There is nothing more frustrating than approaching the deadline for the final run sheet (usually 24 hours) and waiting for information from one volunteer to finalize everything.**
- 6. Each team member is responsible for the safety and welfare of that specific rescue dog being transported in their care. No undue risks should be taken. NEVER let a dog out of the car without a leash!! Asian breed dogs should wear a harness versus a collar for health reasons and safety concerns. Attach the leash before opening the door of the vehicle and always be sure to have a firm hold on the leash before opening the door.**
- 7. A crate should be provided for each dog. You may be asked to provide your own crate in the instance that one may not be available. The crate should be large enough for the dog to stand up and turn around. We ask that the dog stay crated while traveling. It is against policy to allow the dog to sit on your lap or run free in the car for your safety as well as the safety of the animal. Please do not crate multiple dogs together in the same crate to avoid inter-dog aggression.**
- 8. Any belongings pertaining to the dog including collars, harnesses, leashes, toys, bedding, dishes, medicine, food, water, vet records proving vaccinations or other medical treatments, flea treatments, heartworm prevention, release agreement and health certificates should be given to the next team member. All dogs must be current on vaccinations and accompanied by veterinarian records providing proof of vaccinations. At the time of exchange, please be sure that you are provided with all of the paperwork for the dog. If the records are misplaced, contact the coordinator immediately in order that they may back track and locate the paperwork.**
- 9. Please carry an activated cell phone with you during the duration of the transport and a copy of the final run sheet providing contacts, meeting places, times of exchange and the phone number of the coordinator.**

10. **Carry photo ID with you on all transports and your E.C.A.D.R., INC. membership card.**
11. **Do not heavily feed the animal during a transport as this can cause motion sickness and upset stomach. Some dogs may have a sensitive digestive system, allergies to specific ingredients or have diet restrictions. Only give the dog treats that were sent along for that specific dog in the transport to avoid digestive upset. It is tempting to share your food with a begging dog but do not give in for their welfare.**
12. **It is recommended to bring paper towels and plastic bags for any clean up. Always be respectful of others and pick up after the dog while walking in public places.**
13. **Dogs should always travel with identification. A temporary ID tag should be provided for dogs that are being transported from shelters; however, between foster homes and permanent homes- always check for permanent ID on the dog(s). If the ID is not visible, please contact the coordinator so they can contact the others and hopefully locate the missing tags.**
14. **Be prepared for emergencies. Keep a full tank of gas and check fluids and air pressure in your tires prior to your transport. Make sure someone at home knows that you are participating in a transport and what time he or she can expect you home.**
15. **Carry a water bowl and water in case it was not sent along with the dog. Keep a blanket in the vehicle for cold weather. Asian breed dogs do not tolerate heat well. Please do not completely rely on your vehicle's air conditioning. Bring an ice pack along as it can be put in the crate with the dog if your air conditioning fails.**
16. **If accompanied by children, do not allow them to handle the dog or put their fingers in the crate. Even the nicest dog under stressful conditions can react aggressively. Some dogs do not like children no matter how well behaved. Do not take a chance!**
17. **If accompanied by other dogs, do not allow the dogs to meet to avoid any inter-dog aggression.**
18. **Use common sense and drive safely. Leave early for unexpected delays. Do not exceed the speed limit to "make-up" time. If you**

are running late, contact the coordinator so that they may alert other transporters and plan accordingly.

19. **Always keep your safety in mind while handling a strange dog. Do not reach into a crate containing a growling dog. We would recommend the dog stay in the crate under those conditions. Please do not take a chance of being bit. Do not assume that a fearful dog will trust you because you have good intentions. Do not push the issue of a potty break if the dog is not comfortable. The dog may make attempts to escape. Some dogs do not appreciate being picked up, hugged or snuggled, petted on the head or kissed. Do not bend over the dog or offer the dog your face even if the dog seems to want to solicit kisses. Remember a cornered dog is a dangerous dog. Do not make continual eye contact with the dog to avoid the dog's possible interpretation of a threat. Respect the dog's personal space. Be empathetic to the dog's confusion and maintain dog sense.**
20. **Do not put pig ears, rawhides, hooves, knucklebones or any other palatable object in the crate of the dog being transported. Some dogs may be food aggressive or possession aggressive and/or may have dietary restrictions. Offering these tokens as gifts can be sent along in the bag of the dog's belongings.**
21. **Gas, tolls, and any driving violation tickets are NOT reimbursed by [\*\*East Coast Asian Dog Rescue, Inc.\*\*](#)**
22. **If you are a participant on a transport and have concerns about other transporters, please contact the coordinator in confidence.**
23. **If the dog appears to be ill, it is imperative to contact the coordinator for further instructions.**
24. **Always take precautionary measures for disinfecting your vehicle and carriers after transporting an animal to protect your animals at home or animals on future transports. If you have transported an animal from a shelter to foster care, even if the animal has been vaccinated, always take the necessary steps of precaution to avoid possible contamination of your personal dogs. Do not assume that because your dog(s) are vaccinated that they are immune from disease. There is always a chance of a different strain of the disease or lowered immunity in your dog. Showering and changing clothes prior to coming into contact with your**

**personal dogs may seem like a hassle but it is better to err on the side of being safe than take any chances.**

- 25. Keep all transport information confidential except between other team members. This is for the rescue's safety as well as the driver and team member. Personal information is not for the general public**

**We thank you for joining this effort and we know that you will reap the rewards and joys that lie ahead of you. Rescue is a very special commitment made by very special people.**