

# **PETCO Foundation: Application for Support**

A & S Rescue  
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## **About A & S Rescue**

A & S Rescue, founded in 2001, is a non-profit organization in Antioch, Illinois, which rescues Pit Bulls, AmStaffs, and other breed mixes from dangerous environments and from euthanasia. A & S is run out of the homes of the organization's members and caring volunteers. A & S currently rescues and rehabilitates approximately 100 dogs a year and hopes to increase this number 10% in 2005.

A & S Rescue strives to defend the reputations of Pit Bulls, AmStaffs, and similar breeds as well as provide education to the community on how to properly care for the dogs through our official website and adoption events. We bring rescued Pit Bulls that are certified Therapy Dogs, (by Therapy Dog International,) to community events, fairs, and various expos. A & S initiates conversations to discuss the reputations and realities of the breeds as well as what others can do to help in rescuing dogs, reducing the breed population, and educating others.

## **Community Involvement/Collaboration**

A & S Rescue plays an active part in the community, seeking to educate others about Pit Bulls as well as further the rescue and adoption program. A & S Rescue collaborates with the following organizations and events:

- The American Pitt Bull Registry
- Petfinder.com
- "Home For the Holidays"
- Chicago Canine Rescue
- Midwest Rescue
- Just Animals
- Animal Welfare League
- Joliet Township Animal Control
- Illinois Doberman Rescue

## **Rescue & Adoption Process**

A & S Rescue receives dogs from private owners as well as neighboring shelters. Most shelters cannot adopt-out Pit Bulls and thus the dogs are euthanized. By taking the dogs, A & S also relieves some of the stress from the shelters by taking the dogs off their hands. A & S Rescue counsels dog owners

who wish to give up their pet to make sure the dogs are not passed on to a neglectful owner or left on the streets.

Before rescuing the dogs, each dog is evaluated in terms of temperament, safety, and health in order to ensure that the dog is, indeed, adoptable. The dogs are then examined by a veterinarian and receive any and all necessary medical treatments including, but not limited to: vaccinations, antibiotics, spay/neuter (including pain medication), microchips, fecal exams, de-worming, and heartworm/parasite preventative measures. Parvo and Mange are two severe medical issues which are also treated when needed. When needed, the Pit Bulls are seen by trainers and/or attend obedience school. Our spay and neuter program also helps to insure the stability of the breed and help reduce the wild Pit Bull population.

Through the adoption procedures, A & S interviews and discusses the reputations of Pit Bulls with potential owners. Dogs are placed into homes as their personality, habits, and temperaments match potential owners. We wish to make sure that all dogs are placed into a safe environment and not bred to become “fighting dogs.”

### **Funding**

A & S Rescue’s funding comes from donations and various fundraising events such as calendar and T-shirt sales. The costs, which A & S faces, stem from:

- Food
- Boarding
- Medical treatments & medicines/vaccinations
- Leashes, Collars, ID tags
- Organizational, community event fees
- Bones and ropes
- Crates

Requested funds would enable A & S Rescue to function at its best. The organization is limited by financial constraints and can only educate others and rescue dogs as money permits. The requested amount, \$3,000, would allow A & S Rescue to increase rescues and adoptions as well as aid additional educational programs and allow for increased involvement in community events. The budgetary cost per dog is approximately \$300, thus the requested \$3,000 would enable A & S Rescue to increase rescues and adoptions by at least 10% in the coming year.