

Our Shelter Scouts provide an extremely valuable service in the rescue of Kerry Blue Terriers. They offer the first-tier safety net for Kerries in need by finding and identifying them impounded in shelters. The work of a Shelter Scout helps ensure that no Kerry falls through the cracks. The Kerry Blue Terrier Foundation (KBTF) considers its Shelter Scouts to be essential to its Rescue program, and wishes the experience to be rewarding and free of misunderstandings.

The person volunteering to serve as a Kerry Blue Terrier Foundation Shelter Scout agrees to the following:

1. **Duties.** The Shelter Scout agrees to:
 - Scan shelter web sites regularly using password-protected KBTF software to search for dogs that could be Kerries.
 - Report their finding of a potential Kerry to their designated KBTF Rescue Coordinator or the Rescue Director immediately.
 - Add new URLs of shelters to the KBTF shelter database when found.
 - Remain available to assist the KBTF Rescue Coordinator with any arrangements necessary to ID the dog and safeguard its well-being and recovery from the shelter. A Shelter Scout *may* be asked to communicate with the shelter, identify the dog's breed, recover it from the shelter, transport it to a veterinarian, and possibly arrange boarding until the Rescue Coordinator can take control of the dog.
2. **Rescue policy.** The Shelter Scout will follow all relevant KBTF procedures and guidelines as described by the designated KBTF Rescue Coordinator or Rescue Director regarding the search and identification of Kerries impounded in shelters, and will make no decisions or actions regarding the animal's breed identification or recovery without prior approval from the KBTF Rescue Coordinator or Rescue Director.
3. **Monetary reimbursement.** The Shelter Scout is not an employee of the KBTF but an unpaid volunteer working for the benefit of the dogs they help rescue.
Shelter Scouts will be reimbursed by the KBTF for all long-distance calls to shelters only. All other expenses, such as any transportation to and from a shelter, computer equipment and repairs, internet software upgrades, ISP fees, and any other associated costs are deemed donated by the Shelter Scout. The Shelter Scout agrees to make every effort to keep telephone expenses billed to the KBTF as reasonable as possible.
4. **Reliability.** The Shelter Scout agrees to be reliable and available to perform the duties outlined here, and will notify the KBTF Rescue Coordinator or Rescue Director when he/she is unable to continue to provide this service.
5. **Time sensitive.** The Shelter Scout realizes that time is extremely critical in rescue operations, and understands the need to contact the designated KBTF Rescue Coordinator or Rescue Director *immediately* after finding a potential Kerry in a shelter.
6. **Cooperation.** The Shelter Scout agrees to cooperate fully with the designated KBTF Rescue Coordinator on all aspects of the recovery process.
7. **Confidentiality.** The Shelter Scout recognizes the vulnerability of an impounded dog and agrees to never divulge the location of a shelter Kerry, or any facts relating to it, to anyone other than the designated KBTF Rescue Coordinator or Rescue Director, both prior to and after a dog is recovered. Additionally, the Shelter Scout agrees to never divulge his/her password to the KBTF Rescue tools to anyone.
8. **Local animal laws.** The Shelter Scout agrees to obey all federal, state, county, and municipal laws in performing this service.
9. **Foster care.** In the event the Shelter Scout wishes to foster a recovered dog, the home must be pre-qualified in advance, and have a signed Foster Family Agreement on file with the KBTF. All costs relating to the care of the dog are covered in that agreement.
10. **Adoption.** In the event that the Shelter Scout wishes to permanently adopt a recovered dog, an Adoption Questionnaire must be completed, then approved by the designated KBTF Rescue Coordinator or Rescue Director, and, if approved, an Adoption Contract must be signed and submitted along with the appropriate adoption fees.

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- 11. Property rights.** The Shelter Scout understands that any Kerry recovered in performing his/her duties is the property of the KBTF. The animal shall not be sold, abandoned, relinquished to a pound or shelter or to any other Rescue group, transferred, or given to any individual, or to any retail or wholesale establishment for the purpose of sale or resale to the public, nor to any research institution where medical experimentation or other practices take place.
- 12. Liability.** The Shelter Scout does hereby release, discharge, and hold harmless the KBTF and any person, firm, or corporation charged or chargeable with liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and assigns, from any and all claims, damages, costs, expenses, loss of services, actions, and causes of actions, whether known or unknown, belonging to the said Shelter Scout due to any action or occurrence from the date of this agreement arising out of or in connection with the identification and recovery of a rescue dog, except for those expenses specifically described in item 3.
- 13. Attorney fees.** The Shelter Scout agrees to pay the KBTF any and all expenses, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees, in enforcing the terms and provisions of this agreement.
- 14. Duration of Agreement.** This Agreement remains in effect until cancelled in writing by the Shelter Scout or the KBTF.

The UNDERSIGNED Shelter Scout hereby acknowledges having read the terms of this Agreement and does hereby agree to abide by each of the rules set forth above.

Signature of Shelter Scout: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name and Address of Shelter Scout

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Email _____

Signature of Rescue Coordinator: _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Email _____

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Primary area covered: _____	_____
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