

AGENDA Meeting Duration: MTG: July 9, 2013 8:30 p.m. Eastern

I. ROLL CALL: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT AT 8:30 PM EST

PRESIDENT: Carlo Pietroniro (July 2012-June 2014).....
VICE PRESIDENT: Joe Attaway (July 2013-June 2014).....
SECRETARY: Lena Moles (July 2013- June 2015).....
TREASURER: Rachel Hosking (July 2013-June 2015).....
SEVEN DIRECTORS:
Carol Ambrust OH (JULY 2013-June 2015).....
Alaina Pierret LA (July 2013-June 2014).....
Deborah Priester (JULY 2012-June 2014).....
Gonnie Shaffer (July 2013- June 2015).....
Will McGill CA (July 2013-June 2015).....
Santo Donati MO (July 2013-June 2015).....
Bill Goetz NC (JULY 2013-JULY 2014).....

QUORUM: y All Present

I. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CARLO PIETRONIRO) – Hi everybody

Today we are starting this meeting with 4 new Board members, Gonnie Shaffer, Will McGill, Santo Donati, Carol Ambrust, Bill Goetz I would like to give them a warm welcome to the Board of Directors.

Hopefully our collaboration will be a peaceful, positive in all aspects and when any problems arise, the situation will be addressed in a proper respectful way.

I look forward to working on old and new objectives.

To achieve our goals we need to study and find strategies with new ideas and hard work.

Let's not consider this a job, but a project we can work on together to improve the condition of this club and our breed. As Ted Hosking said: until now, we took from the breed, its time now to give something back to the Mastino. For centuries, our beloved breed, had been used and abused, and they still love us, so let's work together for them.

To bring dignity to the Mastino Napoletano we need know the breed purpose and standard better, educate new members, AKC Judges, Media and anyone interested. We need to attract more people to this club.

We all love this breed, but to love the breed is not enough.

I'm sure if we work as a TEAM we can help the USNMC and the Neapolitan Mastiff regain respect and dignity.

I know we all work; we all have our lives, and our problems, if anyone needs to miss a meeting, please send a written notice as soon as you know you are going to miss there are only two unexcused absences, accepted.

Thank you for being a part of this Board of Directors

Carlo

Rachel and Carlo represented our Club with great respect and generosity – Rachel has purchased items for our auctions.

At the Mario Quarci show The USNMC was represented generously:

Carlo made Two Handmade collars and Donated From the USNMC to Best Male and Best Female !

Rachel had requested Items from Wendy – Spit rags with the USNMC Emblem and T Shirts

Carlo donated two baseball type Caps – USNMC

IV. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Lena Moles)

Wendy Gieske, has BOXES, Binders – Sharon Costello & Jim
Said we need to Get ...Them On March 14, 2013

Treasurer Rachel Hosking:

501 c7 - application in June ___ -

UNITED STATES NEAPOLITAN MASTIFF CLUB

REGIONS BANK BUSINESS CHECKING ACCOUNT

June 1, 2013 through June 28, 2013

Activity Summary

Beginning Balance as of 06/01/2013		\$12,852.44
Deposits/Credits -		
Trophy Donations	\$650.00	
2013 National Donation - Vittorio Ceci		\$200.00 Send a thank you card x 2
Deposits - 2 items	\$850.00	
Withdrawals/Checks (Debits)		
American Kennel Club	\$260.00	
National Auction Items - Czech	\$352.00	
National Trophys - Leopoldo Frisancho	\$508.00	
United Airlines - Judge for Nationals	\$1,156.36	
National Trophys - Juan Manuel Guzmann	\$558.00	
Withdrawals/Checks - 2 items	5 items	\$2,834.36
Ending Balance as of 06/28/2013		\$10,868.08

Summary of Checks/Debits Outstanding

Date	Check # Description	Amount
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REGIONS BANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT

June 1, 2013 through June 28, 2013

Activity Summary

Beginning Balance as of 06/01/2013	\$9,201.82
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Deposits/Credits

Interest Payment	\$0.08
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Ending Balance as of 06/28/2013	\$9,201.90
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VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS -

A. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (Deborah Priester , Lena Moles, Peggy Wolfe)

vi. USNMCMembersReportedAsNotRenewedByGracePerioddateofMarch1,2013

(I m keeping this In for the Info)

January 31, 2013 is the actual official renewal date, there is a 30 day grace period past Jan. 31, 2013. Ninety Memberships Renewed. Fifteen Memberships representing eighteen members have not renewed by the deadline of January 31, 2013 + a 30 day Grace period. These memberships will be known as Lapsed Memberships.

L. NOMINATION COMMITTEE :

B. NEOGRAM: EMAIL AND YEARBOOK COMMITTEE REPORT (Alaina - GIESKE CHAIR)

REQUEST All Pics be sent to Alaina – Filler For The Neogram ! GetHelp ! Alaina stated she is about finished with the first Neo Gram – she is getting some photo’s from Rachel of Mexico Dog Show.

Articles and national s – Rachel Jacobson – printing Quotes

Alaina: Wendy State, you took over “Newsletter” I DO NOT RECALL this ? please inform us, either way.

a) **Newslettersare beingsentby CampaignMonitor–will sending March,2013 – Keep WENDY on THIS**

I sent Wendy a Note, Asking her to Consider making a News Letter.

b.) ANNUAL YEARBOOK [Printed to all members] Dan Stated he has students to work on this in Summer
Dan asked Peggy if she'd like to help with the 25th anniversary book since my committee is down a couple members. She worked on the earlier version of the book, so she has many great ideas and historical materials. I'll follow up with her soon. The interns have started working on the project. At this point, we are scanning each document in the box that Sharon Costello provided. Once we have a good idea of what is there, our next step will be to finalize a table of contents and allocate page counts to each article. My primary goal for this summer is to finalize the interview schedule for our interviews with the founding BOD members and various other members and to conduct these interviews.

c. 2013 NATIONAL SPECIALTY COMMITTEE REPORT - Banquet - June 18th is next meeting
Menu, Meetings, Shows, Auction - more Items are Being Donated - chad Mayo and
Lena has a Print to Frame purchased on sale

I know we have pendants, necklace, a brass type casted neo head on Wood,
Lisa Hershberger Basket, Rachel 2 or 4 baskets, Marlene may have a statue for sale.
IDEAS: Gift certificates, maybe I can ask Suzanne to get a case of wine with a Neo Label again!
I ASKED SUZANNE - She was not interested in helping.

Peggy made a Fold type Flyer, This was "Emailed to Membership"

d. 2013 NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT (CARLO PIETRONIRO - CHAIR) Show C. Meeting

NEW Up Date from This BOD Meeting: Wednesday, June 12
Items that came up for Discussion:

Plan a Breed Seminar for the Judge **Education Committee**

? **have a Certificate of All attendance ready to Sign off** - Per Person Attending " ** AKC Judges INVITE !"

It was asked:

Do we have a "Letter of Intent" by Each Judge - Their Terms - Show Day time. pay Terms, Expenses spelled out and Signed by each Judge Accepting the Assignment and Terms

this was stated is really help Prevent Issues at the Last minute.

It is Suggested We mail out to whole membership the Show INO flyer - 3 times - NEW JUDGE FLYER
I Lena, **Will send A NEW one out With GONNIE SHAFFER on IT In the Mail.**

Deb Priester volunteered to hand out "Arm Bands" - (Deb - how many shows - ALL Shows)

Catalogue Sales - Person - Deb Priester

Have Checks ready for Winners !

Sweeps Stakes Checks - \$ 6 to 9 month 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th places Friday & Sat - Kennel Club does it

(A new 5 star Hotel is Open and Booked for Judges - Clete has a Good Arrangement with them) *

Clete's show is making Money - what do we get "Back" what can we "Deal with" ?

Judge **Gonnie Shaffer** In on **FRI (LIMO Ride with Judges) ___Leave On Sun evening - Carlo ? ALL**

Bev Capstick - (perhaps they are using her More - 2 Nights will They Buy ? ALL

The BOD would like to see some Written Terms - Please - with Agreements - for Security - is all.

Last Year - Ribbons were Given the (No Frills) Stock cardboard back Ribbons

**Ciaran Volenteered to make 3 Shadow Boxes - For the Nationals Ribbons - So can we UPgrade !
Send Ciaran the Measurements – please Peggy**

Banquet Plans:

SHOW AND JUDGES APPROVAL

Both Friday Specialties and the Saturday National (designated Specialty) have been approved by the AKC and the judging panels are approved as well. All three shows are showing on the AKC's website.
I sent the Spirit of the Heartland KC (saturday all-breed show)

all akc judges involved in our show (Bev Capstick, Edna Gammill, Dr. Dana Massey, Gonnie Shaffer) and all are ok with all arrangements and on-board with our show schedule
The AKC has not yet put up our two 4-6 Beginner Puppy events. I've contacted the Events department twice about this and they keep assuring me there are no problems, they just haven't gotten to this yet. I'll keep following up.

SUPERINTENDENT-- **Peggy Caught Premium In time TO Replace Gonnie Shaffer**

1st draft of changes to premium sent at end of April. I'll re-contact them today to see why I haven't gotten a draft to review...and to get the 2nd set of changes to them (will include trophy donations to date in this draft.)

HOTEL: contract received, signed by Lena,
TROPHIES

Aaron, Debbie and Rachel are trying to re-energize these efforts to get as many additional donations as they can. Carlo got \$ 450. In Donations for Trophies

RIBBONS / ROSETTES

What sizes were used last year? basic sizes from superintendent? should we just go with the same this year?
BANQUET (Suzanne says it is the Same ?)

planned menu w/caterers and report to committee official and "final" cost per plate so committee can determine final cost to attenders **\$ 40. / \$ 45**

AUCTION

Lena Debbie and Kathryn Ross Dunlap (new volunteer to committee) to take charge of this, begin to push auction activity

JUDGES ED SEMINAR - Jim Deppen will do, Seminar 9:00-11:00. Rachel Buy Gift for Gonnie Shaffer

ANNUAL MEETING

club will need to be ready to mail announcement to club members before August 20. basic agenda is in bylaws....anyone aware of additional topics desired by members to be added?
...Club Secretary will need to be ready with hand-outs but they won't need to be developed until September, so we have some time on this.

Last years Minutes – gen membership voted – Wendy – re cap synopsis of what is going on –
Voting Membership
Notice - write in to all membership

MORE WORKERS NEEDED DURING THE WEEKEND

Everyone needs to start thinking of people who will be able to help us work at the show...at a minimum we will need the following:

...Judges Hospitality, – Clete LIMO Transport NEEDED. FRIDAY

Limo or Carlo on Sunday --

We need Someone to Take Judge back to his Hotel after the - Seminar – I suggest the Annual meeting after -

...Treasurer's helper. Rachel is responsible for a LOT of coordination over the weekend, collecting \$, keeping thing separate (\$ from auction separate from \$ from ways-n-means separate from \$ from dinner, etc). She needs someone who will be her dedicated helper who will know what she needs and can help her achieve it. An adult, or an older teen might be good. Anyone got a spouse or neighbor who will be coming who might want to help out this way? or an older child? Experience not required, but diligence, attention to detail, and a good head for figures needed) Carol Armbrust – will be Assisting

ways-n-means - Alaina Pierret is in charge of these Items

...stewarding at the shows (ideally need 3 people) Peggy Wolfe

Is anyone else experienced in stewarding? anyone else not experienced but would like to learn? I can teach and would like to. We also need someone to be in charge of setting up the trophies ring-side, and ideally, helping **get the trophies ready** for handing out during the shows...so we need two more people. No experience needed, but enthusiasm, multi-tasking, and willingness to learn required)

...people ready to tote things about (remember to bring roly-cart-things)

..we'll need people to bring boxes and stuff in to the show site and afterwards back to cars

also people to be helping bring boxes and stuff to the banquet room and afterwards back out.

unlimited numbers needed....no experience required, strong back, willing worker, happy faces needed)

...setting up the auction and cleaning up afterwards will take some work. Lena, debbie, aaron, kathryn will be in charge but they may need helpers. need to have copies of **"sign-up sheets"** for the silent-Chinese auction items.

will we be doing a live auction again? last year was a professional auctioneer used? same again or someone else? We do not have his name, I will ask Suzanne_ Lena

i. Banquet/Auction:

Annual Meeting Will Be Friday - **Locked IN Room Friday and 35 rooms Booked**

iii. Hotel/Motel: Travelodge: manager is firm on not lowering the price from last year. Price will remain at \$79.99 with no dog charges. **TRANSPORTATION**

iv. WaysandMeans: Wendy has inventory – Alaina Pierret is in charge of these Items

vi. Trophies: Donators from last year being contacted first. **Rachel, Arron, Lena Committee – 1st previous donators **Need 17 Trophy Spaces to Sell - Trophies still available FOR SALE Accepting Donations !****

here is the link it updates automatically and anyone can access it

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0An00OaM2RQE8dEI2WnNfWm1fNkNkVng0M0FJYTRzdGc#gid=0>

- E. **WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT (JIM DEPPEN - CHAIR)**..... NEED Volenteers !! NEW BOD **HELP !!**
No report. On 6/09/13 I asked Mike McDonald If he may Consider Assisting this Comm.

Barbara Laird - Just placed INFO on WebSite !

- F. **JUDGES AND PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT (JIM DEPPEN – CHAIR)**

Committee: Jim Deppen, Lena Moles, Carlo Pietroniro and Gonnie Schaffer

Discussed - Rare Breed Shows - Debbie Priester Can Help On INFO –

BOD – Discussed involving MEMBERSHIP in a final Voting on Judges, from the Committee, in the Future Nationals -

StandardUpdate: Carlo had sent everyone on the BOD a scanned copy of the SANM Breed Standard

- G. **2014 JUDGES SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT (JIM DEPPEN - CHAIR)**

Committee: Jim Deppen, Lena Moles, Carlo Pietroniro, Gonnie Shaffer – No report Use to have “Sanctioned” We need New Lists - Carlo has a new Proposed List of FCI Judges, more are invited to create Lists

- H. **ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT (LENA MOLES - CHAIR)** **NO REPORT**

Committee: Lena, Moles, Joe Attaway, Ciaran McCloskey; Need moreVolunteersfromaroundthecountry.

I have 5 new people added to the List

- J. **BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT [ALAINA PIERRET – NEW CHAIR]**

Committee: Alaina Pierret, Peggy Wolfe, John Grimes, Carlo Piertoniro

- i. Alaina Pierret reports she is researching and planning committee meeting
After neogram

- K. **HEALTH/MHF LIAISON COMMITTEE? [JOE ATTAWAY – NEW CHAIR?]**

New Committee formed at the 2012 USNMC Annual Meeting : Mindy McElyea, Rachel Hosking & Lena Moles and Joe Attaway volunteered as chair. **Robin White DVM, Janis Wolfe DVM**

A Motion was made by Gonnie Shaffer: The Annual Membership Funds, All Funds will go to the USNMC, there will not be an Option to Contribute \$ 5.00 to any Other organization. This was Seconded by Bill Goets, and 3rd Santo Donati - It was Unanimous Everyone Agreed. The Membership Application has been - Updated

VII. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **NEO RESCUE INC – SEE ATTACHMENT2 DISCUSSION/ACTION:** - NEW Volunteer **ANNA PRICE- UT**

Ongoing Discussion by Board – Lena Moles will contact Cathy White. I Lena Think we need a “Liaison “ between the 2 clubs.

- B. **ORGANIZE AND REORGANIZE COMMITTEES - ONGOING**

- i. *All Committees make a budget showing expected expenses for the year to be presented to the BOD for review and to insure proper financial planning for the Club.*
ii. *Ask for volunteers EVERYWHERE*

C. DISCUSSION ABOUT BOD APPROVAL PRIOR TO PUBLISHED ARTICLES OUTSIDE THE CLUB

- i. Ongoing Discussion by Board – talking about parameters to follow.

D. FUNDRAISING COORDINATION – TABLED WENDY

Online Store of Ways and Means Items, Artwork Prints from Various Artists, DVD's, Ads

- a) *WEBSITE store examples shown to the BOD by Wendy Gieske – Positive feedback from BOD; no concrete plan yet, no decisions yet.*
 - b) *Had photos of ways and means items on hand taken by Wendy's daughter and Wendy photoshop edited them – they are ready to be put on website(s), Facebook and publications to sell them...they were sent to the BOD to review...*
 - ii. *Calendar and Calendar Ads, Printing Costs of Calendar?*
 - iii. **Website Ads-? I had Indicated to a FEW People This is VERY NEEDED ! Volunteer**
 - iv. *Newsletter Ads-[being revised] See ATTACHEMENT 1*
 - v. *National DVD's ~\$39.95 Includes Shipping-Suzanne Storm has [how many]? left to sell.*
Do we need to Ask if Any new Sales
 - vi. *Club Discounts/Services?*
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VIII. NEW BUSINESS -

A. FORMATION OF A 2014 USNMC NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW COMMITTEE (PROPOSED BY PEGGY WOLFE)

TABLED

- *The club needs to identify date / place of 2014's National as soon as possible*
- *Peggy Wolfe noted that the club used to do the national in the spring. Moving it to the fall has made it tougher on the BOD members since 1/2 of the board is put in place in July and lately mostly these are brand-new people who are thrust into the National Specialty execution on very short notice. A National that takes place in the spring gives the BOD more time to execute plans. There would be 5-6 months between the 2013 and 2014 shows.*

Motion to Adjourn Meeting by
Second by:

USNMC BOD Meeting Adjourned at: 10:14 PM EST by _____.

Meeting Duration: 1 hrs 44 minutes

BELOW are PAGES by: Wendy and Previous Info, I will KEEP Attached, But I have not Gone through.

Lena Moles _____

this page contained the prior plans for the website which were combined with the new web proposal.

July 10, 2012: Adproposal:ProposalforAdRatesforMonthlyEmailNeogram: _____

PUT OFF NEO GRAM Ready or Send to Alaina

Introductory Prices for 2012

1. Free Business Cards for all Business donators for the National or other Fundraising Activities – to the end of the year or for ___ months? **Officers: propose Carlo, Rachel, Jim, - who ever else Generic one can**

USNMC Full Members Only:

1. Title Section: New 2012 AKC Title With WIN Photo & 3 generation pedigree
 - AKC CH, AKC Grand CH and other AKC Titles: Free Half-Page with Photo(s) runs for the entire year
Kennel, Breeder, Promote Dog/Bitch, Litter/Breeding Announcement or Stud Ad
With Photos & 3 Gen Pedigree

FULL PAGE

1 month \$35

4 months \$100

HALF PAGE

1 month \$20

4 months \$60

Full-Page w/ photo(s) for Memorials or Retired Veterans

1 month \$20

4 months \$60

No Photo:

Printing Only NO Photos: Litter/Breeding Announcement

Sire X Dam, Due Date, Date Born, Kennel Name, Breeder Name

Contact Info: Phone, Email, Website

1 month \$10

4 months for \$35

USNMC Subscriber Members: [Should prices be same or more?]

Title Section: New 2012 AKC Title With WIN Photo & 3 generation pedigree

AKC CH, AKC Grand CH and other AKC Titles

Free Half-Page with Photo(s) runs for the entire year

Kennel, Breeder, Promote Dog/Bitch, Litter/Breeding Announcement or Stud Ad

With Photos & 3 Gen Pedigree FULL PAGE

1 month \$45

4 months \$130

HALF PAGE

1 month \$30

4 months \$90

Full-Page w/ photo(s) for Memorials or Retired Veterans

1 month \$20

4 months \$60

No Photo:

Printing Only NO Photos: Litter/Breeding Announcement

Sire X Dam, Due Date, Date Born, Kennel Name, Breeder Name

Contact Info: Phone, Email, Website

1 month \$15

4 months for \$45

End of Ad Proposal

BACKGROUND INFO: EXCERPT IN REGARD TO RESCUE FROM:

USNMC Board Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2011

Attendance: Joe Attaway, Peggy Wolfe, Rachel Hosking, Wendy Gieske, Ciaran McCloskey, Lena Moles (at 9:10p), Susan Vann-Spruill, Dr. Robin White.

Absent: Troy Stroud, Dr. Pierluigi Scalia, Heidi Brown

Guests: Stephanie Paulicelli (President NRI), Cathy White (Treasurer, NRI) Joe Steinfeld (Director NRI)

Meeting called to order at 9:04 PM EST by Joe A, President

Peggy asked that the topic of the relationship between Neorescue, Inc and USNMC be moved from Old Business to the beginning of the meeting for the convenience of our guests. She also asked that an item for Executive Session be added to the end of the meeting. All were in agreement with the agenda changes.

Relationship Between NRI & USNMC Stephanie reported that they had done an initial review of the **document* outlining the proposed relationship between the two organizations. They found it, in general, to be reasonable but felt that they had to discuss it as a board in total first before proceeding. They will review and come back to the USNMC.

There was a brief discussion of the status of the monies in the Putnum MM account. Rachel H explained that procedure as outlined by Putnum and that she was working with the Putnum representatives to get the transfer enacted. She cautioned that the Putnum folk expected it to take no more than 6 months but it was not known how much sooner things would happen. There was a discussion of the process. The NRI folk signed off after this discussion

****APPENDIX B: PROPOSED COMMITMENT FROM THE USNMC FOR SUPPORT OF AN OUTSIDE RESCUE ORGANIZATION SPECIFICALLY NEORESCUE, INC.***

Procedurally:

The USNMC will recognize NeoRescue, Inc. as the only endorsed rescue program for the Neapolitan mastiff. The USNMC will encourage its members to support NeoRescue, Inc. and to join as members where possible and appropriate.

Operationally: the USNMC will continue to support fund-raising efforts to support the Rescue Function of the Neapolitan Mastiff. These funds will be passed on to NeoRescue, Inc to further their efforts in the rescue of the Neapolitan Mastiff breed.

The amount of money raised annually, the amount of money disbursed and to whom will be an important part of the club's financial statements and the reports at the club's Annual Meeting.

Commitment to support Approved Rescue Organization:

- The USNMC will provide a link on its website to the website of NeoRescue, Inc.
- The USNMC will work with NeoRescue, Inc., to coordinate Rescue Events (such as Parade of Rescue, seminars or presentations) at its club events, principally the National Specialty.
- The USNMC will provide a reasonable amount of space in its newsletter for the printing of reports or stories about the rescue of the Neapolitan Mastiff by NeoRescue, Inc.. NeoRescue, Inc. can also purchase copies of the Newsletter at cost or at the same cost as Members (which is yet to be decided) for distribution to their own members or to prospective owners or for fundraising purposes (as long as they tell us before we print an issue of how many extra copies they are likely to want.)
- The USNMC will provide the name, contact info and website of NeoRescue, Inc. to the AKC for inclusion in the club information as an endorsed rescue by the parent club.

PROPOSED CRITERIA TO BE MET BY NEORESCUE, INC. BE ENDORSED BY THE USNMC AS THE RESCUE ORGANIZATION

Procedurally, an external Rescue Organization must agree to follow the indicated subset of the Rules set up by the USNMC Rescue Committee and endorsed by the USNMC Board of Directors. These are listed on the next pages. (This is a subset of the original 11 Rules set up by the USNMC Rescue Committee when Rescue was done by the USNMC as a club function.)

Operationally, an external Rescue Organization must provide information regularly (at a minimum on an annual basis but more frequently would be ok too!) Below are some examples of the information we would like to see. Obviously additional detail or additional information would be welcome. And also obviously, as time goes on and "things shake out" the information provided or requested might change to a mutually beneficial result.

Operation of the Program:

- Number of dogs brought into the program, Number of dogs refused
- Number of dogs successfully placed; Number of dogs euthanized while in the program
- Average length of time the dogs are supported within the program

\$ spent and on what and \$ in and from where

- how many are spayed /neutered while in the program paid for by the program
- other health issues addressed while in the program, paid for by the program
- \$ spent on other operational issues
- \$ income and from where

Statistics on the dogs:

- Average age, Male vs Female
- Where they come from (What geographic state or major city)
- Where they come from (owner surrender, vs shelter vs other)
- Information on how many known to be registered, etc.
- Health, husbandry issues with the dogs (most common problems and % encountering them, for example, if there were cherry eye in 15 of the 19 dogs in the program or knee replacement done for in 2 of the 19 dogs)

The purpose of this information request is NOT to create any sort of control, but is to honestly help the USNMC understand the breadth and depth of the Rescue issue and to help the club help NeoRescue Inc. educate the Mastino owner and the club's members on the current situation.

Commitment to support the USNMC

- To contact all breeders who are USNMC members should a dog bred by them turn up in Rescue and give them the opportunity to take their dog back or to help in a reasonable way with the placement or management of the dog.
- To turn any dog bred by any USNMC Member Breeder over to them (or to their designee) if the Member Breeder wishes to take possession of the dog and it is done in such a way that the Rescue group doesn't incur undue financial obligation.
- To work with the USNMC in a totally confidential manner if a USNMC Member Breeder refuses to help in any reasonable fashion. Note that the first action (and hopefully only necessary) of the USNMC would be to counsel any member on potential acceptable alternatives for providing assistance
- Whenever possible, to provide a pleasant presence at the USNMC National Specialty
- To include a link to the parent club website on the rescue organization's website

RULES THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED

These RULES were established by the USNMC Rescue Committee and endorsed by the USNMC Board of Directors as minimum rules required for a successful Rescue Operation of the Neapolitan Mastiff. These Rules were set up for the safety and welfare of the dogs, and of the adopters and volunteers involved and for smooth operation procedurally.

Note: we have Bolded the few Rules that the USNMC feel are critical to be followed by any outside Rescue program for that organization to be endorsed by the USNMC. The un-bolded Rules related to paperwork procedures. They may be operationally important to the internal rescue process but we don't feel we can dictate to another organization how to implement those processes.

1. Aggressive Dogs

Do not accept any dog that has shown any type of aggression into the program. This includes any dog that has bitten anyone, attempted to bite anyone, or that has exhibited any serious signs of aggression or excessive fearfulness (growling, refusing to look at people, baring of teeth, etc.).

2. Responsibility for approval of placement home

When a dog is accepted into the program for placement, primary responsibility for that dog shall be assigned to one named individual (usually the foster). All other members of the program will work through that individual.

This individual is responsible for the care of the animal and is also responsible for making the final determination of to whom the dog will be adopted to, when the time comes.

3. Transportation of dogs to new homes

Wherever possible, place dogs in the area of the country where they reside. We do not recommend that dogs be transported long distances by persons other than their foster or their new adoptive family.

Note that we strongly discourage that rescue mastini be shipped or flown as a disoriented adult Neapolitan Mastiff, placed in a strange new place after a long stressful journey ideally will need to be managed by someone with whom it is familiar. If only strangers are available (as after the dog might be shipped across country) the strangers must be thoroughly experienced in the temperament issues of the Neapolitan Mastiff. It is problematic if such a placement fails, as the dog is now left in a new area of the country and typically can only with great difficulty and additional stress for the dog be returned to familiar people. (commentary In italics added)

We will not use outside transportation "cur-run" organizations where the Neapolitan Mastiff is transferred repeatedly from one stranger to another in "legs". This has proven to be ineffective for our breed and can be dangerous to dog and to people when a frantic and disoriented dog panics.

4. Dogs must be altered

If a dog is unaltered, the Rescue Program will arrange to have the dog spayed or neutered before placing it in its permanent home. If a dog is owner surrendered and in tact, we will ask the owner to have the alteration performed or seek financial reimbursement from the owner.

5. Families with children

We will not place a dog that is over one year of age with any family that has children under 12 years old unless we know the background of the dog regarding small children.

6. Fostering in families with children

Similarly, we will not foster a dog in a family which children under 12 years of age unless the dog is less than one year of age or we know the back ground of the dog regarding children or unless the family has a way to keep the dog totally separated from the children at all time.

7. Reimbursement of expenses.

USNMC Rescue Volunteers will be reimbursed expenses for USNMC Rescue Dogs according to the guidelines set forth in the Standard Operating Procedures. We will not reimburse more than \$300 on any dog.

8. Paperwork Requirements for a dog to enter the program

A dog is not considered to be within the USNMC Rescue Program unless and until a proper release form is filled out and is on file.

9. Paperwork Requirements for an adoptive family

We will not adopt a dog within the program to a family unless and until a proper application has been filled out and the family evaluated to the best of our abilities according to our standard operating procedures.

10. Paperwork Requirements for Foster Families

We will not consider someone eligible to foster an animal within our program unless and until a proper USNMC Volunteer application has been filled out and they have been evaluated as suitable and acceptable within our program.

11. Paperwork Requirements for USNMC Rescue Volunteers

We will not consider someone to be a USNMC Rescue Volunteer unless they have filled out a proper USNMC Volunteer Application and they have been evaluated as suitable and acceptable within our program.