



USNMC BOD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, February 20, 2012
8:30PM Eastern, 7:30PM Central
Call-In Number: 605-475-3200
Access Code # 624798

USNMC Secretary-
Wendy Gieske
Phone: 763-742-3140
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This meeting is closed to non-board member attendance, unless invited for a specific topic. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact President Carlo Pietroniro at 201-655-2820 or Secretary Wendy Gieske 763-742-3140. Per the 2009 current bylaws, if board members miss two meetings with "unexcused absence" they will have resigned their position on the board. Note that the board may define what reasons constitute an excused absence or an unexcused absence.

AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2012 BOD MEETING – 2 HR TIME LIMIT [2-13-13 CANCELLED]

Actual Meeting Duration: ___ hrs ___ minutes

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

PRESIDENT: CARLO PIETRONIRO (JULY 2012-JULY 2014)

VICE PRESIDENT: JOE ATTAWAY (OCT 2012-JULY 2013)

SECRETARY: WENDY GIESKE (JULY 2011-JULY 2013)

TREASURER: RACHEL HOSKING (JULY 2011-JULY 2013)

SEVEN DIRECTORS: JIM DEPPEN (NOV 2012-JULY 2013) ; CIARAN MCCLOSKEY (JULY 2011-JULY 2013) ; LENA MOLES (JULY 2011-JULY 2013) ; ALAINA PIERRET [SEPT. 2012-JULY 2012] ; DEBORAH PRIESTER (JULY 2012-JULY 2014) ; DR. DAN RENFROW, PHD (JANUARY 2013-JULY 2012) ; DR. JANICE WOLF, DVM (JULY 2012-JULY 2014)

GUESTS:

QUORUM: YES NO

II. READING OF MINUTES

_____ made a motion to accept the minutes from January 16, 2013. _____ seconded the motion.

Minutes approved for _____.

III. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CARLO PIETRONIRO)

IV. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (WENDY GIESKE)



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IV. SECRETARY REPORT CONT'D: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

A.



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V. REPORT OF THE TREASURER (FROM RACHEL HOSKING) ~ JANUARY 2013

**UNITED STATES NEAPOLITAN MASTIFF CLUB
REGIONS BANK BUSINESS CHECKING ACCOUNT
January 1st - January 31st, 2013**

Activity Summary

Beginning Balance as of 01/01/2013	<u><u>\$11,379.92</u></u>
Deposits/Credits	
DVD - Nationals	\$195.43
Member Dues	\$367.87
Deposits/Credits -	\$563.30
Withdrawals/Checks (Debits)	
1019 Ciaran McCloskey	\$7.15
Withdrawals/Checks -	<u><u>\$7.15</u></u>
Ending Balance as of 01/31/2013	<u><u>\$11,936.07</u></u>

Summary of Checks/Debits Outstanding

Date	Check #	Description	Amount
10/29/2012	1022	Kip Bouillion	4.28
10/29/2012	1021	Jaclyn Thorton	6.44
10/29/2012	1024	Kimberly Trejo	5.72
10/29/2012	1027	Tabitha Ames	7.15
10/29/2012	1028	Heather Haulk	7.15

**REGIONS BANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT
January 1st, 2013 - January 31st, 2013**

Activity Summary

Beginning Balance as of 01/01/2013	\$9,201.43
Deposits/Credits	
Interest Payment	<u><u>\$0.08</u></u>
Ending Balance as of 01/31/2013	<u><u>\$9,201.51</u></u>

Attached report: Requesting payment to Wendy Gieske in that amount of \$90.05. This was for copies, envelopes, and postage for the standard and renewals.

Directors and Officers Liability insurance will expire March 21st, 2013 - the quoted amount is \$908.10. The quoted premium is unchanged from last year. The carrier is offering a three year policy term with annual instalments. What this means is the policy will automatically renew. We would not have to complete an application for three years and the premium would remain unchanged over the three year term. There is a \$8.10 fee (x3) which has to be paid up front so a total of \$924.30 would have to be paid and then \$900 for the next two years.

Rachel G Hosking

***Secretary Note: Bank: [(11,936.07 + \$9201.51) = \$ 21,137.58 minus outstanding checks of \$30.74 = \$ 21,106.84]**



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VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS -

A. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (DEBORAH PRIESTER , WENDY GIESKE– CO-CHAIRS)

- i. Applying for Subscriber Membership: Carlos Munoz, Florida
- ii. Applying for Full Family Membership: Gay and Michael McDonald, Louisiana – sponsored by Alaina Pierret and Rachel Hosking
- iii. Applying for Subscriber Membership: Cynthia Kosciesza, Montana
- iv. Confirmed New Members:

Confirmed in February 2013	Membership Type	State	Sponsored By
NONE Yet This Month			

v. Renewals:

- a) Email: (those who have active email addresses) Renewals sent out in email to those who have not renewed on 2-15-13.
- b) Non- Email: Non-Email Renewals on paper in envelopes with return addressed envelopes (no return stamp) sent AGAIN to those who have not renewed out in regular US Post on 2-16-13 to those memberships who do not have emails [Harvey & Sue Leudemann] and to those 5 emails that were “bounced back” from Campaign Monitor [Carol Armbrust, Marlene Church, Hector Pizano, James Thorne, & Mary Ann Franca Whitehead] - this means the email server did not accept for some reason...sometimes mail boxes full or invalid email – sent out paper copy of renewal and also asked them if they have a new email, etc]
- c) Reminders: In addition to the above reminders for renewal: Messages are being posted to Facebook for Membership renewal as they were last year.
- d) February: Rachel as Treasurer is receiving renewals through Paypal and mailbox and gave Wendy and Debbie a renewal update on 2-20-13 (included in these minutes) and will give more updates towards the end of the month. Renewal deadline was 1-31-13. There is a 30 day grace period. Emails, Facebook and phone call reminders will be kept up through February. When possible, all BOD members are requested to remind members to renew.
- e) Plan for February: The BOD requested that USNMC Membership Renewal notices be sent through regular US Post on paper in envelopes with addressed return envelopes (no return stamp) to all members who have not renewed by January 31, 2013. These are to be sent by the second week in February. Emails, Facebook and phone call reminders will be kept up through February. When possible, all BOD members are requested to remind members to renew. These were sent on 2-16-13.



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Membership Committee REPORT Cont'd (Deborah Priester , Wendy Gieske– Co-Chairs)

- I. [Renewed as of 2-20 :Who has not yet renewed? Have they been contacted?](#)



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

II. ANNUAL YEARBOOK [Printed to all members]

ACTION/DISCUSSION:

III. EMAIL Newsletter [Email pdf file sent through email and sent by US Post to Members without Email]

Suggestion taken by Lena Moles previously to send this out quarterly, suggestion under consideration.

- Newsletters are also being sent by Campaign Monitor – Newsletters sent out _____ 2012 to those with email addresses. Printed newsletter sent to those without emails.

C. 2012 NATIONAL SPECIALTY COMMITTEE REPORT

Please see This month's Treasurer report for financial info...

Jim Deppen requested a detailed accounting of the Ways and Means items. Wendy Gieske requested an accounting of club members who still owe the club for items purchased from the Auction/Ways and Means and not paid for yet.

D. 2013 NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT (CARLO PIETRONIRO - CHAIR)

2013 Show Committee Meeting was Wednesday, Jan 30. 8:30pm EST; Next meeting Monday, February 18

E. WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT (NO CHAIR)

Jim Deppen volunteered to chair this committee since he has been active with this. Goal of helping Barbara Lolmaugh, webmistress, to put up new website with new everything. Need volunteers for this committee! Present website – Wendy giving updates and needs to put the minutes up for the year.

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

Committee: Jim Deppen, Lena Moles, Carlo Pietroniro

i. STANDARD UPDATE:

ii. Meet the Breeds – AKC/Eukanuba Orlando by Wendy Gieske



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F. JUDGES AND PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT (JIM DEPPEN – CHAIR) ~ CONT'D

AKC COMPLETE DOG BOOK

Jim mentioned that the deadline was extended to March 1, 2013

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

Committee: Jim Deppen, Lena Moles, Carlo Pietroniro

H. ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT (LENA MOLES - CHAIR)

- i. Committee: Lena, Moles, Joe Attaway, Ciaran McCloskey; Need more Volunteers from around the country.

I. USNMC HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT (NEW CHAIR – DR DAN RENFROW, PHD)

Dr. Dan Renfrow has volunteered to CHAIR this committee! Janice and Wendy will be on committee – need more volunteers!

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

Committee: Alaina Pierret, Peggy Wolfe, Lena Moles, Wendy Gieske

K. HEALTH/MHF LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT [NEW CHAIR – JOE ATTAWAY]

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



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VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. NEO RESCUE INC – ONGOING DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION/ACTION: SEE ATTACHMENT 2

B. ORGANIZE AND REORGANIZE COMMITTEES - ONGOING

- i. Chairs - need chair for Website
- ii. Goals
- iii. 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.
- iv. Ask for volunteers EVERYWHERE
- v. Form Show Committee; make and propose a checklist/detailed plan for the Show Committee to follow.

C. DISCUSSION ABOUT BOD APPROVAL FOR PUBLISHED ARTICLES OUTSIDE THE CLUB– SET TIME LIMIT FOR DISCUSSION? ONGOING...

D. STATUS OF USNMC YAHOO GROUP

ONGOING DISCUSSION: This group was formed before Facebook – question of it becoming obsolete.

E. FUNDRAISING COORDINATION - ONGOING

- i. Online Store of Ways and Means Items, Artwork Prints from Various Artists, DVD's, Ads
 - a) Report: from last month: WEBSITE store examples shown to the BOD by Wendy Gieske – Positive feedback from BOD; no concrete plan yet, no decisions yet.
 - b) New report: 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 - ? need website committee – JIM DEPPEN HAS VOLUNTEERED TO CHAIR
- iv. Newsletter Ads – [being revised]
- v. National DVD's ~ \$39.95 Includes Shipping – Suzanne Storms has 5 left to sell.
- vi. Club Discounts/Services?



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VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. REFRAIN FROM HOLDING INDEPENDENT OR CONCURRENT SPECIALTIES UNLESS THERE IS A GUARANTEED

AMOUNT OF VOLUNTEERS (Proposed by Wendy)

- Need at least 10 people to run the show per day. This number should not include the people on the show committee showing in the ring nor the Show Chair.
- Show Secretary, Assistant to the Show Secretary [also sells catalogs]
- Ways and Means, Assistant to Ways and Means
- Trophies, 2 Assistants to Trophies
- Ring Steward
- 2 Volunteers to help when and where needed or as back-up for the others.
- This must be clear in any Show Proposals

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

- 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.

C. FORMATION OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Motion to Adjourn Meeting by _____ Seconded by _____. All Ayes. Motion _____.

12-12-12 USNMC BOD Meeting Adjourned at: _____ PM EST by USNMC President Carlo Pietroniro.

Meeting Duration: ___hrs ___minutes



USNMC BOD MEETING PROPOSALS

ATTACHMENT 1. 2 Pages

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



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July 10, 2012: Ad proposal: Proposal for Ad Rates for Monthly Email Neogram
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?

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.