

# AEDCA RESCUE COMMITTEE

**Purpose:** The American Eskimo Dog Club of America (“AEDCA”) Rescue Committee (“Committee”) provides current information about available rescue resources to individuals wishing to surrender or adopt an AED. The Committee oversees distribution of financial aid from the AEDCA Rescue Fund to qualified parties committed to rescuing and providing medical attention to homeless AED’s.

**Who May Be a Member:** All members of the Rescue Committee must be AEDCA members in good standing with the AEDCA and the AKC; have an interest in assisting with rescue of American Eskimo Dogs; and be approved by the AEDCA Board of Directors (“Board”). They may serve until they resign or are removed by the Board. The Committee shall be comprised of a minimum of three and maximum of seven members including one Chairman.

## COMMITTEE DUTIES

The Rescue Committee:

- a. Conducts fund-raising activities, including licensed AKC events, for the AEDCA Rescue Fund;
- b. Provides current information, about available rescue resources to individuals wishing to surrender or adopt an AED. The Committee serves as a liaison between the AEDCA, rescue organizations, and the public;
- c. Distributes, collects, and prioritizes requests for grants from approved rescue organizations devoted to rescuing American Eskimo Dogs;
- d. Maintains the Rescue Fund in a separate interest-bearing account (approved by the AEDCA Board in Motion 08-14, dated 5/20/2008) and distributes the funds upon approval by the Board (with the exception of Emergency Aid);
- e. Releases emergency funds for urgent rescue scenarios, prior to Board approval, when it has been determined that waiting for such approval would be detrimental to rescue efforts;
- f. Tracks and monitors situations in which AED’s are in need of rescue to prevent unnecessary euthanization of such AED’s, determines if and what amount of Rescue Fund monies should be provided, and makes their recommendation to the Board for approval;
- g. Tracks reports from approved rescue organizations which receive monies from the Rescue Fund to ensure that the money was spent as the organization stated in their request;
- h. Provides current information on rescue work for the American Eskimo Dog and updates of grant money to the AEDCA Board for publication on the AEDCA website, any Board-approved social media; and *The Review*.

## RESCUE FUND DISTRIBUTION

All income into the Rescue Fund during any one calendar year (January 1- December 31) will be available the following calendar year for distribution according to the following allotment: 60% as competitive grants and 40% for emergency aid. All grant funds available for a specific calendar year (the year following the collection of those funds) **must** be distributed within that same calendar year. Any unused emergency aid for a specified calendar year shall be carried over to the next calendar year and be divided 60% as competitive grants and 40% emergency aid.

The Rescue fund is subject to annual review by the AEDCA Audit Committee.

The AEDCA Rescue Fund will be distributed in one of two ways: either as a competitive grant or as emergency aid.

### Competitive Grants

The AEDCA shall make funds raised from specific rescue fund-raising activities available to qualified American Eskimo Rescue organizations annually. Grants will be solicited by USPS mail or e-mail from all known and qualified American Eskimo Rescue Groups within the U.S..

1. Rescue groups will be required to complete the grant application approved by the AEDCA Board of Directors and provide all required information.
2. Grant application forms will be posted on the AEDCA website for use by known and qualified domestic AED rescue groups.
3. The Committee will notify all known and qualified domestic AED rescue groups in writing either by mail or email of the opening of the grant application period.
4. The grant submission period will open August 1 and close October 31 of the same calendar year. After the deadline for applications closes, the Committee will evaluate and rank all grant applications. The Committee will determine the priority of funding, the receiving organizations, and the amounts. The Committee will report their findings and recommendations to the Board for their approval at their next scheduled Board meeting. The committee will mail all grants between January 1 and January 31 of the following year. All funds allocated for competitive grants in the Rescue Fund account as of December 31, shall be made available for the January mailing period.
5. Criteria for ranking grant applications shall include, but not be limited to: History of applicant, number of intakes, number of adoptions, expenses, financial stability, volunteer base, fund raising efforts, incorporation status, history of collaborative efforts with AEDCA on rescues.
6. Non-profit rescue groups other than AED rescues organizations are eligible to apply if they can supply sufficient evidence that any funds received from the AEDCA will be used solely for the aid of AEDs.
7. Smaller incorporated AED rescue organizations without the resources to supply all the information required on the grant application may submit in writing an explanation as to why they are unable to do so. The limited resources of smaller organizations, shall in no way impact their eligibility for receiving a grant.

## Emergency Aid

1. If an AED rescue organization is involved in a rescue, either directly or as a consultant or adoption/foster support, emergency aid may be provided to qualified individuals and rescue organizations when any one of the following criteria are met:
  - a. More than 5 AEDs are involved in a rescue scenario;
  - b. Any number of individual AEDs requiring immediate veterinary care/boarding/transportation or any other financial support that the Committee determines is (are) in a life-or-death scenario. Funding may be distributed to for-profit organizations or individuals in this case, e.g. veterinary clinics; or
  - c. Emergency funds may be released to any organization or individual who has provided sufficient evidence that an AED is in danger of euthanasia due to lack of financial support.
2. The Committee shall be responsible for determining if and when emergency aid is warranted.
3. The Committee is allowed to grant a maximum of \$2,000.00 per emergency incident.
4. If a Committee member becomes aware that an emergency situation exists, that Committee member shall immediately notify the remainder of the Committee. The Rescue Committee Chairman shall then immediately notify the AEDCA Board of Directors.
5. The Committee shall convene at the earliest opportunity by means of phone or e-mail. The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be the majority of the Committee. A two-thirds majority vote (rounded down to the nearest whole number) will be required to recommend funding on an emergency basis.
6. The Committee shall review and discuss all pertinent information and documentation regarding the emergency situation and decide whether or not to provide monetary assistance from the Rescue Fund. The Rescue Committee can award funds up to a maximum of \$2000.00 per incident at their discretion based on the urgency of a situation without prior board approval. The Committee Chairman will report details of any monetary disbursements to the AEDCA Board at the next scheduled Board meeting.
7. In the event the Rescue Committee has determined that an emergency grant is warranted, checks may be signed and issued by a Committee Member provided the Committee Member is also a current Board Member. In the event that no Board Member resides on the Rescue Committee, checks shall be signed and issued by the AEDCA Treasure or any other AEDCA Officer authorized to sign checks.
8. In the event that an urgent situation does exist and does not meet the criteria for the Rescue Committee to release funds without Board approval, a recommendation from the Committee will be added to the agenda for the next scheduled Board meeting and voted upon by the Board.