

RESCUE PROCEDURES---ACCEPTING A DOG INTO W.I.N.

LIABILITY for the actions of WIN volunteers falls squarely on the Officers and Board of Directors of WIN. That means Gwen Arthur. This liability is both legal and financial. Because of this liability, volunteers must adhere to certain procedures that are in place to protect the organization and the officers/directors.

1. **Before** taking **any dog** into the WIN program, Gwen Arthur or Rob Horgan must be consulted. It is possible that Gwen or Rob may have already spoken with the owner or shelter and "refused" to take the dog.
2. When circumstances arise that involve a puppy miller, it is of utmost importance that Gwen or Rob be involved in the details. WIN does not like to pay a puppy miller for these dogs, but if we must, Gwen will set the price and no volunteer may offer to pay more. If the dogs are already loaded in the car and there is a dispute about the price---take them out and drive away!!
Puppy millers deserve no respect.
3. Only Gwen or Rob has authority to approve any publications sent to WIN applicants or WIN volunteers. We have links on the WIN website that we can refer to people. Unless Gwen or Rob has approved it, you may NOT send it.
4. Only under special circumstances, should a WIN Volunteer foster more than one dog at a time.
5. The vaccination record must be kept with the dog. We do not want to re-vaccinate if the dog has already received the vaccination.
6. Volunteers must have Lupine Collars and Leads with them when a dog is picked up or is transferred to a foster home. (Request them in advance from Gwen or from your WIN coordinator).
7. No dog will go into a "Foster to Adopt" home without Gwen or Rob's approval.

The reputation of Wheatens In Need is dependent on our careful screening of dogs, both for health and temperament- --**BEFORE** we place them.

WIN has been a successful and reputable organization since 1998 when it was founded by Gwen and Don Arthur. They have been involved in rescue for over 20 years. They guide this organization and are LIABLE for it. By following these procedures, that reputation and success will continue for WIN, for the dogs we rescue, the adopting families and our volunteers.