

21—67.10(162) Rescues.

67.10(1) Rescue manager. A rescue must designate a rescue manager to carry out the responsibilities of the rescue. The responsibilities of a rescue manager include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Establishing criteria for approving foster homes;
- b. Approving foster homes;
- c. Supervising dogs and cats taken into the care of the rescue;
- d. Monitoring and ensuring all foster homes under the rescue's oversight are providing proper care and compliance with relevant laws and rules; and
- e. Maintaining rescue records. Such records shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (1) Source of the dog or cat;
 - (2) Date of placement of the dog or cat into a foster home;
 - (3) Adoption records;
 - (4) Disposition of dog or cat (if applicable);
 - (5) Medical care received by the dog or cat; and
 - (6) Vaccination and deworming records.

67.10(2) Records. Rescue records must be made available to the department upon request. A rescue must maintain records and statement of the sale, exchange, transfer, trade or adoption as provided for in rule 21—67.6(162).

67.10(3) Vaccine requirements. All dogs and cats taken in by or in the possession of a rescue shall have been vaccinated against distemper, parvo and rabies and kept current on distemper, parvo and rabies vaccinations, unless exempted by Iowa Code section 351.42 or by direct written recommendation of a qualified veterinarian. A signed rabies certificate and written documentation of parvo and distemper vaccinations from a veterinarian are required to verify vaccination. Titers are not an acceptable form of vaccine verification. Vaccine titers are not sufficient for demonstrating vaccine compliance. Dealers must provide vaccine records or written exemptions to the department upon request.

67.10(4) Importation requirements. Dogs and cats brought into the state of Iowa must meet the importation requirements stated in rule 21—65.10(163).

67.10(5) Housing facilities and primary enclosures. A rescue with housing facilities must meet the requirements for housing facilities and primary enclosures in rule 21—67.3(162). Rescues operating as in-home facilities must meet the requirements in rule 21—67.9(162).

67.10(6) Foster care homes. A rescue approved by the department to act as a foster oversight organization must meet the requirements for foster oversight organizations and foster care homes provided in rule 21—67.11(162). A dealer may not utilize or oversee a foster care home without prior written authorization of the department.

67.10(7) General care and husbandry. A rescue must meet the general care and husbandry standards provided for in rule 21—67.4(162).

67.10(8) Transportation. A rescue transporting animals must meet the requirements provided in rule 21—67.5(162).

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