# **DC Shiba Inu Rescue (DCSiR) Mission statement**

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DC Shiba Inu Rescue (DCSIR) is a group of dedicated volunteers whose mission is to rescue, foster, vet and train neglected, homeless, abandoned and stray Shiba Inus. It also works with owner surrenders to help keep Shibas in their current home or to foster and rehome via its extensive adoption process. At times, when finance and space allows, DC SIR will take Shiba mixes. DCSIR is committed to prioritizing the intake and placement of Shiba Inus in the immediate DC metropolitan area and may assist in the rescue effort for Shiba Inus and mixed breeds across the east coast as circumstances allow.

DCSIR is a community-oriented rescue which strives to educate pet owners about positive behavior training, healthy nutrition and alternative health care, primitive breed temperament and the importance of spaying/neutering.

DC SIR does not take any dogs with a documented bite history. All dogs must have a basic behavior assessment prior to coming into rescue and all dogs must have a MINIMUM 2-week behavior and medical assessment in a foster home prior to being considered for adoption. Dogs with behavior issues or medical issues will remain in custody and receive necessary science based humane behavior modification training and/or medical care prior to being available for adoption.

# **DC Shiba Inu Rescue (DCSiR) Euthanasia Policy**

Euthanasia Policy

**DC Shiba Inu Rescue (DC SIR) will not euthanize any dog for lack of space, inconvenience, old age or non-dangerous behavior problems. While we make best efforts to treat animals, there will be times when humane euthanasia is the most compassionate and responsible course for the animal’s well-being and for public health and safety. When euthanasia is performed, it is done with respect and care by a licensed veterinarian.**

### Behavioral Euthanasia

In order to carry out euthanasia of a dog for behavioral issues, the dog must be deemed a danger to society and unable to safely perform behavior modification. In order for behavioral euthanasia to be carried out, it must meet all the following requirements:

1. Euthanasia recommendation by a certified force-free trainer with documented experience with reactive dogs. Recommendation must be in writing to DC SIR Board of Directors.
2. Medical review of dog by licensed veterinarian with recommendation of euthanasia.
3. A majority vote by the Board of Directors to euthanize the dog that has been deemed a danger to fosters and the community with #1 and #2 requirements met above.

**Upon requirements:** If above requirements have been met, dog must be safely transported to a licensed veterinarian to be humanely euthanized. Effort may be made to transfer dog to another facility if the facility meets DC SIR’s strict humane training policies.

### Medical Euthanasia

In order to carry out euthanasia of a dog for medical issues, the dog must be deemed to be suffering, and/or medical treatment deemed unlikely to result in long-term recovery of the dog. If the expense exceeds the organizations fundraising ability, the organization will make all attempts to place in a responsible organization that can perform medical requirements. When the dog is not able to be placed for adoption due to complex medical, we may transfer it to appropriate rescue organizations or identify other options. In order for medical euthanasia to be carried out, it must meet all the following requirements:

1. Euthanasia recommendation by a licensed veterinarian after a medical review.
2. A majority vote by the Board of Directors to euthanize the dog for medical reasons including pain and suffering and/or unlikely recovery from on-going medical treatment.

**Upon requirements:** If above requirements have been met, dog must be safely transported to a licensed veterinarian to be humanely euthanized.