**Animal Intake Policy**

Little Big Dog Rescue rescues dogs from shelters and from private owners.

Owner Surrender: Little Big Dog Rescue keeps all dogs in foster homes until they are adopted. Because senior dogs are among the least likely to get adopted, we operate sanctuaries at our homes where currently up to 30 dogs are living with the promise of a forever home. Because the dogs are living in group homes, we require that dogs be dog-friendly and able to live in a pack. When you surrender your dog we request that you give us the dog’s medical records and history; history of vaccinations; behavioral description, if there is a bite history, and other information as found on our owner surrender intake form. It is helpful for us to know if the dog has been an outside dog or an inside dog. Is the dog house-trained, crate-trained, or leash-trained. Is the dog good with cats, livestock, children or other dogs. This will help us to place the dog in the best possible home. We require owners to sign a surrender form which will serve as your authorization to release the dog to our custody.

We do not require any fee for re-homing your pet. If your pet has a favorite toy or dog bed, it would be helpful for these items to come with the dog.

Shelter Transfers: LBDR takes very old dogs who have lost their homes due to an owner passing away, or entering a care facility. We also take senior dogs picked up stray. We know that medical care varies from facility to facility depending upon municipal funding; when we commit to take a dog from a shelter, we are committing to provide all of the medical care a dog may need, as well as the basics of a head-to-toe physical exam, senior bloodwork, 4DX, rabies shot and vaccinations, and microchip. Almost 100% of our intakes require dentals. 25% to 50% require masses removed or biopsied. When a dog is transferred to Little Big Dog, we like to have as much information about the dog as possible. For example, if the dog was an owner surrender, contact information for the dog’s vet would be greatly appreciated.