



## **Rescue: Entity Application Information**

If you are new to the Trust and considering having your organization work with the Trust, here is some information about the Trust and its relationship with local Rescue Groups. The Trust, itself, does not rescue Siberians. The Trust does, however, support the work of local Rescue groups by providing financial support through the Trust's Grant programs to help defray the costs associated with local rescue efforts incurred by our network of Approved Rescue Entities.

First, a little about the Trust. The Trust was created in 2005 by the Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc., for charitable purposes in the areas of Education, Health, and Rescue for the betterment of the Siberian Husky in the USA, its territories and protectorates. Although originally created by the Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc., the Trust is a completely separate nonprofit group organized under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. Based on its IRS designation, the Trust cannot be controlled or directed by or work for the benefit to the Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.

The Trust's charter is quite specific about its governance and programs. As it was created by the Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc., the Trust's funding and programs are to benefit purebred Siberian Huskies, and this requirement must be followed by its Approved Entities. There is no definitive test to prove that a dog is a purebred Siberian Husky, therefore the Trust has to rely on the Approved Rescue Entities' volunteers and agents to be very familiar with Siberian Huskies' characteristics and be convinced that any dog for which a grant is applied is a purebred Siberian, not a mix, a small Alaskan Malamute, or any other breed of dog.

The Trust encourages the establishment of well-organized and managed rescue organizations doing good work on behalf of Siberian Huskies. Through the Entity Approval application process, the Trustees learn about your group, the area where you operate, and how you how your organization is run. We ask an Entity to share your practices and policies. We are interested in knowing the scope of your Rescue efforts: how many Siberian Huskies you normally rescue within a year, what your adoption fees/donations are, what funding sources are. Not only does this information help us get to know you and your volunteers, it helps us with our annual budgeting process.

The Application Process begins with your organization completing an application, providing the information requested, and signing the Rescue Code of Conduct.

The Trust strives to do most of its communication and record keeping electronically, and you can complete the application process and submit your application via email. Once completed and submitted, the application and its documentation will be reviewed by the Rescue Program Coordinator for completeness and then forwarded to the Trustees for review, discussion, and voting. At any time, the Trustees and/or Rescue Program Coordinator may contact the applicant with clarifying questions or additional information.

Upon being approved as a Trust Rescue Entity, the following things will occur:

- Your organization will be listed with contact information, in the list of Approved Entities on the Rescue page of the Trust's website.
- You will be eligible to apply for grants as follows:
  - A one-time Administrative Grant: A grant to help defray expenses incurred within the 3 years immediately preceding the Entity's Approval Date for obtaining Incorporation, IRS Nonprofit Status, Federal/State/Local Rescue Group Licensing, up to the current maximum limit (found on the Administrative Grant Application Form) as long as the application is complete.
  - Any applications for "Dog" Grants: Allowable grants to help defray expenses incurred on behalf of dogs rescued by your Entity, with the exception of the Mass Surrender/Seizure Grant. Any and all expenses to be considered must meet these requirements: 1) The expenses must not have been incurred prior to the Entity's Approval Date; 2) The applying Entity must be an Approved Entity at the time of the Grant Application; 3) The application must be complete and must include all applicable bills/receipts/invoices; 4) The Grant Application must meet the limitations established for each type of grant, including the application deadline, the number(s) of grants available to an Entity within the year, and the maximum amount for each grant per dog.

We hope that this helps you understand the Trust. If you have any other questions about becoming an Approved Entity or Grants, please contact the Rescue Program Coordinator through the email address listed on the Trust website ([shcatrust.org](http://shcatrust.org)). Please download the Checklist, Application, and Code of Conduct and begin the application process!