

PCA Rescue Trust
Frequently asked Questions (FAQ)

Introduction: PCA Rescue Trust is a 100% volunteer organization. All our volunteers are unpaid and most have day jobs, so PCART activities are engaged in a volunteer's free time. PCART volunteers are all about what our rescued dogs need.

Questions about IRS 501(c)3 requirements for Trusts and reports needed by the Federal Government are found on the IRS.gov website.

This page is created to help readers gain a better understanding of PCART by reading this page and reviewing our published documents.

1. What is the organizational structure for PCART?
 - a. The details on our organizational structure have been in the Rescue Operations and Caregiver's Manual found on the "Forms" page of our website. The organizational structure is found on pages 6 through 8 of that Manual. That Manual is a living document and is updated as needed but has been continuously available on our website since January 2009.
 - b. As a breed rescue, we rescue all placeable purebred dogs, whose health and temperment are such as to expect it to be able to have a quality life with proper veterinary care and subject to the availability of a our having a available caregiver home suitable for the dog's needs.- The Rescue Operations and Caregiver's Manual documents the intake process.

2. Does PCART buy dogs at auction or from commercial breeders?
 - a. No, absolutely not. Please see the policy located on page 4 of the Rescue Operations and Caregiver's Manual. Buying dogs from auction or from commercial breeders may help save those dogs from continued misery however, it provides funds that are used to purchase younger more productive stock. It only serves to perpetuate the problem. PCART will not fund neglect or abuse of some Papillons to save a few others.

3. What are the foundation documents for the Trust?
 - a. There are only two documents that are required for the Trust.
 - i. The creation document that conforms to IRS regulations for all 501(c)3 organizations and leaves broad flexibility for the Board of Trustees to adjust the Operating Procedures and Rescue Policies to allow smooth operation of Papillon Rescue. This is a public document and every trustee has a copy.
 - ii. The Trust Operating Procedures. This is also a public document and every trustee has a copy.

4. Where can I get a copy of these foundation documents?
 - a. Both documents are available on the website <http://www.pcarescuetrust.org/informationindex.htm> on the "Information" link on the home page.

5. What about PCART financial records?
 - a. PCART Receipts and Disbursement Reports are public documents and must be provided at least once a year to the PCA Board of Directors, as directed by the PCART Operating Procedures, and provided on or before the PCA Annual General Meeting. The PCART report will be provided to the membership on or before the PCA Annual General Meeting.
 - b. PCART trustees receive detailed financial reports periodically from the Finance Committee. Reports in both are standard and a full review may be requested by the trustees. Any review will be performed by a CPA firm. Reviews are usually annual.
 - c. There will be an IRS full audit performed in five years as required by law.

6. How does PCART work exactly?
 - a. PCART is organized around a Board of Trustees (BoT). This serves two purposes:
 - i. The BoT sets policies and establishes overall procedures that puts Papillon Rescue first.
 - ii. The BoT also operates as an appeal group to decide controversial or divisive issues.
 - b. Below the BoT are committees and active sub-committees that are responsible for handling daily issues and each have a trustee on them to insure compliance with BoT policies.
 - c. This structure drives decision making down to those who have to implement policies. This also encourages problem solving among those who have to do the job.
 - d. Committees also work directly with other committees. The most common committees working closely together are the Regional Coordinators (RC's) and the Veterinary and Canine Health Sub-Committee. Providing appropriate medical care in a cost effective manner to make Papillons healthy and ready for new permanent owners helps PCART perform its mission.
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7. Does PCART have sanctuary for Papillons?
 - a. No. PCART does not have a sanctuary for terminally ill or dangerous behavioral issue dogs. We do have a few long term caregivers that are capable of training what may appear to be an unadoptable dog.

8. What about medical services required?
 - a. Routine medical vaccinations, tests and screenings are documented in the Rescue Operations and Caregiver's Manual.
 - b. Non-standard needs are evaluated by the Veterinary and Canine Health Sub-committee on a case by case basis.
 - c. Emergency medical needs may be approved by a poll of a minimum of 3 BOT members when the need is great and if the Canine Health Sub-committee cannot be reached quickly enough.
 - d. The Vet. Sub-committee makes recommendations to the Caregiver homes and to the RC's as needed.