

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE	Transmittal # 18-5	Policy # 14.8
Applicability: <input type="checkbox"/> All DJJ Users <input type="checkbox"/> Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Community Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secure Facilities	Related Standards & References: AKC Canine Good Citizen Program DJJ 14.3	
Chapter 14: Victim, Volunteer, and Chaplaincy Services	Effective Date: 3/22/18 Scheduled Review Date: 3/22/19	
Subject: RESCUE TO RESTORE	Replaces: 9/13/16 Division of Secure Campuses	
Attachments: None	APPROVED:  <hr/> Avery Niles, Commissioner	

I. POLICY

In an effort to encourage good behavior and support positive mental health of detained youth, the Rescue 2 Restore program shall provide animal housing and animal training programs in selected DJJ secure facilities.

II. DEFINITIONS

Humane: Practices or actions characterized by tenderness, compassion, and sympathy for people or animals, especially for the suffering or distressed.

Humane Society of the United States: America's largest and most effective animal protection agency.

Humane Foster Care Five Freedom Standards: Animals will be provided foster care centered on the Five Freedom Standards set by the Humane Society of the United States. The Five Freedoms are as follows:

- **Freedom from hunger and thirst:** Ready access to fresh water and a diet that allows them to maintain full health and vigor.
- **Freedom from discomfort:** An appropriate living environment, including protection from the elements and a comfortable resting area.
- **Freedom from pain, injury, and disease:** Care that prevents illness and injury, and that assures rapid diagnosis and treatment should illness or injury occurs.
- **Freedom to express normal behaviors:** Sufficient space and proper facilities to move freely and fully, and to engage in the same types of activities as other

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animals of their species; ability to interact with or avoid others of their own kind, as normal.

- **Freedom from fear and distress:** Both a general environment and treatment that avoids mental suffering and stress.

Reward-based Training: Training techniques which are based upon rewards such as treats, toys, and praise for good behavior.

Rescue Partners: Volunteer organizations from the community who will partner with Rescue 2 Restore to provide dogs, veterinary care, basic care supplies, training instruction, and approve the dogs' adoptive homes.

Rescue 2 Restore Program Coordinators: Department of Juvenile Justice staff members tasked with coordinating the statewide Rescue 2 Restore program. This does not include volunteers or facility staff.

Animal educational and interactive opportunities: Scheduled, formatted opportunities where youth will be afforded a presentation in which material, based upon animal care/training/animal services careers, will be presented with the goal of education and enrichment. These presentations will often include a period of time where youth will be allowed to interact with one or more animals.

III. PROCEDURES

- A. The animal housing and training programs will be structured to provide humane foster care for dogs, based on the five freedom standards set by the Humane Society of the United States and reward based training of dogs provided and placed by volunteer rescue partners.
- B. All programs utilizing volunteers and their animals at DJJ secure facilities will be screened and approved by the Rescue 2 Restore staff. Additionally, any presentations relating to animal welfare or related topics will be screened by the Rescue 2 Restore staff in advance to ensure they are in line with DJJ's standards of animal care.
- C. The Rescue 2 Restore designated staff, in consultation with the Facility Director, will coordinate all procedural standards for animal housing and care
- D. A logbook will be maintained in the kennel area.

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- E. Youth involved in the programs will be provided daily access to the animals for care and training activities under the supervision of facility staff. Youth involved in the program and the time spent will be documented in the area logbook.
- F. The facility and Rescue 2 Restore staff will adhere to the mutually agreed upon schedule for animal feeding and exercise to ensure animals receive proper care.
- G. All volunteers, including involved Rescue Partners are expected to comply with all applicable DJJ policies, including DJJ 14.3, Citizen and Volunteer Involvement.
- H. All animals placed in Humane Foster Care and Training programs in secure DJJ facilities, or those brought in for one time presentations, will be temperament tested and approved by Rescue 2 Restore staff. All domestic animals brought into facilities will be up to date on all applicable vaccines.
- I. The Rescue 2 Restore Program Coordinators will be allowed unrestricted access to the animals that are living in secure facilities.
- J. Rescue 2 Restore Program Coordinator will arrange for and present training to staff to include basic canine care standards, reward based training techniques, first aid for canines, and emergency response standards.
- K. Rescue 2 Restore program youth participants will be chosen by the youth's managing team. The Rescue 2 Restore staff in consultation with the youth's managing team reserve the right to remove youth from the program if necessary.
- L. Animals living at the facility will be included in the facility's emergency plan. Additionally, an emergency veterinary care plan will be coordinated with the rescue partners and adhered to in case of animal illness or injury.
- M. At no time will dogs be physically or psychologically punished, for any reason. Any inappropriate youth interactions with the animals will be reported immediately to the Rescue 2 Restore staff.
- N. Animals in the programs will only be allowed in areas designated for housing and training by the Rescue 2 Restore staff. Facility staff must contact the Rescue 2 Restore staff for approval prior to bringing the animals into other areas of the facility. Rescue 2 Restore staff will inspect the conditions of the Rescue 2 Restore kennels a minimum of once per month.

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- O. Rescue 2 Restore staff will enter the service in the placement module in JTS on all youth in the Rescue 2 Restore program within 72 hours of placement in the program.

IV. LOCAL OPERATING PROCEDURES REQUIRED: YES

- Schedule for animal care and training.
- Inventory of supplies.
- Specify the location of the kennel logbook and the staff assigned to maintain it.