Guidelines for Groups/Individuals in DCA Rescue
(Approved by the DCA Board of Governors, April 14, 2014)

All those who participate in rescue should be prepared to abide by these guidelines.

Each group or individual:

1. Shall AGREE to contact, or encourage the owner to contact the "breeder" of the dog and urge that person to take responsibility for the unwanted dog.
2. Shall agree to counsel and encourage owners to place their own dogs and shall offer some form of meaningful material to aid owners in this task.
3. Shall agree not to place biting or aggressive dogs.
4. Shall agree to return all inquiring phone calls within a reasonable time of receiving the initial call.
5. Shall provide some form of educational material or verbal counseling to those who are seeking to adopt a Dalmatian. Examples of such materials would include: obedience/behavior information, health and feeding as it applies to crystals and stone formation, and the DCA Board of Governor's statement on deafness.
6. Shall make every effort to visit potential homes, in person, at some point before the dog is placed or at least when the dog is taken for a provisional first visit to the home.
7. Shall use a contract when placing a dog in a home.
8. Shall keep records of placements or disposals of dogs.
9. Shall spay or neuter all dogs before placement or offer a contract which guarantees this will be done and then follow up on said contract.
10. Shall follow up on all placed dogs to ensure their care and safety.
11. Shall agree to take back any placed dogs if the home does not work out.
12. Shall be able to be autonomous. The actual method or rescue, whether by referral, by taking the dog, or a combination of both, would be left to the individual groups who are the best judges of their abilities and who know their own financial status and manpower.

The DCA Board agrees that the question of placement of a dog with severe medical problems is best left to the local rescue groups or workers. However, the Board urges that careful consideration be given to the limits of time, space, money and probability of placement before accepting these dogs into rescue. Severe medical problems are defined as: uncontrolled seizures, degenerative diseases, severe and debilitating injuries and some degrees of stone forming. Each group will also agree to provide potential owners with detailed medical records of treatment, a veterinary prognosis and an assurance to the new owner that the group will follow up on the care and progress of the dog.