

## Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)

### Guidelines for Visiting a Shelter

When we are notified of a suspected Toller in a Shelter, our first step is to notify the National and the Regional Rescue Coordinators.

The National Coordinator will work with the Regional Rescue Coordinator and local volunteers to have a qualified person do a breed ID to determine the breed status. Have a volunteer take pictures in accordance with our guidelines on how to take useable pictures of rescue dogs. These pictures should be forwarded to the National Coordinator. If the breed status is in doubt, the National Coordinator will forward the pictures to a panel of breeders to solicit their opinions.

Important questions to ask the Shelter include:

- a. Is this a Kill Shelter?
- b. Has the dog been scanned for a microchip?
- c. Does it have a tattoo?
- d. Was it picked up as a stray or was it an owner surrender?
- e. Can we get ANY information about the previous owner that may give us a link to the breeder?

The Regional Rescue Coordinator will start looking for a foster home immediately.

### STEP BY STEP

- A. Notify National Coordinator and Regional Coordinator
- B. Is this dog in a kill shelter?
- C. Arrange for breed ID
- D. Take useable pictures
- E. Arrange for foster home
- F. Get as much info as possible from shelter about previous owner