

STOLA

Saluki Tree of Life Alliance, Inc.

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Regional Coordinators: please review these guidelines and distribute a copy of them to your Volunteers. Contact STOLA with any questions or concerns.

Placement Procedures Guidelines

PLEASE NOTE: This page has been updated as of June, 2001 to make our policies more readily understood. This does not institute a change in any of our policies. It is merely an attempt to more precisely define our existing policies. If you have further questions about our policies or procedures we would appreciate hearing from you directly by contacting us at stola@gazehound.com.

1. STOLA becomes aware of a Saluki in need.
2. If the dog is being surrendered by an individual then the Transfer of Ownership form will be signed and the dog will become legally owned by STOLA.
3. The Regional Finance Coordinator will be notified and some funds will be allocated to that dog.
4. The dog will be checked by a veterinarian.
5. The dog gets necessary vet care and grooming and is placed in a boarding kennel or foster home at the discretion of the region.
6. Attempts are made to locate the legal owner of the dog via all methods available to the volunteer and Regional coordinators handling the situation.

Detail Section:

Returning Salukis to Owners/Breeders:

It is STOLA policy to comply with the law in all matters. With regard to returning dogs to their legal owners or breeders, we make a concerted effort to locate the legal owner or breeder of a dog that comes into our care. Microchipping, tattooing, or some other form of permanent identification can make the job of locating the dog's legal owner much more efficient. We have established a minimum 2 week time period to try to locate the owner/breeder with the welfare of the dogs in mind. This is a minimum time. In reality, because of medical issues, logistics, etc. there is often a much longer time period for STOLA to search for the owner/breeder. However, to spare a hound the trauma of beginning to bond with its temporary family and then having to readapt to a new, permanent home, we will move as swiftly as possible after that time. In the event that we are unable to locate the owner or breeder within this stated period of time, all STOLA Salukis will be neutered or spayed prior to being placed for adoption. The only time there would be a question of returning a dog to its legal owner or breeder would be if abuse is suspected. In cases where abuse is suspected, the authorities will be contacted and it may become necessary to take legal action to ensure the dog's safety and welfare. In all instances where legal issues are in question, the matter will be reviewed and advised on by STOLA's attorney.

How does STOLA search for an owner or breeder when a Saluki comes into our care?

- a. We check to see if the shelter from whom the Saluki was obtained has scanned for a microchip or located a tattoo. If not, the dog is scanned when it is taken to the veterinarian for a health evaluation.
- b. We call all the local veterinarians, shelters, and humane societies in the area to see if a Saluki has been reported lost.
- c. We call any and all Saluki breeders that we know of who may have placed a dog in the area in which it was found or surrendered.
- d. We post the description of the dog, location where found, and a photo of the rescue dog, if available, to the STOLA Salukis page on our website.
- e. We post a notice to Saluki group e-mail lists in order to try to find someone who might recognize the dog and be able to refer us to the owner or breeder.

7. If the breeder of the dog can be determined, they will be offered the option of cooperative placement of the dog for them in an approved adoptive home through STOLA. STOLA invites everyone to join with us in providing an environment where the welfare of the dog is considered first, and where the rehoming of the dog will be a positive experience for all parties involved.

8. If, after a reasonable period of time, the legal owner/breeder cannot be located then the dog will be spayed or neutered before being placed in a pre-screened adoptive home. During the neutering stay, the dog will be microchipped with STOLA's name and main address using the Home Again chips supported by AKC.

9. Efforts will be made to move the dog as little as possible while it is waiting for a permanent home. Statistics bear out that the more often a dog is relocated, the more likely it is to be confused and try to run away, or take longer to adjust to the new permanent home when finally placed.

STOLA Contact Information for this transaction:

Region:
Regional Coordinator:
Allied Club or Organization (if applicable):
Address:

Phone:
Email:
STOLA Volunteer:
Volunteer's Address:

Volunteer's Phone:
Volunteer's Email:
Volunteer's Signature: