

Bichon Frise Club of Northern California, Inc.
Rescue Position
October 25, 2012

The Committee to Research Rescue researched many different avenues in coming to these recommendations.

1. BFCNC history and past rescue programs
2. Assessment of interest and availability of members to actively rescue dogs
3. Phone calls and online research of BFCACT and Small Paws operations and policies

We propose that the BFCNC make donations to both Small Paws Rescue and the Bichon Frise Club of America Charitable Trust (BFCACT). The amount will be determined by the BFCNC board of directors. The suggested division of the donation is 70% to Small Paws and 30% to the BFCACT. We feel that that the BFCNC should support our parent club's rescue organization although it does not have a large presence in our area. Small Paws has a vast network of volunteers already in place in Northern California.

We propose that the BFCNC keep funds in reserve for local rescue emergencies. The suggested amount is \$2000.

We propose that the Rescue Committee be renamed the Rescue/Education Committee or Rescue/Education Team.

- The purpose of the committee/team is to serve as the BFCNC point of contact for individuals seeking information on surrendering their Bichons and to educate the public on the responsibilities of pet ownership.
- The Rescue and Education Committee **will not** do hands on rescue but will refer individuals to Small Paws Bichon Rescue and to the BFCACT.
- The education piece will be accomplished through community outreach, Day in the Park, Barks articles, and BFCNC website.

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Voted on and approved at the 10/25/12 General Membership Meeting.