

Animal Aid Society Intake Policy

As a life-saving shelter, Animal Aid Society does not utilize euthanasia to control the number of pets at our adoption center. Therefore, we can only accept the intake of dogs as our capacity and resources allow. We accomplish this via a selective admission process that assesses the physical and mental health of the animal. This type of assessment includes, but is not limited to:

*Handling Assessment

Dogs should be cooperative and not exhibit aggressive behaviors towards other animals or humans. Note: a dog can behave VERY differently in a stressful shelter environment than how they behave in a home setting with people they know and trust.

*Medical

Visual inspection to assess current condition of dog and/or review of any medical records available

Animal Aid Society will accept dogs from the following sources:

Owner Surrenders

Persons with legal ownership of a dog who are no longer interested/able to care for said dog and wish to relinquish legal guardianship to us. This is typically done by appointment.

Strays

Animal Aid Society will accept stray turn-ins and file the appropriate reports with the necessary authorities/agencies in an effort to reunite a stray with his/her family. As required by state law, stray dogs will be held for a mandatory stray period in order to provide guardians adequate time to locate their lost dogs. If a stray is presented that needs emergency medical attention Animal Aid Society will take the dog to a licensed veterinary care facility for medical treatment and assume financial responsibility for said medical treatment. The dog will remain in Animal Aid Society care for the mandatory stray period. If a dog is not claimed by the guardian, Animal Aid Society will assume custody of the dog.

Transfers

Animal Aid Society transfers in dogs from municipal and rural shelters as space is available.