



PURPOSE: To establish a policy concerning the acceptance of companion animals into the Isle of Wight County Humane Society.

PROCEDURE:

Stray Companion Animals

Within 48 hours:

- The County Shelter must be notified that a stray animal has been found
- The animal may be advertised in the local paper
- The animal must be checked for a microchip
- The animal must be held for seven days after notification of Animal Control before it can be adopted
- After the above conditions have been met, the animal becomes the property of the Humane Society
- Notify the Foster/Adoption Inventory Tracker
- The following form must be completed:
 - Animal Custody Record

Owner Surrender

- Any approved foster home may accept a companion animal from its legal owner
- Notify the Foster/Adoption Inventory Tracker
- The following forms must be completed:
 - Statement of Surrender form (MANDATORY!)
 - Animal Custody Record

Transferred Animals

- Animals may be transferred to the Humane Society from other organizations
- Notify the Foster/Adoption Inventory Tracker
- The following forms must be completed:
 - Transfer Form
 - Animal Custody Record

IOWCHS will not intake canines considered to be dangerous or needing behavioral rehabilitation. Excluded breeds include Pit Bulls, Doberman Pinschers, Rottweilers, Chows, Bull Mastiffs, German Shepherds, any trained attack or guard dog, any fighting dog, or any dog with a prior history of causing bodily injury.

All forms must remain with the animal until its final disposition. All forms are then given to the Foster/Adoption Inventory Tracker.

Pertinent Animal Intake Forms
Form 17: Animal Custody Record
Form 18: Statement of Surrender