

## **Intake policy for the Peninsula SPCA Adoption and Education Center**

The PSPCA will take in domesticated dogs, cats and small pets for sheltering and adoption services. The PSPCA will perform a basic assessment on all animals prior to their intake into the shelter. The PSPCA will not be able to accept animals that are feral, aggressive, terminally ill or otherwise unadoptable. The PSPCA refers stray animals found by members of the public to the Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter (PRAS) at 5843 Jefferson Avenue in Newport News who will shelter all stray animals picked up by animal control officers and citizens. On occasion, PSPCA may intake a stray for the safety of the animal. These intakes are reported to animal control and PRAS, proper stray holds are conducted and efforts are made to reunite the animal with an owner.

1. Animal owners seeking to surrender a pet to the PSPCA should call and make an appointment with shelter adoption staff, who can advise if space is available. If the shelter does not have the physical space or capacity for care at the time of the owner's request, the pet can be placed on a waiting list for intake as soon as a kennel space becomes available.
2. Owners are asked to make a continuing care donation to the PSPCA for pets surrendered to the shelter. This donation helps defray the shelter's cost of ongoing care for the pet and helps us to keep adoption fees affordable. However, adoptable animals will not be turned away if an owner cannot make a donation.
3. The PSPCA requests (but does not require) a copy of current veterinary care records, and that all animals surrendered be up-to-date on all necessary vaccinations if possible (rabies, parvovirus, distemper, Bordetella for dogs; rabies, FELV/FIV and distemper for cats.)
4. Once accepted into the PSPCA shelter, an animal can remain with us indefinitely as long as he/she remains physically and mentally healthy. It is our job to do everything we can to keep the pet happy, well-fed, well-exercised, and well-loved until we place them in a new home.