



Bedford Humane Society, Inc.
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History

Bedford Humane Society (BHS) by drafting Articles of Incorporation and By Laws with the stated purpose of "prevention of cruelty to animals, the relief of suffering animals, and the extension of humane education." The Bedford Humane Society received Virginia State Incorporation in November 1993 and became an IRS charitable, tax-exempt 501c3 organization in December 1994. Beginning early 1996, BHS representatives began implementing programs for the benefits of companion animals including low cost spay/neuter programs, foster programs and educational programs.

Mission

The Bedford Humane Society's mission is the elimination of cat and dog overpopulation in Bedford County and City through education, spay/neuter programs, and companion animal adoptions. Prevention of cruelty to animals, relief of suffering animals and the extension of humane education.

BHS Intake Protocols

BHS accepts K9's and Felines from the Bedford County Animal Shelter, Bedford resident surrenders and rescue transfers from other rescues groups. BHS is a home based rescue, The number of animals that we can take in at any time is determined by available foster homes.

Animal Intake forms known as ***Animal Custody Record*** must be filled out and signed before BHS can take ownership of any animals. This form is required by the State of VA Animal Custody Record (<http://www.cdacs.virginia.gov/allforms.html>).

- ⤴ Shelter Animal Intake: ***Animal Custody Record*** is filled out and signed by Bedford County Animal Shelter (BACS) employee. BHS approved representative signs the form taking legal custody of the animal. Copy of the form is given to BHS from BACS for record keeping.
- ⤴ Relinquish Ownership Animal: ***Animal Custody Record*** is filled out and signed by BHS approved representative. The owner signs the form transferring ownership and legal custody to BHS. BHS keeps this form in this animal record on file.
- Release to Rescue: ***Animal Custody Record*** is filled out by the releasing rescue and BHS. Both rescues keep a copy on file.

****Bite cases or reported aggression issues will be reviewed on an individual bases and decided on by the Board of Directors****