



Animal Intake Policy

Virginia Paws for Pits

- Our primary focus is rescuing animals from shelters who are being forced to euthanize for space or time.
- Committing to dogs that will be pulled into rescue program is assigned to President of the organization. In her absence the Treasurer can also make this decision. All board members must be aware of intent to rescue within 24 hours of a commitment being made.
- We commit to animals after temperament evaluations are completed by matching them with an available foster home. Our ultimate goal for each dog is to have an approved foster home and a back up foster home available in case he/she is not a good fit.
- We recommend and provide detailed information on slow proper introductions to set new dogs and resident dogs up for a successful relationship.
- We DO NOT pull dogs from shelters to specifically place into boarding unless it is a matter of life and death and there is a sponsor to cover the cost of boarding.
- Animals will be fully immunized with age appropriate vaccines prior to intake or no later than 2 weeks upon being placed in foster home. Unless the animal is pregnant/nursing or has health concerns that warrant delaying vaccines per a veterinarians recommendation.
- Adult animals will be spayed or neutered prior to intake or no later than 2 weeks upon being placed in foster home. Unless the animal is pregnant/nursing or has health concerns that warrant delaying the surgery per a veterinarians recommendation.
- Puppies will remain in foster care until old enough for spay/neuter. Applicants wishing to adopt a puppy prior to spay/neuter must sign foster agreement and cannot finalize adoption until he/she has been altered.
- We do not have a physical shelter or adoption facility and rely entirely on foster homes.