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Paws for Seniors predominantly rescues senior cats and dogs age 7 or above, addresses their medical needs and rehomes them to qualified applicants. We are committed to the pets that we bring into Paws for Seniors for life and we do not euthanize unless it is for health reasons and it is accomplished by a licensed veterinarian. We receive our pets from shelters, other rescues, and citizens. Many of these pets come from citizens who have lost their homes, seniors that need to go into assisted living, hospice cases, and citizens that have passed away. Sometimes we get younger pets in as we cater to the senior community and they don't always have senior pets. Every pet, (Cat or Dog) receives a microchip and they are spayed or neutered before adoption. We also ensure that they are healthy and up to date on vaccinations and the new adopter is briefed on any continuing medical needs. In general we do not take in any aggressive or bully breeds as we typically cannot find a foster home for them. The dogs and cats that we rescue are usually small, under 30 pounds.

Intake Policy:

Owner Surrenders: We receive surrender request via our Facebook page, telephone calls, and web site. We interview the owner and make a decision on whether we can go forward in bringing the pet into the Paws for Seniors program. This is predicated on space available in a foster home, Breed, Medical issues, and behavioral issues.

Paws for Seniors has an Owner Release form that includes the names of all individuals who have a legal right to the pet and agree to the surrender of the pet to Paws for Seniors. We also ask the reason for the surrender, any health, or behavioral issues. Furthermore our surrender form includes a bite history section specifically asking if the pet has ever bitten anyone. We attempt to gather all medical records and the name of Veterinarians that have treated the pet. We scan and research the microchip if the animal has one. Once the pet is in our custody it is quarantined until an Intake exam with blood work is performed and an over-all evaluation of the pet's behavior.

Transfers from Shelters and Rescues: We receive transfer requests via our Facebook page, telephone calls, and web site. We evaluate the pet which is again based on space available in a foster home, breed, medical issues, and behavioral issues. In the case of County Shelters, we sign for the transfer using the Animal Control Facility Transfer form. For other rescue organizations, we sign for the transfer using their transfer form. If a small rescue does not have a transfer form we provide one for them. All intakes, as well as outcomes, are tracked in the Paws for Seniors, Rescue.org database.