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Paws for Seniors Intake Policy

Paws for Seniors is a Non-profit 501 c 3 organization that was incorporated in the state of Virginia in January of 2012. Our primary mission is rescuing senior pets from shelters and owner surrenders, addressing their medical and finding them new homes through our adoption process. We do not euthanize except for medical reasons or extreme behavioral issues that may be a danger to the public. We always consult a licensed veterinarian who plays a part in the "end of life" decision. All dogs and cats reside in foster homes until they are adopted.

Intake Decisions

Intake decisions are made after review of medical records (if available) and an interview with the owner or the transferring shelter manager.

The Paws for Seniors' directors discuss and vote on all intakes, taking in consideration of the following:

1. Adoptability
2. Funds available to address medical needs or perceived medical needs
3. Availability of a foster home
4. Urgency of the Owner surrendering the pet (Owner Surrenders)
5. Estimate of turn-around time to adopt.

Stray policy – If a stray is found by Paws for Seniors:

1. Notify local shelters for guidance and alert
2. Abide by the Stray Hold Policy as indicated by Virginia Law.
3. Scan for Microchip and attempt to find the owner
4. Post in local "lost dog" internet and facebook sites
5. If no claim - then Intake Animal as a stray