**Gray Face Acres Senior Dog Rescue (GFA) Intake Policy**

**How GFA Finds Dogs**

GFA dogs come from shelters, owner surrenders, and occasionally as strays.

GFA has developed relationships with shelters, primarily in the VA/MD/WV areas. Occasionally, dogs come to us from other nearby states.

**How GFA Decides Which Dogs To Bring In**

Potential GFA dogs are identified by GFA’s Intake Coordinators from requests from shelters and owners. For strays, we ask the finder if they have performed the required reporting and stray hold if applicable. We consider any medical and behavioral information available. If we feel we can offer the necessary assistance and can find a suitable foster home, we will accept the dog. We have no set rules as to what medical conditions are acceptable or not acceptable, it is case-by-case. We do not knowingly accept dogs that could endanger foster or adopters.

**Intake Process**

We accept intake requests via email and phone. For each request, we gather all medical and behavioral information available, as well as photos and/or video of the dog. If we feel we can assist, we locate a suitable foster home. If a foster home is found, we commit to the dog. If it is a shelter transfer, we complete appropriate documents to legally intake the dog. If it is an owner surrender, the owner completes a surrender agreement which irrevocably relinquishes to dog to our care.

Physical transport is arranged to the foster home, where we will then provide full medical care and behavioral training if required. All necessary documents regarding the dog from the shelter will transfer to us. The foster home provides food, shelter, and safety with our support until the dog is either adopted or deemed unadoptable/sanctuary.