

Margaret's Saving Grace Bully Rescue Animal Intake Policy

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Approved By: Founders / Board of Directors

1. Purpose

Margaret's Saving Grace Bully Rescue (MSGBR) is a foster-based nonprofit animal rescue organization. This Animal Intake Policy establishes ethical and operational standards for accepting animals into rescue care while ensuring animal welfare, public safety, and responsible use of resources.

2. Intake Philosophy

MSGBR operates as a capacity-based rescue. Animals are accepted only when foster placement, medical care, and safety standards can be met. Intake decisions prioritize quality of care over volume.

3. Sources of Intake

Animals may be accepted from municipal shelters, owner surrenders, emergency cases, rescue transfers, or special circumstances approved by leadership. All intakes are pre-approved.

4. Intake Review Process

Each potential intake is reviewed for medical, behavioral, logistical, and safety considerations. MSGBR reserves the right to decline intake when capacity or safety standards cannot be met.

5. Intake Documentation

Records maintained include intake source and date, identifying details, medical history, behavioral notes, and foster placement information in compliance with state regulations.

6. Medical Intake Protocol

Animals receive veterinary assessment and care appropriate to their condition, including vaccinations, parasite treatment, quarantine if needed, and spay/neuter planning.

7. Foster Placement

All animals are placed in approved foster homes. Animals remain under the legal responsibility of MSGBR while in foster care.

8. Behavioral Assessment & Safety

Behavioral assessment is ongoing through foster observation. MSGBR may implement training plans or seek professional support as needed to ensure safety.

9. Intake Limitations

MSGBR does not operate as an open-intake facility and may pause or limit intakes during capacity strain.

10. Compliance

This policy complies with VDACS regulations, applicable state laws, and nonprofit best practices.

11. Policy Review

This policy is reviewed and updated periodically to reflect operational or regulatory changes.