

PAWS WIDE OPEN RESCUE INTAKE POLICY

PAWS Wide Open Rescue's mission is to rescue dogs. Our goals are to get dogs adopted, to advocate for these voiceless animals, to promote the importance of foster programs, to volunteer in the community and beyond, and to encourage people to donate so we can continue our lifesaving work. PAWS Wide Open Rescue intakes dogs from high kill shelters, as well as from independent rescuers based in Puerto Rico. PAWS Wide Open Rescue is a foster based organization and does not own or operate a brick and mortar facility. All dogs are accepted on a case-by-case basis.

PAWS Wide Open Rescue only accepts dogs deemed to be adoptable by the intake committee, which consists of Martene Hogan and Jessica Jones. Criteria used by the intake committee include the age, health, and temperament of the dog, the rescue's financial situation, and availability of approved fosters and adopters.

PAWS Wide Open Rescue does not accept stray dogs found by private individuals under any circumstance.

Dogs previously adopted from PAWS Wide Open Rescue may be returned subject to the terms of the Adoption Contract signed at the time of the adoption and at the discretion of the intake committee.

PAWS Wide Open Rescue volunteers are not permitted to initiate intake of a dog on the rescue's behalf without the written approval of the intake committee.

Intake procedures and policies are determined by the PAWS Wide Open Rescue Board of Directors and may be reviewed periodically at the Board's discretion.