Rappahannock Animal Welfare League Intake Policy

RAWL operates the daily operations of the Rappahannock County Pound and acts as a releasing agency to dogs that have not been reclaimed by their owners. RAWL is a “limited access facility” due to its small size. Strays are on an open door policy to Rappahannock County residents who show proof of residency or via The Animal Control Officers.

Owner releases are accepted as space allows and residency. However, any animal in immediate danger, in poor or unhealthy condition will be immediately accepted.

Upon intake all stray/owner released dogs are to be checked for health evaluation including but not limited to: check teeth, gums, eyes, parasites and disposition. They are scanned for a micro-chip and logged in, a custody record created, intake form completed and owner release form as necessary and placed in a clean kennel with water, food and clean bedding. Paper work is to be put in the custody record binder.

At this time due to inadequate facilities cats are not accepted. However, if you have found a sick or injured cat/kitten please call the Rappahannock County Animal Control. 540-675-5300