



Intake Policy

The Animal Adoption & Rescue Foundation (AARF) is a limited admission canine rescue, meaning that AARF does not accept dogs if foster homes are not available. The decision to accept a dog into AARF's care is based on space in the foster home network, adoptability and/or resources for rehabilitation.

Intake Sources

AARF receives dogs from the following sources:

- ~~Partner Organizations of Metro Richmond Pet Savers¹~~
- ~~In-State Facilities with Euthanasia Rates > 60% and Transfer Rates < 20% most recently reported²~~
- Community members seeking to surrender a dog with priority to animals adopted through AARF,
- Community members seeking to aid a lost or abandoned dog,
- Out of State Facilities on an exception basis only.

Intake Approval

The decision to accept an animal into AARF's care must be approved by two ~~(3)~~ Executive Committee Members prior to any verbal or written agreement to admit an animal into AARF (*Executive Committee Contact Info: Appendix A*).

The Intake Approval Policy is intended to ensure a balanced selection of temperaments within the AARF's inventory of adoption ready dogs.

Legal Exchange of Animal

Animal Shelters and Animal Control Facilities

Animals released from Shelters or Facilities require a Transfer of Ownership or Release Form as required by §3.2-6557.B of the Code of Virginia. The form is mandated to include: the Name of Shelter/Facility, the Original Intake Date, the Original Intake Reason and Animal Description (Breed, Color/Markings, Sex, Approx Age and Approx Weight). Upon transfer to AARF, the form must include: AARF's name, the Date of Transfer and any provided medical services. (Note: Forms differ by locality, content does not.)

Owner Surrender and Returned Adoptees

Animals relinquished by community members, former adopters or AARF volunteers must complete an Owner Surrender Agreement (*Appendix B*).

¹ List of Metro Richmond Pet Saver Partner Organizations

² VDACS Online Animal Reporting Records