

Animal Intake Policy

Purpose:

This policy sets forth the standards and guidelines as applied to any dog entering into the HoundSong Rescue program either for adoption or temporary care. This policy expresses the expectations of persons representing the HoundSong Rescue organization whether this representation be explicit or implied. This policy is subject to review solely by vote by active board officers and is not subject to interpretation by individuals representing HoundSong Rescue without expressed permission and/or consideration by active board members. *(For the purpose of this policy the terms HoundSong Rescue and HSR shall be considered synonymous)*

This policy covers:

- General Policy Standards.
- Dog Breeds
- Dog Age
- Dog Temperament
- Dog Health
- Primary officers

General

All dogs entering the HSR program will do so under the express order of intake coordination personnel. Individuals representing the HSR organization do not have authority to place dogs into the HSR program without express consent or order of intake personnel. All dogs brought into the program without such consent will be removed and shall not be considered for management or care by the HSR organization.

Dog Breeds

All dogs considered for inclusion in the HSR Rescue Program shall be:

1. Pure Bred Beagles
2. One of the Six Coonhound Breeds as listed
 - a. Black and Tan Coonhound
 - b. RedBone Coonhound
 - c. Bluetick Coonhound
 - d. Red Tick (English) Coonhound
 - e. Plott Hound
 - f. Treeing Walker Coonhound
3. Dogs of mixed heritage/ breeds must be primarily characteristic of one of the above Breeds and be unmistakable descendant of one of the above breeds .

Dogs EXCLUDED from consideration are all breeds not listed, dogs not having primary characteristics of above listed breeds and all breeds known to be Hybrid and/or Designer breeds of dog.

Dog Age

Dogs must be less than 5 years of age. All dogs exceeding 5 years of age shall be considered senior animals by the HSR organization. Dogs exceeding this age may be considered and/or accepted under the following condition:

- a. An known and accepted senior foster home is open and available for long term care of the dog.
- b. A review of the dog's inclusion in the HSR program is performed and accepted by a senior intake coordinator.

Dog Temperament

Dogs entering the HSR program will be of adoptable temperament. The HSR organization and any individual representing, whether explicit or implied, the HSR organization WILL NOT accept:

- a. Dogs having been known to have bitten or having a bite history.
- b. Dogs exhibiting aggression towards people
- c. Dogs with a known history of aggression towards other dogs
- d. Dogs exhibiting resource guarding/ food aggression toward people in any severity that makes one believe the dog may cause physical injury.

Dogs thought to be borderline, or dogs being presented by any individual for special considerations must be approved by a senior intake coordinator; and such consideration shall only be made if resources (placement, foster care, management and care of animal) have been sought and/or are provided by the person/persons wishing special consideration to be made.

Dog Health

All Dog's requiring medical care in excess of the following Standard Care options shall be approved by a senior intake coordinator.

- a. DHLPP Vaccine
- b. Rabies Vaccine
- c. Heartworm Testing
- d. Fecal Testing
- e. Spay/ Neuter
- f. Examination

Dog's whose anticipated medical expense shall be in excess of \$750 are subject to board approval before inclusion in the HSR program.

Primary Officers

Primary Officers shall be considered to be active board members and/or officers or those appointed to represent said officers by absentee officers . The authority of primary officers shall not exceed or preempt the authority or decisions of appointed intake coordination personnel in regards to animal intakes except by a majority vote of active board members. Primary Officers are subject to above policy.

