

# THE ROAD TO ADOPTION

## Intake to Adoption: What is the process?

### STRAY

- Stray is dropped off at PHS or picked up by Animal Services.
- The animal is under a "Stray Hold" for 5 days to allow the owner to reclaim their animal.
- The animal will be listed under "PHS Found Pets"
- After the hold period ends, the animal is released to PHS and then the animal is on the pathway to adoption.

#### What happens during this time?

- Wellness Exam
- Vaccines, Deworming & Flea Treatment
- Microchip scan
- Photo for our website.



### MEDICAL & VET EXAM

- All animals receive regular wellness exams as needed.
- Our Shelter Veterinarian vet comes in to do thorough exams, to diagnose and treat medical conditions and clear animals for adoption.



#### What happens during this time?

- Follow-up exams.
- Boosters for vaccines & parasite prevention.
- Microchipping.
- Rabies Vaccines
- Any other medical treatment as needed.

### BEHAVIOUR OBSERVATIONS

The best part of our job is getting to know the animals in our care. We spend time getting to know their personalities, their likes and dislikes, who they like to be around and what the type of home would best suit their needs.

### SPAY & NEUTER

All animals adopted from PHS are spayed and neutered. This important step helps prevent pet over-population and other possible health issues. They also receive another thorough health exam under anesthesia.



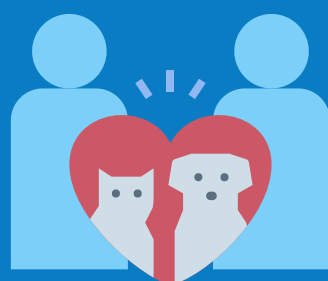
#### Things to consider:

- All animals have a few days of pain management and observation after their surgeries.
- Sometimes animals need more time after their surgery to be ready for adoption.

### ADOPTION

Hoorah! The animal has been cleared for adoption and is now ready to find their forever family!

- Every animal will be uploaded to our adoption page with a photo and a description.
- The Adoption Counsellor will accept and look over applications in order to find a perfect match.
- Meet and Greets will be conducted to make sure everyone gets along including dog to dog meet and greets.
- Take your new furriend home!



### WHY DO ANIMALS SOMETIMES TAKE A LONGER TIME TO GO UP FOR ADOPTION?

- The animal needs more time to settle in.
- Pregnancy or comes in with young babies.
- Illness or injury that requires lengthy medical treatment.
- Waiting for surgery spots for specialized surgeries (dental, amputation etc...)