

Ordinance 18-952  
Huntsville Animal Services Policies, Programs and Procedures

The policies, programs, procedures, and activities of HAS, as established by the director, shall be in furtherance of advancing the following goals:

- (1) Maximize the live release of all healthy and treatable domestic animals received into HAS care;
- (2) Development of routine and positive relationships with private animal rescue organizations to pursue joint programs that facilitate the release of HAS animals into the care of the partner agencies as a component of the department's active foster and adoption programs;
- (3) Intake procedures of domestic animals that meet modern standards for shelter medicine and seek to identify the owner of owned domestic animals. All methods of identification should be attempted at intake, including use of microchips and similar emerging technologies;
- (4) Foster care programs to provide for the temporary care of HAS animals during mandatory hold periods and while awaiting adoption;
- (5) Pre-selection of HAS animals for permanent care solutions during mandatory hold periods.
- (6) A single web-based source for listing and advertising all domestic animals at HAS to include initial listing as a component of intake processing of all animals and ensure daily updates to the site;
- (7) Defined standards of care of all domestic animals housed at HAS that meet the standards for modern shelter medicine;
- (8) Accurate record keeping of all animals housed at HAS. Publish interim monthly reports providing outcomes for animals received at HAS; and following audit, publish an annual report (calendar year based) providing aggregated annual statistics for all animals received and their outcomes. Reports shall be published on the City of Huntsville website for free, public access; and
- (9) Required director approval before any euthanasia procedure. Authority to perform euthanasia shall be retained by the director. The euthanasia policy shall include all conditions that must be met prior to conducting any euthanasia procedure.