



# *Humane Society of Goodhue County*

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## Transfer Policy – Outgoing Animals

Approved by the Board of Directors 3/13/13

Animals will only be transferred to organizations that meet the following requirements:

- Are registered 501c3 nonprofits.
- Are compliant with all applicable local laws/statutes/rules.
- Have a good working relationship with a veterinarian.
- Have a care/foster/adoption plan for the animal.
- Have a good, respectful working relationship with the Humane Society of Goodhue County.

The following types of animals ARE generally available for transfer:

- Animals with behavioral or health needs that cannot be met in the shelter but that could be addressed in a foster environment.
- Animals that have been available for adoption at the Humane Society of Goodhue County for a time period greater than 3 months.
- Numbers of animals that exceed our licensed and logistical capacity.

The following types of animals will generally NOT be transferred out (exceptions will be made on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Executive Director, taking the particular animal and rescue into consideration):

- Animals that are very likely to be adopted successfully directly from the Humane Society of Goodhue County. (Typically puppies, kittens, small breed dogs, and pure bred animals.)
- Animals that pose a danger to the community, including “deemed dangerous” dogs.
- Animals that are prohibited or restricted in the rescue’s local area.
- Animals with contagious & incurable illnesses. This includes cats with Feline Leukemia, and FIV.

Rescues and Shelters transferring animals from the Humane Society of Goodhue County must agree to the following conditions:

- The animal may not have been checked by a Veterinarian prior to transfer.
- The rescue organization will provide humane care and treatment for this animal.
- The animal must be spayed/neutered prior to release from the rescue organization. Proof of this must be provided upon demand.
- The transfer is permanent and the rescue organization is solely responsible for the food, care, veterinary expenses, and future placement of this animal.
- The rescue organization assumes responsibility for the animal and may make no financial or liability claims to the Humane Society regarding the animal.
- The Humane Society of Goodhue County has the right to request a home visit and/or to otherwise see the animal or inquire about it at any time.



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### Transfer Policy – Incoming Animals

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The Humane Society of Goodhue County will accept animals from other shelters and rescues on a case-by-case basis as space and resources permit.

The primary area of our focus is Goodhue County and the surrounding counties so our transfer policies are structured accordingly. We will accept animals from areas within the upper Midwest (MN, WI, IA, ND, SD, NE, KS, MO, IL, IN, MI) with the highest priority being given to those animals closest to us.

Priority will be given to those animals we feel most likely to do well in our facility and who are most likely to be adopted within a short period of time.

The following types of animals will NOT be accepted to be transferred in:

- Animals that pose a danger to the community, including “deemed dangerous” dogs.
- Animals that are prohibited or restricted in our area, including wolf-hybrids.
- Animals with contagious & incurable illnesses. This includes cats with Feline Leukemia, and FIV.

All incoming animals are evaluated for their physical health and behavior and all subsequent decisions to place an animal for adoption, transfer it to another agency, or to have it humanely euthanized are solely at the discretion of the Humane Society of Goodhue County.