



## Intake Policy

Every rescue has to work within the resources available, it is difficult when faced with an overwhelming number of abandoned dogs not to overcommit and consequently help fewer dogs than intended. Our intake policy is designed to help as many dogs as possible within the resources we can find.

We are looking forward to the day when all dogs can enjoy a happy life, free from the threat of being abandoned and having to spend time in kennels. Until that day comes, we save as many dogs as possible, prioritising those we know we can find a forever home for, who without us, would be most at risk of destruction.

Caring for hundred's of dogs a year, we take in unclaimed stray dogs of all shapes and sizes, as long as we know we can rehome them safely, and that their wellbeing will not suffer during their time in kennels.

We are not breed specific when selecting dogs for intake, and generally look for dogs that have a good temperament have manageable health conditions and are able to share kennels.

There is nothing more rewarding than seeing a dog that we have cared for and loved, find their forever home.

But just as all caring dog owners know, if their dog is suffering and there is no hope of him or her recovering, then the kindest thing to do is to put them to sleep. Sometimes, despite our best efforts, we too have to make the same heart-breaking decision.

Putting a dog to sleep is never a decision that we make lightly, it is only after we have tried everything we can. It isn't a quick decision; it comes after exhaustive discussions with everyone involved in that dog's care.

We are the only organisation on Merseyside willing to take in high numbers of local stray dogs, without us, there would be no one to care for them.