

Behavior Euthanasia SOP

Stray Hearts will have a Euthanasia Committee (EC) to determine if Behavioral Euthanasia (BE) is the most humane choice for aggressive, feral, or suffering dogs in our care. The EC shall consist of the Executive Director/Operations Director, Shelter Manager, Resident Vet or Clinic Manager, Certified Trainer, and Kennel Manager. The Board of Directors will elect a liaison to serve as a point of contact if there are any concerns or complaints because of the committee's decision. After discussion of the dog's history, quality of life, and risk to themselves and the community, the committee will take a vote about BE. No members may abstain. If the EC decides to proceed with BE: a date must be set, staff and volunteers will be informed, and a plan will be in place to make the dog's transition as stress free as possible.

- 1) Is the animal on behavioral medication? For how long?
 - If less than a month, revisit the following month.
 - If over a month, have we seen a noticeable change?
- 2) Have we given the animal a focused, systematic behavior modification plan?
 - If yes, have we worked consistently on this plan for more than a month?
 - If no, create a plan and revisit.
- 3) Does the animal have a bite history?
 - What is the bite level on the Ian Dunbar scale?
 - Does the animal show any warning signs prior to bite or attempted bite?
 - Was it towards a dog, a child or and adult?
 - What was the circumstance?
- 4) Have we provided the animal with ample medical care, mental enrichment, food/water, and exercise?
- 5) Is there an underlying medical issue?
- 6) If the animal cannot be safely handled at intake it will be refused. This will prevent dangerous, feral animals from ending up in our care.
- 7) If the animal was fearful at intake, has there been a quality-of-life assessment? Would keeping the dog at the shelter cause undue suffering and slim chances of future adoption?
- 8) Have we reached out to partner organizations/fosters/staff to see if anyone would be willing to provide a safe home for this dog with full knowledge of the liabilities and responsibilities of adoption?

- Only do this if the dog does not pose a risk to the community.
- If not, assign someone to do so and revisit.

Local Rescues:

www.rottenrottie.com - Rottweiler
www.rottierescuesnm.com - Rottweiler
www.rottweilerrescuefoundation.org - Rottweiler
 Rottweilers if Las Vegas - 702-462-0050
www.obesangelsrescue.com
www.wmranch.org
<https://www.southwesternrottweilerclub.com/rescue> - rottweiler
<https://www.rescueme.org/> - all
<https://www.sierracountyanimalrescuesociety.com/newmexicorescue.html> - all
<https://www.pbrc.net/> - Pit Bull
<http://popb.org/> - Pit Bull
<https://www.southwesternanimalrescue.org/> - All
<https://www.swmetroanimalrescue.org/> - All
<https://www.highdesertdog.com/southwest-rescues.html> - All
<https://underdogrescuemoab.org/> - All
<https://bestfriends.org/> -All
<https://bcsave.org/> - border collie
<https://bcrrt.com/> - border collie
<https://wbcrecue.org/> - border collie
<https://brbcr.org/> - border collie
<https://www.coonhoundrescue.com/> - hound
<https://www.abqboxer911.org/> - boxer
<https://animalhumanenm.org/outreach/resources/breed-rescue-groups/> - all
www.nmsiberianrescue.com - Siberian Husky
<https://gsdrcnm.org/> - German Shepherd
<https://www.rockymountainlabrescue.com/> - Lab rescue
<https://chowchow.rescueme.org/newmexico> - Chow
<https://www.enchantmentrescueld.com/> - Chihuahua
<https://coloradoheelers-sophie.com/public/Dogs/ViewDogs.aspx> - cattle dog