



Making a Difference One Pet at a Time

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POLICY ON EUTHANASIA

Humane euthanasia may be necessary within the Adoptable Pet Program (BAM's HART), ONLY in the situation of unrecoverable illness or aggression.

In the case of elderly or ill foster pets, the foster parent(s) of the pet is asked to notify the Foster Care Coordinator and/or the organization President when changes in behavior and general health occur. Veterinary guidance will be sought to determine if medical care is available and humane to extend life. Only when the Foster Care Coordinator or the President AND the overseeing Veterinarian concur, or when a Veterinarian recommends euthanasia, is such a course taken.

The same process of Foster Care Coordinator's and/or President's guidance, with that of Veterinarian(s) are sought in the rare instance of unexpected illness or injury in a younger pet. When necessary the entire Board of Directors will be given a pet's entire history to determine if quality of life remains, or if euthanasia is the best and most humane course of action.

In a case of aggression, should a dog in the foster program become aggressive while in our care, the Board will discuss training and/or treatment as appropriate for the individual pet. Should professional intervention(s) not succeed, the dog's aggression and complete history as we know it will be presented to the Board for determining the need of euthanasia or any additional option(s) (such as transfer to a trainer or better equipped breed specific rescue, etc.).

In the rare instance that a dog has developed aggression while in our care and come in ill-contact with the public and/or been reported to municipal animal control, the dog will be humanely euthanized if determined necessary by a court of law, or by a municipal order.