



BECAUSE ANIMALS MATTER

Hurricane Valley Humane

POLICY FOR BAM DOGS FOUND IN ANIMAL SHELTERS

It has happened on occasion that BAM foster and adopted dogs have been discovered in possession of local Animal Control. Below are specifications to the appropriate steps if you learn that Animal Control is holding your foster dog, or a dog you know to have been adopted from BAM. Also included is BAM's policy on how these situations will be handled.

Steps you should take if local Animal Control has picked up your foster dog:

1. contact BAM's Foster Care Coordinator (J Schilling, 435.773.5209 and/or j@bamutah.com or via Facebook Messenger)
2. contact Animal Control to verify that the dog in their care is a foster dog for BAM
3. find out if there is a necessary hold or quarantine period before the dog can be picked up
4. let the Foster Care Coordinator know of any fees associated, and any hold or quarantine period the dog may be subject to
5. retrieve the dog from Animal Control at earliest possible time

Should the Foster Care Coordinator determine she/he or another BAM official need to make contact with Animal Control (rather than you as the foster parent) that is permitted by this policy.

Steps taken if Animal Control has for hold, quarantine or adoption a dog known to have been adopted from BAM:

1. any foster parent, volunteer, or person familiar with BAM's pets should contact the BAM Foster Care Coordinator (FCC), or another BAM officer should the FCC not be available, if they learn Animal Control has a dog known to have been adopted from BAM.
2. the FCC or other officer will make contact with Shelter staff at earliest convenience to communicate BAM's relationship with the dog, and supply the signed adoption contract to the Shelter staff as needed.
3. in the instance BAM has vacancy with the original foster care provider, that volunteer will be asked to foster the dog again until his/her new adoption date.

If the dog was in care at That BAM Place, or if the original foster care provider is not able to care for the dog, BAM will take the dog back into care at the adoption center as space permits, or attempt to

locate a secondary foster home for the dog.

4. Animal Control may have a pending adoption with this former BAM dog, or may simply not permit BAM to repossess the dog despite our proof of signed contract and other related evidence. If this occurs BAM will forego its ownership rights of the dog ONLY if the dog is to be placed in an adoptive home. BAM will not allow the dog to be euthanized at a municipal Shelter when his/her welfare remains as BAM's responsibility. If BAM is concerned that the dog in question will be euthanized the BAM FCC or other officer will speak with Shelter and City/Police officials to ensure the safe relinquishment of the dog back to BAM. This policy authorizes BAM to pay the appropriate adoption fee as the Shelter/City or County find necessary to secure the pet's welfare.