



Adoption

How do I adopt a pet?

1. Visit CThumane.org/adopt to see who is currently available at each location.
2. Visit CHS to meet the pet and talk with an adoption counselor.
3. Complete an adoption questionnaire.

Are the adoptable pets spayed or neutered?

Yes, all of the cats and dogs are spayed or neutered before they are made available for adoption. They are also current on recommended vaccines for their age.

Intake

Where do the adoptable pets come from?

Pets come to CHS through surrender by private citizens, abandonment, or cooperative efforts with municipal animal control or other non-profit rescue groups.

How do you decide which pets you take in?

Intake decisions are based upon an initial conversation with the client and an "at the door" temperament assessment of the pet. CHS is not able to take in all of the pets that come through our doors. Please call the location that is closest to your home to schedule a surrender appointment to see if your pet is a candidate for our adoption program.

Do you take in stray dogs?

Per state law, we cannot take in stray dogs. Stray dogs must be brought to your local Animal Control department in the event that their owner has filed a lost pet report.

Volunteering

How do I become a volunteer?

Volunteer openings vary by location and are constantly changing. Visit CThumane.org/volunteer to see a current list of openings and the requirements for each position. All volunteers must be 18 or older.

How can someone under 18 years old get involved?

Youth can visit CThumane.org to learn more about service learning opportunities.

FAQs for Ambassadors



General

Is CHS a "chapter" of any national groups like the HSUS or ASPCA?

No, CHS is not affiliated with any national organizations. It is a local non-profit that provides immediate and critical services to pets in our community.

How is CHS funded?

CHS is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) charity and does not receive any federal, state or municipal funds through tax dollars. CHS is funded by generous supporters, corporations and foundations to continue our lifesaving efforts.

Are you a "no-kill" organization?

CHS discourages the use of the phrase "no-kill" because the term is very misleading. CHS is a limited euthanasia organization, with a 96.5% adoption rate. CHS does not euthanize animals for lack of space, for age, for breed or for time limits. However, we have a responsibility to ensure that dangerous animals are not placed in the community and that no pet suffers from a medical condition that is beyond our ability to provide treatment.

How do I report animal cruelty and neglect?

By law, municipal Animal Control personnel are responsible for enforcing animal cruelty laws. Reports of cruelty and neglect should be directed to the animal control office in the town where the situation has occurred.

Veterinary/Clinic

Does CHS offer free or reduced cost veterinary care to the public?

Yes. The Fox Memorial Clinic is a low-fee, non-emergency, veterinary hospital in Newington. The Clinic offers a full range of services including general wellness programs, vaccine clinics, and diagnostics.