**Adoption**

**How do I adopt a pet?**

1. Visit CThumane.org/adopt to see pets currently available at each location.
2. Visit CHS to meet the pet and talk with an adoption counselor. Westport requires appointments, due to staffing shortages.
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 from families who can no longer take care of them, municipal animal control shelters, and private rescue partners.

## How do you decide which pets you take in?

Pet intake is based on space and resources available at CHS at the time, and takes into consideration all the known information about the pet, as well as a temperament assessment when the pet arrives for an intake appointment. Please call the location that is closest to your home to schedule a surrender appointment to see if your pet is a candidate for adoption.

## Do you take in stray animals?

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.

CHS does not take in feral cats, nor do we typically participate in Trap-Neuture-Release programs, as our mission is focused on placing pets in homes and keeping them there.

**Veterinary/Clinic**

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

Yes. The Fox Memorial Clinic is CHS’ low-fee veterinary facility in Newington. The clinic offers a full range of services including wellness exams, preventative treatments; spay/neuter services, vaccine clinics and diagnostics. The Clinic is NOT an emergency facility. If your pet needs urgent care, contact the emergency veterinary clinic closest to your home. Pop-up clinics occur Spring - Fall around the state.

# General

## How do I report animal cruelty and neglect?

By law, municipal Animal Control officers are responsible for investigating and enforcing animal cruelty laws. Reports of cruelty and neglect should be directed to the animal control office at the police department in the town where the abuse is suspected.

## Is CHS a "chapter" of a national group, like the HSUS or ASPCA?

CHS is not affiliated with any national animal welfare groups. It is an independent nonprofit with locations in Newington, Waterford, and Westport that provides critical services to pets in your community. Supporting your local shelter supports local pets and the families who love them.

## How is CHS funded?

Incorporated in 1881, CHS is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) charity funded by generous supporters, foundations, and adoption fees. CHS spends 100% of every donated dollar on the care for each pet in our adoption centers. The organization does not receive municipal financial support
or funding from national animal welfare organizations.

## Are you a "no-kill" organization?

CHS does not euthanize for time, space, breed, or age. However, sometimes CHS must make the decision to end a pet’s suffering, just like families must for their own pets. If a pet is unable to be helped through medical and behavioral intervention, or if a pet is a danger to the community, euthanasia is considered, but only after all medical and behavioral avenues are pursued.

CHS does provide medical rehabilitation, behavioral rehabilitation, enrichment and training programs, and has developed cooperative efforts with other animal welfare organizations and rescue groups to ensure the successful placement of nearly all of the pets that come through the doors.