

## **DANGEROUS / AGGRESSIVE DOG POLICY**

GCHS will not accept animals that are considered and defined as vicious as mandated by city ordinances and state statutes. Any animal that is turned over to GCHS for aggressive behavior or with a known history of unprovoked attacks, either towards persons or other animals and is considered to be a threat to the public, will only be handled by staff. These animals may not be made available for adoption until the following conditions have been met:

- A dog must pass the initial temperament assessment test; if the dog does not pass the test then additional training and rehabilitation will be used to help dogs with behavior challenges.
- If behavior has improved an additional temperament assessment test will be conducted to determine if dog is adoptable.
- If a dog is considered adoptable, all prior aggressive behaviors must be disclosed to any potential adopter.
- Adopters will sign a disclaimer relinquishing GCHS of further liability.
- If a dog is returned for any aggressive behaviors, and is determined to be a threat to public safety or other animals, the animal will be referred to the Euthanasia Committee for a recommendation.

Every attempt will be made, within the resources of GCHS to rehabilitate a dog and make it adoptable or find an approved rescue or sanctuary that can continue positive socialization and training. However, if a dog continues to exhibit aggressive, unprovoked and unpredictable behavior, GCHS will adhere to local and state statutes.

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