



Admission Center Glossary

Basic Terminology:

Intake: Animal being processed into the shelter's care

Intake exam: Exam that new intakes receive to assess physical and psychological conditions

Stray: Found animal placed into the shelter's care

Owner Surrender: An animal brought to the shelter's care by owner

RTO: Returned to owner

Transfer: Animal that is transferred to WASPCA or another organization

ACO: Animal Control Officer who enforces animal control laws and protects public safety and health

Seized: Animal taken by animal control and brought into the shelter's care

Bite Quarantine: Animal on a quarantine period for biting a human or other animal

No-Kill Shelter: Animal shelter that does not euthanize healthy or treatable animals due to space

BARC Assessment: Behavior Assessment and Reactivity checklist; A tool used to assess the temperament and behavior of an animal



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Medical Terminology:

Rabies Vaccine: Used to prevent rabies

Canine Distemper Vaccine: Series of vaccines that protect from distemper, adenovirus type 2, and parvovirus

Kennel Cough: Highly contagious respiratory infection that affects dogs

Bordetella Vaccine: Protects dogs from kennel cough

Deworming: Eliminates intestinal parasites

Flea treatment: Administered to animal to prevent and/or kill current fleas

Feline Panleukopenia: A highly contagious and potentially fatal viral disease

FPV: "Feline Panleukopenia Vaccine" ; protects cats from Feline Parvo

URI: Upper Respiratory Infection that is contagious and common in cats

Ringworm: A contagious skin disease caused by fungi; can spread quickly in a shelter environment

Quarantine: Isolation for animals that have been exposed to infectious disease