



## 1. Rescue & Intake Process

- When a **found, stray, or abandoned animal** is reported to OHS, volunteers coordinate transport to a veterinary partner. The animal receives spaying/neutering, vaccinations, deworming, microchipping or tattooing, and a general health evaluation and treatment as needed.
- These animals are then entered into OHS's **rescue program** and placed in foster homes rather than in a shelter facility

## 2. Holding Period & Owner Claims

- Found or abandoned animals are posted on the “**Found Animals**” page of the OHS website and social channels if the owner is unknown.
- The owner can message or contact the person listed to claim their pet within a **specific period** of up to **5 days**
- Owners must pay any incurred vet-partner costs to reclaim their pet, rather than a standard adoption fee

## 3. After the Holding Period - Adoption Steps

- If an animal remains **unclaimed**, it is made available for adoption after that holding period expires.
- OHS is entirely **foster-based**- no central shelter, so unclaimed animals continue to live with foster families until adopted
- Adoption listings, with photos and veterinary-cost-recovery fee details, are posted on OHS's website and Facebook page in real-time

## 4. Adoption Policies & Support

- OHS charges a **Vet Cost Recovery** fee (instead of a flat adoption fee), which covers standard procedures like spay/neuter, vaccination, microchip/tattoo, and exam
- There's a **30-day grace period** after adoption—if things don't work out and the animal is returned within that time, adoption funds are refunded
- Because most animals are in foster care, adopters meet the animal through the foster volunteer and work directly with them when applying