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Re: Second Chance Adoptions.

Dear Mr. Jenner:

In response to your recent inquiry, The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) recommendations on adoption programs have not changed. We would not recommend the transfer of animals to another facility for adoption. There are several reasons for this position:

1. Transport and changes in environment are stressful for the animals that are already experiencing stress from the loss their home,
2. Loss of control and accountability for an animal in your care - you do not control the adoption standards,
3. The practice contributes to the destruction of an agency's public image.

If the most adoptable animals are sent to another agency for adoption, the public will find less desirable and fewer animals will be available at your shelter for adoption.

A shelter that is well managed and offers only healthy, behaviorly sound animals will attract the public for the purpose of adoption. The shelter should have responsible policies with regard to the disposition of each animal in its care, i.e., adoption, return to owner or euthanasia.

For your information I have enclosed a copy of the HSUS revised guidelines on adoption. If I can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Cassidy
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Director
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