

**Animal Advisory Committee, January 13, 2015**

*Voted: to Recommend to the Board of Selectmen the Policy on Transfer of Companion Animals*

***Policy on Transfer of Companion Animals from the Shelter to Another Shelter or Rescue Organization***

The Rehoboth Shelter views adopting companion animals out as the most desirable outcome. Transfer of companion animals will be kept to a minimum. However, the shelter will transfer an animal to another shelter or organization when doing so offers that animal a better choice, for example, when a breed-specific or other specialized rescue organization presents an advantage to the animal.

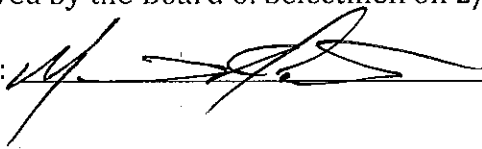
Each animal will be evaluated medically and behaviorally before decisions are made, according to current professional standards for shelters.

Rehoboth will participate in reciprocal animal exchange relationships with other public shelters.

Transfers within Massachusetts and Rhode Island will be favored.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on 2/17/15

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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