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Policy

Our priority order for managing impounded companion animals will be:

- Priority 1 - Reunite impounded animals as quickly as possible with their owners
- Priority 2 - Rehome impounded animals to new owners as quickly as possible
- Priority 3 - Remove price barriers to animal adoption
- Priority 4 - Animals which are untreatably sick, old, or deemed unsuitable for rehoming are to be euthanased at the end of the mandatory holding period. For other impounded animals, euthanasia will be considered on a case by case basis: we will ensure all avenues to rehome an animal are exhausted before euthanasia is considered.

Policy Scope:

This policy applies to all companion animals that enter the Blacktown Animal Holding Facility.

This policy also does not apply to feral or infant animals (refer to P000463.3 Management of Feral and Infant Companion Animals)

Procedure

- a. All alternatives to rehome an animal, that can be practicably implemented, are to be exhausted and documented for each animal.
- b. Euthanasia will only be considered an option when the kennels and cattery are at capacity and there is no interest in the animal even when, as a last resort, it is offered for free.
- c. Exceptions: animals which are untreatably sick, old, or deemed

unsuitable for rehoming.

Related Delegations

Related Documents NSW Companion Animals Act 1998

P000463.3 Management of Feral and Infant Companion Animals

P000501 Desexing Policy