



St Giles Animal Welfare

Policy for the Intake of Ex-Puppy Farm and Commercial Breeding Dogs.

Purpose

This policy sets out the circumstances under which St Giles Animal Welfare will accept dogs from puppy farms, commercial breeding establishments, transport organisations, local authorities, enforcement agencies, and private breeders.

Intake Priorities

1. Emergency welfare cases where dogs have urgent health or welfare concerns.
2. Closure of puppy farms or breeding establishments where dogs require rehoming.
3. Local authority or enforcement intervention, including licence compliance, licence revocation, or closure orders.
4. Dogs referred by recognised transport organisations where welfare needs justify intervention.

Information Required

The rescue must record the dog's identity, microchip number, health status, veterinary history, behavioural concerns, breeding history, source details, reason for surrender, and any relevant licensing or enforcement information.



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Ownership Transfer

No dog shall be accepted without appropriate surrender or transfer documentation unless transferred by a statutory authority. For dogs originating from Wales, previous owner details must be recorded and a transfer of ownership document retained.

Veterinary Assessment

All dogs must receive a welfare assessment, microchip scan, veterinary examination, and any necessary treatment.

Record Keeping

All intake, ownership, veterinary, and rehoming records should be retained for a minimum of seven years.

Policy Statement

St Giles Animal Welfare will prioritise dogs with significant welfare needs, dogs affected by puppy farm closures, and dogs requiring rehoming due to local authority or enforcement action, ensuring full traceability and legal compliance