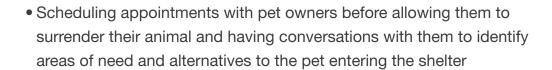
## **Strategic or Managed Intake:** Saving Resources and Lives

Currently, most shelters operate under a limited or open admission system in which they take in abandoned, lost, stray or surrendered animals and attempt to find homes for them, while managing available resources and space. If shelters convert to a strategic, or managed, intake model, they can better serve their communities, save more lives and keep more pets with their well-intentioned and loving families.

What is strategic or managed intake? In a nutshell, it's a method of animal intake that attempts to limit the number of abandoned and surrendered animals entering shelters, and that supports pet owners to help them keep their pets.

## **EXAMPLES OF STRATEGIC OR MANAGED INTAKE IN PRACTICE:**







• Expanding services (e.g., pet food pantry, low-cost spay/neuter) offered to pet owners to help them keep their animals



 Partnering with private organizations to better assist loving pet owners with low incomes



- Offering temporary foster care and boarding services for pet owners in need with the intent to reunite them after a short period of time
- Having animal control officers return lost animals to their homes in the field, rather than bringing them to the shelter
- Implementing community cat programs to stabilize and reduce outdoor cat populations

