
Canine Long Stay Checkpoints

The purpose of this protocol is to ensure that all dogs currently residing at APA! headquarters (TLAC) for longer than 30 days have a guaranteed path to adoption (while also ensuring adequate quality of life).

Specific LOS checkpoints and subsequent actions will vary per shelter/community.

Checkpoints

30 days: Any dog that reaches 30 days is automatically entered onto the CGC/TOP Dog Spreadsheet. CGC/TOP Dog Manager will ensure dog is assigned to a trainer.

60 days: Any dog that reaches 60 days will be automatically sent to the Virtual Foster (VFM) Manager. VFM will ensure dog is assigned to a Virtual Foster.

90 days: Any dog that reaches 90 days without home notes will be plead for a Sleepover. Sleepover volunteer will submit photos of the dog in the home, as well as a detailed report of the dog's behavior while on sleepover.

120 days: Any dog that reaches 120 days will be automatically sent to the Matchmaker and Behavior Teams. At bi-weekly meeting, MM and BT will discuss dogs hitting 120 days to ensure the most up-to-date information is being presented to potential adopters.

150 days: Any dog that reaches 150 days that does not currently attend Playgroup will receive a Play Group reevaluation. *This is at the discretion of the Behavior Department Managers based on the current history of the dog.

300 days: Any dog that reaches 300 days will have a Foster plea created and sent out (at the discretion of the Behavior Department Managers). Long Stay Lead sends to the dog's Volunteer Trainer, Virtual Foster, and "Big" to ensure foster plea is accurately written, and then enters the dog's pleas onto the "TLAC/TT Dogs needing foster SS". Behavior Managers will activate the plea.

**After 300 days, this cycle will renew once the dog reaches 330 days to ensure everything stays up to date, from training to sleepovers to website info.*