

Toronto Humane Society Adventures in Transport



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Transport: Destination Shelter



In 2017 the THS transferred in 1,977 animals :

- Dogs, cats, rabbits, rats, guinea pigs and assorted special species
- From Ontario (shelters, municipal agencies, First Nations communities)

Quebec

and the US.

CVMA Position Statement on Animal Transport

Position

The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) strongly recommends that if dogs and cats are to be transported, the manner of conveyance should ensure the safety, security, health and welfare of the animal, and the public safety



Mist, Redwood and Sitka - Northern dogs

Canine Importation Working Group Recommendations, and Rio 2016 Adoptions

BY [SCOTT WEESE](#) ON JUNE 20, 2016 POSTED IN [CATS](#),
[DOGS](#)

Last year, a Working Group was established to review the issue of importation of dogs into Canada and to come up with options and recommendations to:

Mitigate the risks to animal health (domestic and wildlife) and public health posed by the current system through which dogs are imported from abroad.

Mitigate the same risks posed by unmonitored movement of animals within Canada (particularly from remote northern regions)

Address animal welfare issues with regard to transportation of companion animals exhibiting clinical signs of illness within and at Canadian borders.



Role of transport (SAWA)

- Address market demand
- Highlights collective responsibility for animals
- Drives placement of more animals
- Focuses on local, then regional, then national/international needs



Goals of the Transport Best Practices (SAWA)

- Foster open relationships between source and destination agencies
- Minimize animal stress and disease transmission
- Meet or exceed local, state/provincial and federal regulations
- Promote transfer best practices
- Collect data on transports



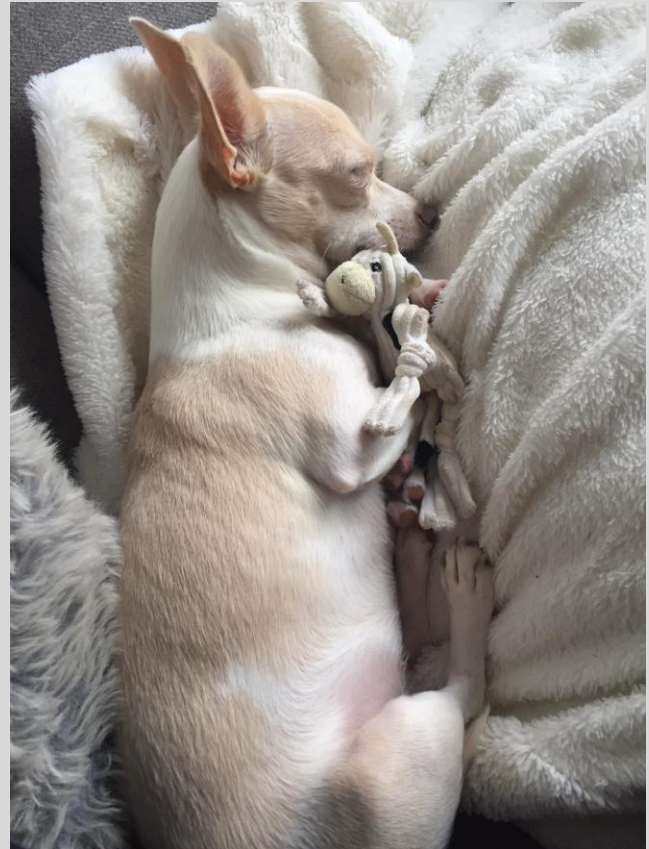
Models for Transport (SAWA)

- Agency to Agency
- Shelter Aggregator
- Third party Aggregator
- Volunteer transport



Key Elements (SAWA)

- Public health and safety
- All transfer agencies must be a registered charity or municipal agency
- All participants must abide by all local, state and federal regulations
- Humane standards of care



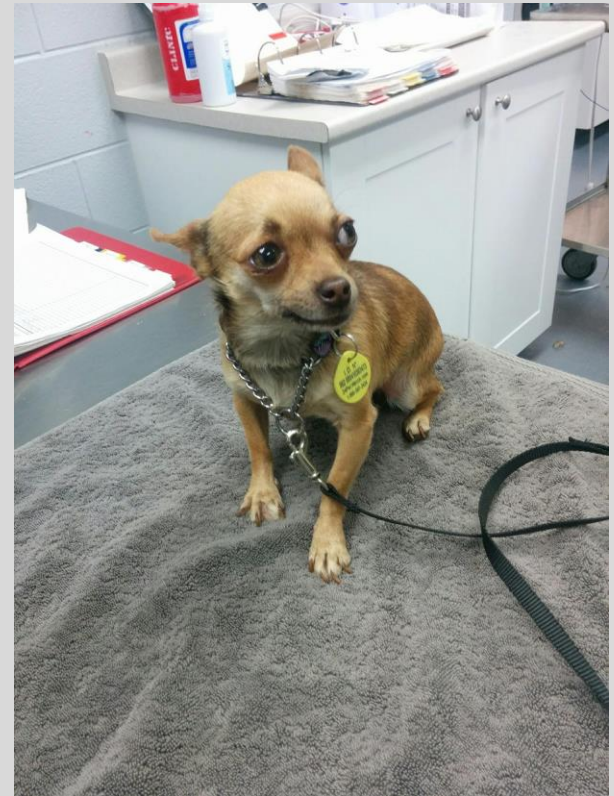
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Is Transport Right for me?

- Does you have a community imbalance with high demand and too few animals?
- Does high adoption demand give you the capacity to help animals from other agencies or regions?
- Is transport consistent with your specific mission?
- Can I be in compliance with Transport Best Practice?
- What will be the impact on my agency?
- What will be the impact on my community?
- What outcomes can be provided for the animals?
- What is my partnership capacity between source and/or destination shelters?

Is my agency right for transport?

- Capacity for medical care?
- Appropriate animal housing?
- Staffing capacity?
- Will transport divert resources away from addressing local needs?
- Are there source agencies you can work with in your community?
- Community capacity to place your transfer animals?
- Are you willing to partner and support source agencies beyond taking their dogs and cats?



General Requirements for Transfer Programs (SAWA)

1. Partners should establish solid working relationships

- MOU

2. Registered charity or municipal agency

3. Short and Long Term
Positive Impact on the
community and the
animals



General Requirements for Transfer Programs (SAWA)

4. Destination shelters must have:

a. Community Need

- Community demand for dogs, puppies, cats or kittens

b. Capacity and Space

- Capacity and space available
- Will not euthanize for lack of these items

c. Strong Infrastructure

- To support transported animals

d. Legal compliance

- Comply with all state/provincial and local laws



General Requirements for Transfer Programs (SAWA)

5. A designated coordinator at both agencies is essential

Coordinator will:

- Organize timing, number and types of animals
- Evaluate health or behavioural considerations
- Maintain good communication between agencies



General Requirements for Transfer Programs (SAWA)

6. Develop a transport census:

- Source should share lists of animals available for transport
- Final transport list should include all available info about each animal
- Mutually acceptable protocol and timeframe for selection and approval

Transported Small Dogs from Stockton to Toronto Humane Society:															
January 17th, 2018															
Name	Breed	Location	Age	Description	Weight	Gender	S/N	DHPP	Bordetella	Rabies	Frontline	Simparica	Pyrantel	Micro-chipped	Comments
Lorraine (A262461)	Papillon mix	4	2 yr	White and tan	5.0 kg	F	N	1/10/18	1/10/18	1/12/18	1/12/18	1/12/18	1/12/18	no	found running stray with Loretta
Loretta (A262462)	West Highland terrier mix	4	1 yr	White	6.0 kg	F	N	1/10/18	1/10/18	1/12/18	1/12/18	1/12/18	1/12/18	no	found running stray with Lorraine
Elfie (A262392)	Yorkshire terrier mix	12	1 yr	Black and tan	4.0 kg	F	N	1/9/18	1/9/18	1/12/18	1/12/18	1/12/18	1/12/18	no	found running stray with Eliana
Eliana (A262391)	Dachshund mix	12	2 yr	Black and white	5.1 kg	F	N	1/9/18	1/9/18	1/12/18	1/12/18	1/12/18	1/12/18	no	found running stray with Elfie
Gidget! (A261765)	Rat terrier mix	8	3 yr	Tan and white	4.7 kg	F	Y	12/26/17	12/26/17	1/8/18	1/8/18	1/8/18	1/8/18	981020021720033	spayed/mass removal on 1/12/18
Jerry (A262629)	Cairn terrier mix	10	5 yr	Black	3.9 kg	M	N	1/12/18	1/12/18	1/15/18	1/15/18	1/15/18	1/15/18	no	found running stray with JR Ewing
JR Ewing (A262290)	Rat terrier mix	10	3 yr	Cream	4.5 kg	M	N	1/12/18	1/12/18	1/15/18	1/15/18	1/15/18	1/15/18	no	found running stray with Jerry
Corkie Roo (A262606)	Yorkie Poo	36	1 yr	Apricot	2.4 kg	M	N	1/12/17	1/12/18	1/15/18	1/15/18	1/15/18	1/15/18	no	mild 2/6 left systolic murmur
Paddy O (A262634)	Rat terrier mix	36	2 yr	Tan and white	3.6 kg	M	N	1/12/17	1/12/18	1/15/18	1/15/18	1/15/18	1/15/18	no	
Suzanne (A262397)	Rat terrier mix	42	2 yr	Tricolor	3.8 kg	F	N	1/9/18	1/9/18	1/15/18	1/15/18	1/15/18	1/15/18	no	

General Requirements for Transfer Programs (SAWA)

- 7. Valid health certificates are required for interstate transport
- 8. Destinations should be flexible, sources should select animals that can be easily adopted
- 9. Each animal should be treated with dignity and respect



Linna, from Puerto Rico

Land Transport (SAWA)

1. Transport vehicles and equipment must be cleaned and sanitized to industry standards
2. Proper climate control (heat, AC, ventilation)
3. Appropriate housing used for all animals
4. Fresh water provided at breaks
5. Litter boxes for cats if transport > 2 hrs.
6. Hiding space for cats in kennel
7. Stop q. 4-6 hrs. for visual checks, provide water and spot clean as necessary



Land Transport (SAWA)

8. Walk dogs if moving to new vehicle or overnight stay
9. Meet regulatory guidelines for driver safety
10. Sufficient personnel to care for the animals
11. Drivers should carry cell phones, maps, GPS & emergency equipment
12. Contingency plans for weather, mechanical or unexpected situations
13. Appropriate ID on each animal & kennel



Bee Bee

Transport Preparation and Receipt (SAWA)

1. Core vaccinations prior to or at intake at source shelter
2. Rabies for animals > 16 weeks
3. Health certificate if crossing state lines
4. PE within 24 hrs. of transport



Transport Preparation and Receipt (SAWA)

- 5. Animals with infectious disease ineligible for transport (some exceptions)
- 6. Weaned puppies and kittens should be at least 8 weeks old (some exceptions)
- 7. Treat for diagnosed internal & external parasites (min. deworm for rounds and hooks)
- 8. Dogs – behaviour assessment



Transport Preparation and Receipt (SAWA)

9. All - sterilize before adoption
10. Accompanying individual records
11. ID with collar & tag, tape collar or other means of ID that ties back to animal's record
12. Adhere to all federal & state/provincial animal transport regulations



Wynette

Above and Beyond (SAWA)

- 13. Additional vaccinations
(beyond core)
- 14. Flea & tick preventative
prior to transport
- 15. Parvo titre test
- 16. HWT animals > 6 mos.



Left – HW & lyme positive

Centre – HW, lyme & anaplasma positive

Above and Beyond (SAWA)

- 17. Microchip
- 18. FeLV/FIV test
- 19. Photo (BSL)
- 20. Email records prior to transport



Funding Transport (SAWA)

Destination shelter:

- Pay transport costs
- Contribution to source to fund community S/N
- Consider additional ways to support source
- THS model “Pay it Forward” adoption fee

Source shelter:

- Responsible for part or all of cost of preparation



Jeepers on the beach in Dublin

Expect the unexpected (THS)

- Pneumonia
- Dental issues
- Orthopedic problems
- Ringworm (Cats and dogs)
- Parvo
- Behaviour concerns
- Strep zooepidemicus otitis media
- Rectal polyps
- Pregnancy
- Transmissible venereal tumour



Expect the unexpected (THS)



Everest



Dolomite

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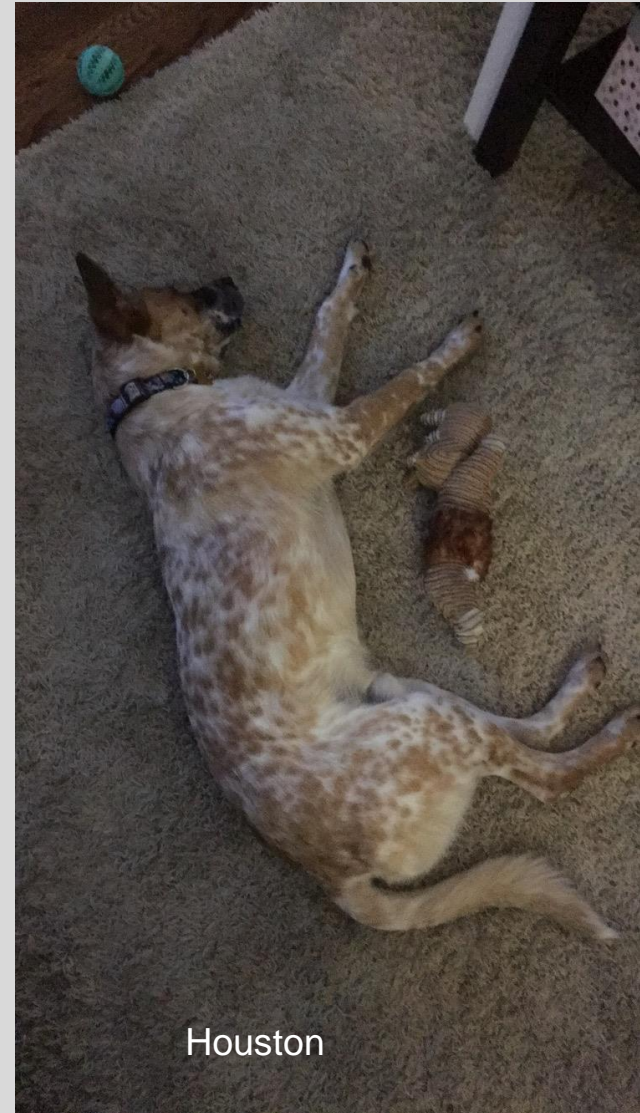
- Parasites (external and internal)
 - Baylisascaris procyonis (raccoon roundworm)
 - Giant kidney worm
 - Diphylobothrium latum (fish tapeworm)
 - Dermacentor
 - Rhipicephalus sanguineus
 - Ehrlichia
 - Anaplasma



Diphylobothrium latum

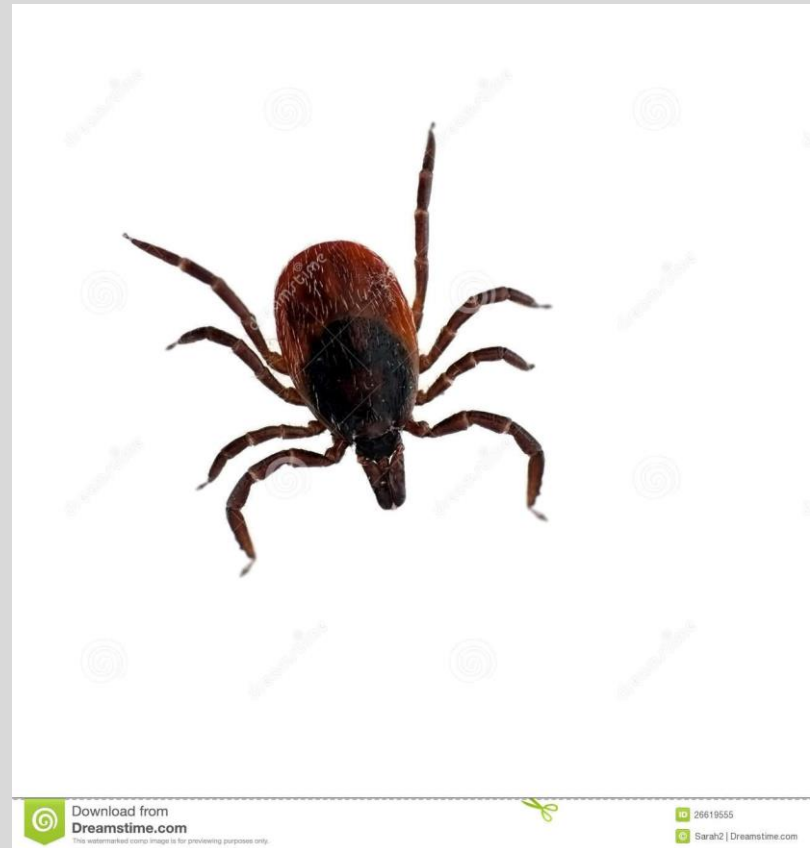
More parasites

- Dog tested HW negative at sending shelter, tested HW positive at THS
- Since 2016 THS has adopted out 72 treated HW dogs
- Currently we have 13 HW dogs under treatment
- All HW dogs were transfer ins



Expect the unexpected (other organizations)

- Canine distemper
- Leishmaniasis
- Rabies
- Lepto
- Lyme
- H3N2



Ixodes scapularis

THS Pearls

- Good communication is essential
- Contacts (infectious disease experts, parasitologists, shelter medicine experts etc.) are invaluable



THS Pearls

- Imperative to maintain strict cohort quarantine & minimize stress and movement
 - Animals are made available from their quarantine and can also be viewed for open selection



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THS Pearls

- Currently exploring ways to decrease feline transport stress
 - DS/CC
 - Feliway
 - Same bedding
 - Driver music selection
 - Gabapentin



THS Pearls

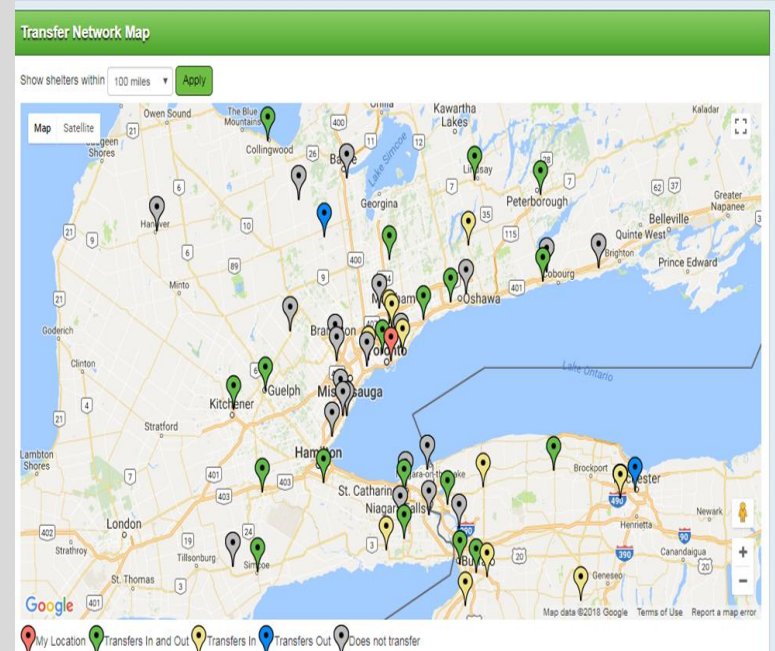
- Consider the pathway for each pet before they arrive - ex. If a dog is known to be nervous, or you are taking in an immature/pregnant animal it will prove useful to have a foster parent lined up ahead of time.



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How we find partner shelters

- Word of mouth - through other partner shelters, colleagues or conferences
- Petpoint Transfer Network Map
- ASPCA Webinar Chats
- News - especially helpful during times where more urgent transfers are needed ex. Natural disasters
- HSUS EPP page



Things that are useful

- Transfer protocol (used by THS instead of MOU's).
- Shared immediately with the potential partner.
- Discussion prior to agreeing to partnership
- Familiarity with CBSA + CFIA commercial animal import laws.
 - Advance Ruling Letter.
 - 'Authority to Act as an Agent' law - staff or custom agents are only allowed to import animals - no volunteers.
 - Puppies? Rarely allowed under 8 months of age

INTAKE TRANSFER CHECKLIST

SENDING SHELTER	
Medically assessed	
Behaviourally assessed (if needed)	
Vaccinated at intake	
Treated for external parasites and dewormed	
Tick treatment and tick check 24-48 hrs. before transport	
All animals identified with collar, tag or chip	
Cats FeLV/FIV tested if communally housed	
COMMUNICATION	
Contact person identified	
Postpone transfer if infectious disease outbreak	
Medical records received 48 hrs. in advance of transport	
Medical records entered into PetPoint by VA prior to arrival	
Transfer Board updated	
Transfers with potential ringworm lesions must be approved	
Medical or behavioural case approval obtained if relevant	
THS	
Intake time and staff scheduled to allow immediate examination	
Quarantine housing prepared	
Maximum of one transfer per 48 hour period	
Be familiar with infectious diseases that may be introduced and ensure provision for their treatment and diagnosis	
Contact medical and management staff at source shelter if unusual or unusually severe or prevalent infectious disease in cohort	

Toronto Humane Society Post Transfer Report

Completed by: Larisa

Date Report Submitted: Jan 16/18

Transfer Description:

North Bay Humane Society

Date of Transport

January 4/18

Animals Transported:

9

Animals with Issues:

Animals Adopted/on foster

6

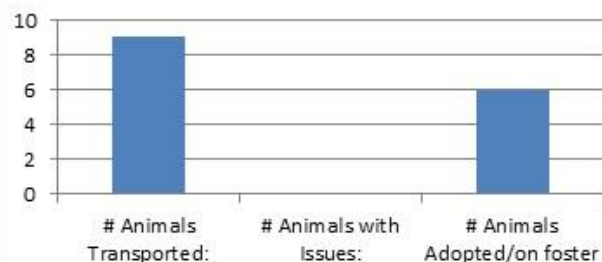
% Animals with Issues

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% Animals Adopted

66.67%

North Bay Humane Society January 4/18



Name of Animal

List all NON-APPROVED
diseases, health issues,
behavior issues, etc.

Causes

Notes

UPDATES

Mokey, Margaret, Noel, Puddy, Joy have all been adopted

Houdini, King and Cindy Crawford are all available for adoption



DO YOU NEED A DOG IMPORT PERMIT?

Know the difference between commercial and personal imports.



WHAT IS A PERSONAL IMPORT?

The import of a dog (regardless of age) that is personally owned by a Canadian resident as a pet, or as a service dog that is accompanied by the person to whom the dog is assigned.



WHAT IS A COMMERCIAL IMPORT?

The import of a dog for sale, adoption, breeding, show, exhibition, scientific research, or animal welfare organizations.



Is this a personal or
commercial import?

COMMERCIAL

Is your dog younger
than 8 months?

YES

A permit is required.*

NO

No permit is required for
dogs 8 months or older.

PERSONAL

No permit is required.

*May be imported on a temporary basis without an import permit ONLY if proof is provided that the dog is registered in a competition, a show, or a trial organized by a recognized association and all of the other requirements are met.

HOW TO REQUEST A PERMIT

1. Start the process at least 30 days before the dog is imported.
2. Download the import permit application: **CFIA/ACIA 5083**.
3. Send your completed application to the **CFIA's Centre of Administration for Permissions**.

If you have any questions regarding this process, contact the CFIA Animal Health District Office in your province or the province where you will be importing the dog.

Dogs brought into Canada on behalf of an animal welfare organization are classified as commercial. Rescue dogs destined for adoption are also considered commercial for import purposes.



Import permits cannot be issued after dogs have arrived in the country.

Service dogs not accompanied by the person to whom the dog has been assigned and dogs in special training status fall under commercial import.

Dogs are not allowed to enter Canada if they look sick or have a disease that can spread to others.

Additional dog import requirements may apply (e.g. inspection fees, taxes, duties, microchip or tattoo, advance notice, rabies documentation, vaccinations etc.).

If you are importing or travelling with a dog, review the complete list of import requirements on the CFIA's website or the Automated Import Reference System before travelling.

Learn more:

inspection.gc.ca/pets

Things we've learned

- When to 'let go' vs 'when to continue' partnerships.
- Issues and benefits of using an intermediary
- Resource-intensive. Can cost money and time to have a successful transport. Unexpected issues are likely



Neptune



Galadriel

Bee Bee



Arrival at THS



Adoption!

Pick up in
Buffalo



Settling into THS

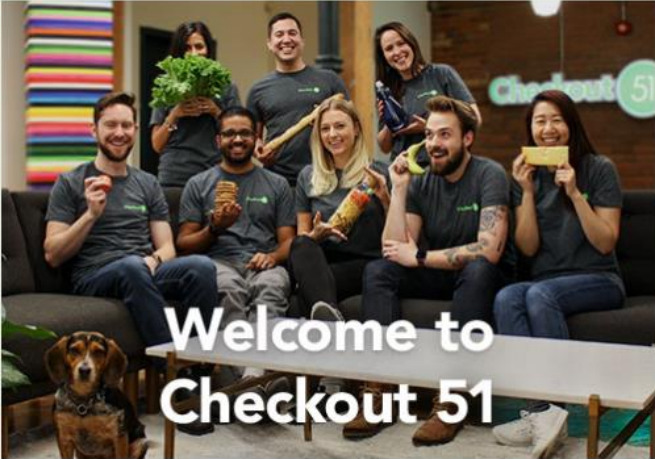


Elvis



Elvis

Checkout 51



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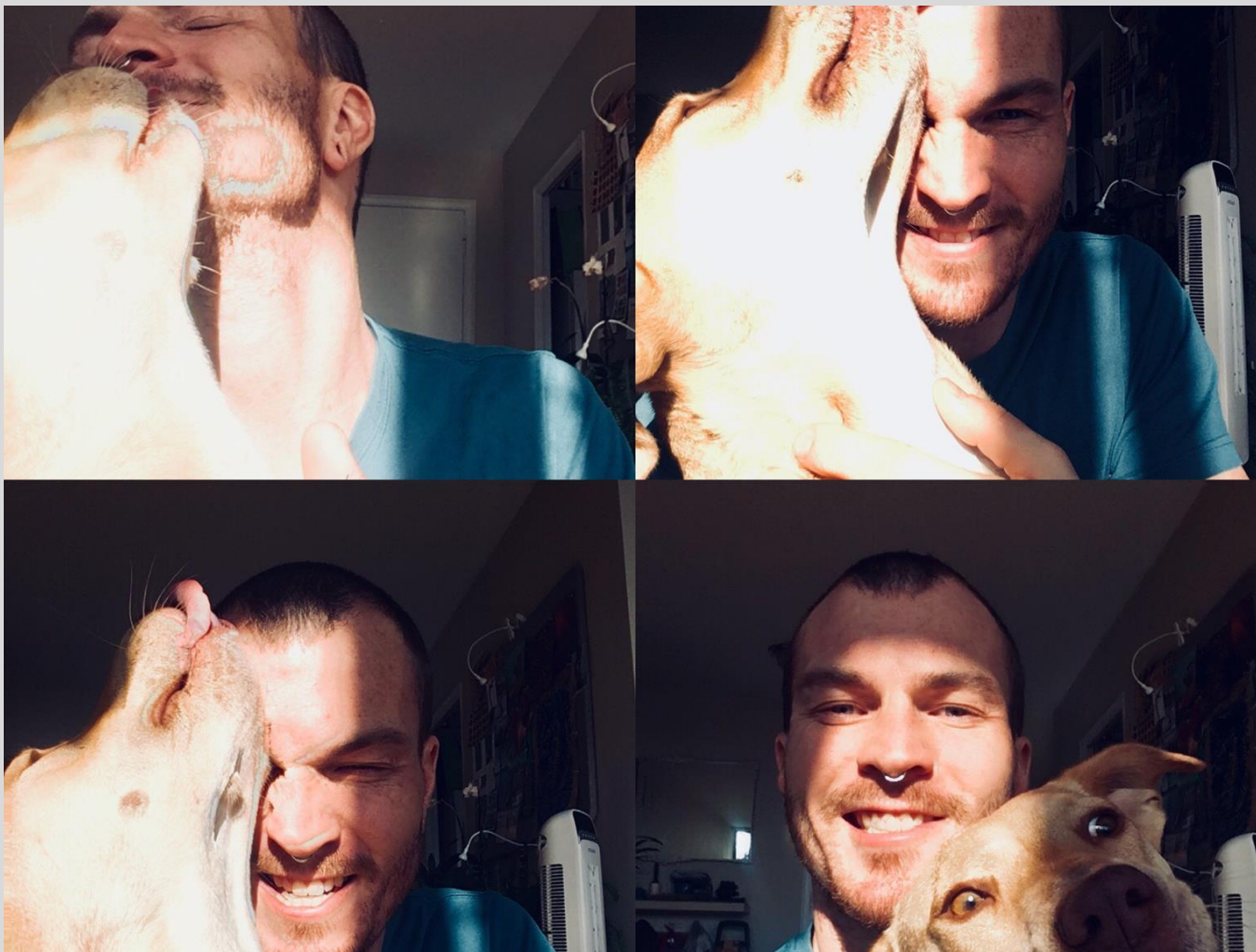
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Wowwee! You have successfully created your Checkout 51 account and are 100% ready to start earning Cash Back.

[Get Started](#)

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Paz and Jordan

Resources

- Society of Animal Welfare Administrators Companion Animal Transport Best Practice
- <http://www.sawanetwork.org/page/Bestpractice>
- ASPCApro Relocation and Transport
- <https://www.aspcapro.org/adoption-placement/relocation-transport>
- ASV Guidelines for Standard of Care in Animal Shelters
- Canine Importation Working Group Recommendations
- <https://www.wormsandgermsblog.com/files/2016/06/CIWG-Report-2016-06-09-FINAL-w-Apx.pdf>
- Keeping Animals in Transfer Programs Healthy
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