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Animal Victory PASS Participation Policy

Purpose

This policy explains Animal Victory's role and standards when submitting information to the National Animal Abuse Registry, also known as the Pet Adoption Screening Service (PASS), which is created and administered by North Shore Animal League America.

Animal Victory's participation is guided by one core principle: to share documented information responsibly in order to help shelters and rescues make informed adoption decisions and reduce the risk of repeat harm to animals.

Scope of Responsibility

This policy applies only to information submitted by Animal Victory.

Animal Victory does not administer, operate, maintain, or control the PASS database. Animal Victory does not oversee how other organizations submit information and does not speak on behalf of North Shore Animal League America or any third party regarding submission standards, review processes, data retention, or database management.

All adoption decisions remain solely with the individual shelter or rescue organization.

Submission Standards

Animal Victory submits information to PASS only when supported by verifiable official documentation, which may include:

- Law enforcement or police reports
- Court filings or publicly available judicial records
- Confirmed animal control or humane officer investigations
- Official shelter or rescue documentation connected to an investigation or legal action

Animal Victory does not submit information based on:

- Social media posts or online commentary
- Rumors, screenshots, or unverified claims
- Anonymous tips or third party accusations without documentation

Submissions are made in good faith based on documentation available at the time of entry.

Use of Information

Information submitted by Animal Victory is provided to assist shelters and rescues with screening and risk assessment. Inclusion in PASS does not determine guilt, outcome, or eligibility to adopt. Each organization is responsible for independently evaluating information and applying its own adoption policies.

Statement of Limitation

This policy is informational in nature and does not create legal rights, obligations, warranties, or guarantees.

Additional Context

For background on why a federal animal abuse registry does not currently exist in the United States, please see:

<https://animalvictory.org/why-a-federal-animal-abuse-registry-does-not-exist/>