

Shelter Stories

A STORY ABOUT KASEY AND WHY ADOPTIONS ARE STRICT

Kasey was a puppy who grew up in the office, the staff's bright, boundless energy bundle. He was loved, a lively dog with eyes that spoke in daydreams. The days passed in gentle routines: morning play with other dogs, late-afternoon nap with hum of the printer, a careful chew toy tucked in a corner.

Then came the day that would tilt his world: a family arrived—an elderly couple with their son, eager to adopt Kasey. Our process requires a lot of checks and every family member to meet the dog and sign the adoption contract. The parents seemed kind, though cautious; the son however pressured us with urgent determination. We listened for doubt behind his certainty, weighed Kasey's options, and, despite a cautionary gut feeling, approved the adoption to seek a good home.

The goodbye was hard, but we believed we'd given Kasey a brighter chapter. Just an hour later, a call: the parents had left their new guest unsupervised and left a gate open. Kasey, new to that environment, escaped. Our team rushed to find him, four hours of desperate searching the streets and bushes, until we found him—scared, thirsty, in a rough shelter of brush.

Why did new owners not help?

The owners never asked about Kasey whereabouts or demanded him back. So, we did not return Kasey and instead found him a new home—one built on steady hands, patient hearts, and a promise that the gate would stay closed.



Why tell this story? Because our adoption process is often questioned. Yes, it is strict, but our mission is deeper:

Find the best home for each animal, not just any home.

Ensure enduring love, don't adopt on a waning impulse.

Prioritise welfare, avoiding animals treated as furniture or background.

Seek true matches to prevent painful returns.

Support our mission with patience and understanding. Help us give every Kasey a home that stays and a life that matters.

To do - call SPCA:

SPCA says, adoption process at SPCA includes adoption application, background and environmental checks, meeting all family members and family dogs/cats, spaying/neutering and payment of adoption fee.
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