

The Effects of Brief Outings & Temporary Fostering on the Welfare of Shelter Dogs

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What We Discovered

BRIEF OUTINGS (FIELD TRIPS)

4^{times}

more likely to be adopted

- Dogs in brief outings group had longer lengths of stay (LOS).
- Heavier & older dogs were at a slightly greater risk for euthanasia & had longer LOS.

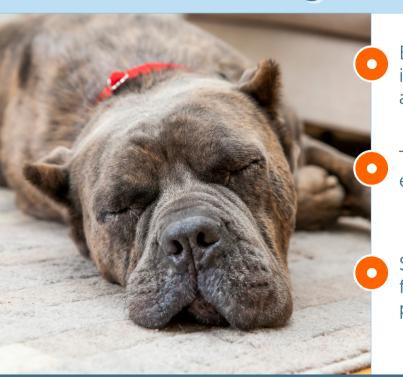
TEMP FOSTERING (SLEEPOVERS)

14^{times}

more likely to be adopted

- Dogs in temporary fosters group had longer lengths of stay (LOS).
- Dogs temporarily fostered in homes with more resident dogs were more likely to be adopted.

Key Takeaways



Brief outings are an effective tool to improve outcomes for shelter dogs but not as a means of stress reduction.

Temporary fostering is an impactful enrichment and adoption intervention.

Shelters should include a public option for field trips & sleepovers to improve program performance.