Surrendering an Animal

We love animals and want to help out every one we can, but we also realize that we have to work within our limits and resources. Therefore, we are what is called a “limited admission” shelter. We can only take non-stray animals that we believe we can find homes for. Getting an animal moved through the shelter expediently is one of our main goals in this situation. Why? We think the shelter is a great place to land, but the best place for any animal is in a loving home.

Below is a step-by-step process on what to expect in the surrender process:

1. Fill out the surrender profile on the website (or if you’d prefer, stop by the shelter and we can give you a paper copy). This gives us information that helps get your pet a new home. We also maintain a list of people who have contacted the shelter looking for specific breeds, so we can potentially make a match and avoid the surrender process entirely. This is best case for everyone involved!
2. Once we receive the profile, we’ll contact you to set up an appointment to meet your animal. We’ll ask that you bring your animal’s veterinary records with you to that appointment.
3. We’ll assess your animal’s temperament at the appointment, review the veterinary records, and discuss next steps.

A few last things we’d like you to know…

- We cannot take any animal with a history of aggression or bites.
- Animals that have lived outside their entire lives do very poorly in the confined environment of the shelter. Many times, we get calls to surrender outdoor cats due to prolific reproduction. We can help with spay/neuter resources in these situations.
- Cats are very difficult to place and we often are at or near capacity. We don’t want to turn cats away, but we do have to fulfill our responsibilities as stray hold contractors for our local municipalities.