**HUMANE SOCIETY OF CAROLINE COUNTY**

**ANIMAL IN-TAKE POLICY**

Humane Society of Caroline County (HSCC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer organization committed to rescuing animals. HSCC does not receive government funding and we are not affiliated with any national humane organization.

The Humane Society of Caroline County takes in animals regardless of appearance, age or medical condition from the environment, owner surrender, and local animal shelters. HSCC is a no-kill foster-based animal rescue. Unfortunately, we must limit our in-take based on the number of foster families available and their current capacity.

Our In-Take Policy is to help animals in the direst need first and as listed below. When our rescue is full, we offer referral to the local county shelter or other rescue organizations. We do not offer a wait list, but welcome you to contact us at a later date.

* Emergency Situations of Stray/Abandoned Animals – We check for micro-chip, attempt to locate an owner and notify the proper county/city authorities of any animal we take in.

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* Owner Surrenders – All animals must be friendly, adoptable, pass health and behavioral assessments to be considered for intake. We are not able to accept aggressive dogs. A profile form and veterinary records are critical for our evaluation process and is required for all animals. The more we know about the animal, the better we are able to place him or her into new homes.
* Local County Shelters – These animals are accepted by priority.
* Out of State High Kill Shelters

HSCC has a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program for outdoor community cats. We offer free TNR, vaccines, and left ear tip to caregivers, if funding is available. If funding is not available, we will offer low cost spay/neuter, vaccines, and left ear tip to caregivers. In both situations, we return the cat.