Henrico Humane Society receives numerous requests each week to take in dogs and cats. We accommodate as many animals as space and volunteer support will allow at any given time.

Henrico Humane is a no-kill shelter; we do not euthanize current residents in order to make room for new animals. Space opens up when our animals are adopted or enter into foster care, never through mass euthanizing.

Our no-kill mission means that we cannot take every animal that a community member wishes to surrender. We primarily accept animals from the local Richmond area and surrounding counties. Henrico Humane is an all-volunteer run non-profit rescue organization. We do not have a shelter building. All our animals are in foster homes or limited spaces in kennels brought in as a case by case situation authorized by either the dog or cat manger.

We accept:

• Shelter animals

• Strays: We do encourage those that find the animal to foster until adopted, however circumstances will be considered. Note: All strays must be reported to the animal control agencies in the area found. Prior to being made available for an adoption the stray must be held for a period of usually 10 days pursuant to VA code 3.2-6546. Local governing agencies policies may vary. Please consult your local animal control authorities.

• Owner Surrenders: Owner surrenders will be taken into our system with a preference to the owner fostering until the animal is adopted. If this is not possible, circumstances will be considered. We will not accept animals from hoarding situations or those with a known history of aggression to humans.

We will temperament test each animal before it is brought into our HHS system. We make every effort to ensure an animal is placed in a suitable “dog only” or “cat only” home if we learn they are not compatible with other animals. Please keep in mind that an animal can behave VERY differently in a stressful shelter environment than how they behave in a home setting with people they know and trust.