

## **PETA's Animal Shelter Intake Policy**

PETA's Animal Shelter and Community Animal Project practice a true open admission policy. We never turn animals away regardless of their age, history, breed, physical condition, or temperament. The shelter does not have a waiting list or charge a surrender fee, and our staff is available 24/7, including to respond to after-hours emergencies and pick up and transport surrendered animals. We often take in the aggressive or feral animals rejected by other shelters as unadoptable. We also offer free end-of-life services to community members who wish to end the suffering of their ill, aged, or injured animal companions but who cannot afford to pay the fees charged by private veterinary practices.

PETA's shelter accepts animals from dozens of jurisdictions in the Commonwealth, often "filling in" for animal shelters that don't take in cats at all or that have intake policies so restrictive that taxpayers are left with nowhere to turn when they need help. Many of the jurisdictions that we serve are low-income.

*Please note:* Almost without exception (such as after hours, when facilities are closed), PETA immediately transports stray animals to the municipal animal shelter in the jurisdiction in which they were found in order to increase the chances that they will be reclaimed by their guardians. We also routinely transfer potentially adoptable animals to a number of regional partners with a strong record of finding permanent adoptive homes.