

Rikki's Refuge is a limited intake facility. As a sanctuary, our primary focus is life care housing in a farm setting for domestic and farm animals that generally are not accepted by organizations who focus on adoption.

Each housing area can accommodate a limited number of animals, hence we are only able to take in an animal when one of ours is adopted or has passed away or new housing is built. We do not euthanize for space.

An owner wishing to give up an animal must contact us and if we have housing available to meet the specific need or if we have a waiting list for that need we ask the owner to provide copies of medical paperwork, current rabies certificate for cats, dogs and some other mammals, vaccination history, and other information such as personality, reason for relinquishment, etc.

While reviewing an intake request, we try to encourage or assist the owner to keep the animal if at all possible.

Once we have decided that we will be able to provide housing for a new animal, we may require additional medical work, health check, vaccinations, etc, then they are scheduled into quarantine, are brought to our facility by the owner, and a relinquishment is signed.

We do not accept aggressive dogs, and in some cases may request a dog is brought out for an interview before agreeing to accept it.

We do not generally accept animals that are easily adopted, instead referring them to an organization who specialized in adoptions.

We accept only domestic and farm animals.

Animal intake is generally first come first served, though we will make exceptions in emergency situations such as the death of an owner when another family member can't keep the animal, or an owner going to an assisted living situation where they cannot keep the animal.