

The Highland County Animal Shelter accepts companion animals which includes domestic or feral dogs, domestic or feral cats, nonhuman primates, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, not raised for food or fiber, exotic animals, reptiles, and exotic or native birds. Livestock animals such as horses, cows, sheep, pigs, goats, llamas, domesticated cervidae animals, ostriches, and emus, farmed fish, and rabbits or hares raised for human food or fiber. Domesticated fowl and game birds raised in captivity also can be accepted. Domesticated and feral dogs and cats are the most common animal we deal with though. The shelter accepts animals for multiple reasons. These are stray or abandoned, seizure, bite case quarantine and owner surrender. Most of the animals are returned to the owner. Custody of animals whose owners are not found after a period of time are transferred to another Virginia releasing agency. The majority of our animals that are not returned to their owners are released to the Highland County Humane Society. The Humane Society finds foster homes for the animals until a permanent home is found for them. They also provide any medical care that the animals might need. For example, rabies shots or worming. The Highland County Animal Shelter doesn't do adoptions through our agency.