Orange County Animal Shelter

Intake Policy

Orange County Animal Shelter will accept all stray dogs and cats.

Owned animals will be accepted in the following order:

1. The dog poses an immediate threat to the family; i.e., has bitten and family member or other person.
2. The owner must give up the animal due to lack of physical or financial ability to care for the dog/cat.
3. The owner’s housing situation has made it impossible to keep the dog/cat and owner has exhausted all means to find temporary housing for the dog/cat.
4. All other owned animals will be received as space allows. Should the shelter be at capacity; the owner will be placed on a call list and will be called in order received when space is available.

Other pets: i.e., hamsters, rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs, birds, etc., will be accepted in proper caging if space allows.

Livestock, i.e. goats, pot-bellied pigs, horses, cows will be accepted as space is available as strays or animal control case.