



Suffolk Humane Society Intake Policy

Address:

412 Kings Fork Road, Suffolk, VA 23434

Mission Statement

Suffolk Humane Society (SHS) is a foster-based, non-profit organization dedicated to the care and adoption of animals. We provide foster homes for all animals in our care until they are adopted by qualified families.

Intake Procedures

The volunteer must contact the authorized intake individuals for approval before accepting an animal into the Suffolk Humane Society.

Intake Priorities

1. **Emergency Transfers:** Animals in imminent danger at the local county shelter.
2. **Transfers:** Animals from the local county shelter as space allows.
3. **Owner Surrenders:** Animals surrendered by residents of Suffolk and surrounding counties.
4. **Out-of-State Transfers:** Animals transferred from out-of-state shelters when necessary.

Surrender Process

- Owners wishing to surrender animals must sign a surrender form.
- We encourage responsible pet ownership and recommend spaying/neutering to reduce the number of unwanted animals.

Adoption and Availability

- Due to limited foster space, we can only house 15 cats and 4 dogs at any time. Decisions to accept more than that are at the discretion of the President of the Board.
- Available animals are listed on our website and social media, and we hold adoption events almost every weekend.

Medical and Care Standards

- All animals must be held in quarantine environment for 7-10 days to prevent the spread of illnesses or upon release from a veterinarian, whichever comes first.
- All animals receive a basic “minimum standard of care,” which includes a veterinary exam, vaccinations, flea/tick prevention, and other necessary treatments.
- Animals requiring more intensive medical care will receive it, depending on our available resources.

Spay/Neuter Recommendations

- SHS strongly encourages the spaying/neutering of all pets to help reduce the population of unwanted or surrendered animals in our community.

Authorized Intake Contacts**Donna Maria Colby**

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Authorized to pull from other shelters: YES NO

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Compliance, Suffolk Humane Society

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This policy ensures the efficient and humane intake of animals while maximizing their chances for successful adoption.