**A TAIL TO BE TOLD ANIMAL RESCUE**

**ANIMAL INTAKE POLICY**

A Tail To Be Told Animal Rescue (ATTBT) is a private, non-profit, volunteer animal rescue organization. ATTBT is committed to rescuing animals regardless of appearance, age or medical condition. ATTBT does not receive government funding. We are not affiliated with any national humane organizations.

Our rescue service is limited access, meaning we accept animals if we have space, and by appointment only. Unfortunately, we cannot safely or humanely accommodate more than Fifty animals in our rescue on any given day. Overcrowding creates stress on the animals/volunteers/fosters, causes spread of disease, and is inhumane. While we do have access to foster homes, we must limit our in-take to foster home availability.

Before we can take in another animal, one of our current animals must be adopted. ATTBT has a strict no-kill policy, which means we will never euthanize one animal to make room for another.

Our In-Take Policy is to help animals in the direst need first and as listed below. When our rescue is full, we have no choice but to offer referral to the local county shelter or other rescue organizations. ATTBT does not offer a wait list, but you can feel free to contact us at a later time.

* Emergency Situations of Stray/Abandoned Animals – We check for a microchip, attempt to locate an owner and notify the proper county/city authorities.
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* Owner Surrenders – All animals must be friendly, adoptable, pass health and behavioral assessments to be considered for intake. We are not able to accept aggressive dogs. Veterinary records are critical for our evaluation process and is required for all animals. The more we know about the animal, the better we are able to place him or her into a new home.
* Local County Shelters – These animals are accepted by priority.

ATTBT has a Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) program for outdoor community cats. We offer free TNVR along with a left ear tip to caregivers, if funding is available. If funding is not available we will offer low cost spay/neuter vaccines, and left ear tip to caregivers. In both situations, we return the cat.

We try our best to take in and place as many animals as we possibly can.