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*Finding creative and effective ways to improve the lives of both wild and domestic animals.*

## **Animal Intake Policy**

**Purpose:** This policy sets forth the standards and guidelines as applied to any animal entering into Sharon's Critters Action Team either for adoption or temporary care. This policy expresses the expectations of persons representing the Sharon's Critters Action Team organization whether this representation be explicit or implied. This policy is subject to review solely by vote by active board officers and is not subject to interpretation by individuals representing Sharon's Critters Action Team without expressed permission and/or consideration by active board members. (For the purpose of this policy the terms Sharon's Critters Action Team and SCAT shall be considered synonymous).

This policy covers:

- General Policy Standards
- Breeds
- Age
- Temperament
- Health
- Primary officers

### **General**

All animals entering the SCAT program will do so under the express order of the board of directors. Individuals representing the SCAT organization do not have authority to place animals into the SCAT program without express consent or order of the board of directors. Intake may be approved by any board member. Approval depends on available funds and foster space.

### **Animal Breeds**

All breeds considered for inclusion.

*Animals EXCLUDED from consideration are feral/semi feral animals without direct permission of board president.*

### **Animal Age**

Animals of all age are considered for inclusion.

### **Animal Temperament**

Feral/semi-feral animals are excluded without direct permission of board president.

### **Animal Health**

All animals, regardless of state of health, are considered for inclusion.

### **Primary Officers**

Primary Officers shall be considered to be active board members. The authority of primary officers shall not exceed or preempt the authority or decisions of board president. Primary Officers are subject to above policy.