Symbiotic Inc accepts animals into our rescue program primarily based on the need of the animal and the space we have available in our approved foster homes.

We focus on taking in animals that other shelters or rescues may not be willing or capable of taking in. Such as animals with medical conditions, non-aggressive behavioral issues or animals with limited life span remaining.

We generally take in animals from county shelters that euthanize once at capacity.

We do not generally take in owner surrenders; however, they are considered on a case by case basis. Owner surrenders require a transfer of ownership form to be completed.

We do not take in any stray animals.

Symbiotic will consider the euthanasia of an animal in the following circumstances:

* If the animal is suffering due to an injury, incurable illness or age related afflictions that cannot be relieved given the resources available
* If the animal displays behavior that poses a significant risk to humans and the animal cannot be treated with rehabilitation based on the practical and financial resources available. Significant risk includes aggressive behavior that is unprovoked by humans or aggressive behavior that results in one or more level 3 bites based on Dr. Ian Dunbar's Dog Bite Scale.
* If the animal displays behavior that poses a risk to itself and the animal cannot be treated with rehabilitation based on the practical and financial resources available. An animal is defined as being a risk to themselves if their behavior results in one or more injuries to themselves when placed in customary life situations.

As a basic requirement euthanasia must:

* minimize pain and discomfort
* achieve rapid unconsciousness followed by death
* minimize animal fear and distress
* be reliable and irreversible