**Intake Policy**

Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary is a home-based rescue that takes in senior and special needs dogs and cats. We specialize in unwanted or terminally ill seniors, abandoned hunting dogs, feral cats and other dogs/cats that would be difficult to adopt out of shelters or rescue organizations for health reasons or certain behavioral issues. For a majority of the dogs and cats we take in, this will be their final home. We may adopt out a dog or cat that is highly adoptable, but it is rare that we get any. We accept dogs and cats from shelters, rescue groups and owner surrenders when space is available. All transfers in are approved by the Directors.

On rare occasions Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary will take in a stray dog or cat. The dog/cat is always checked for any identification and scanned for a microchip. State and local stray hold periods are followed and a report is filed with the local ACO. Attempts to find the owner are made by posting on social media platforms.