

## **"Surrendering a pet"**

When you surrender a pet to our Humane Society we do ask for a donation so we can continue to offer these services to our community. Anything you can afford is welcome, as well as any toys, leashes, collars or food you no longer need. Without your donations we would have to close our doors as we are a private nonprofit, which relies on the donations of our community to stay open. We do ask that you do all you can to rehome your dog. The staff and volunteers try their best to offer quality care to the homeless pets in our shelter, however, it is a stressful situation, especially for those pets who are used to being in a loving home.

Our Shelter does not put time limits on pets offered for adoptions. However, we are a small society with an increasing deluge of homeless pets. We do conduct temperament tests on all incoming dogs.

If the dog shows overt aggression towards other animals or humans we cannot for the safety of the pet and the community offer that dog for adoption. In this unfortunate case we humanely and compassionately put the pet to sleep. Once on the adoption line we do our very best to hold that pet until it finds its new (hopefully) forever home. There are times when we are so extremely overrun that we may have to euthanize a pet that has been with us for several months in order to allow another loving pet the chance at a home, but we do work extensively with foster homes, breed rescues and transfers to other shelters to avoid that as a solution.

We ask that you use the Humane Society as a house of last resort. Work with your friends, family, vet, the newspapers, the radio, and the internet to find a new home for your pet. There are a large percentage of pet owners who have obtained pets from a friend or family member that could no longer keep it. Leaving your home directly into a new loving home would be the kindest solution. However, in the case that this is not possible we will do our best to help any pet surrendered to us.