

The Central Missouri Humane Society Animal Surrender Policy

The Central Missouri Humane Society (CMHS) receives hundreds of pets each month. Unfortunately, we do not have enough space to house them all indefinitely. If you are surrendering an animal to the CMHS, it's important you understand the following:

- 1** The CMHS cannot guarantee that your pet will be put up for adoption. If your pet is put up for adoption, the CMHS cannot guarantee that it will find a home.
- 2** Whenever possible, the CMHS uses other rescue groups and foster care organizations for animal placement.
- 3** If the animal you are bringing to the CMHS is a stray animal, it will stay at the shelter for five days to ensure that the animal's owner has sufficient time to locate it.
- 4** If the animal does not pass medical and temperament evaluations, or if there is not enough space in the shelter to keep the animal, it may be humanely euthanized.
- 5** The CMHS will not call you to tell you if the animal you surrendered is going to be euthanized. Please trust that we will do the very best we can, but we should be considered your last resort for your animal.
- 6** If you are uncomfortable surrendering the animal under these conditions, you should not leave it at the CMHS.

