

Animal Surrender Policy

A surrender form must be completed and signed by the animal's legal owner or guardian before HARK assumes custody of the animal. Identification must be checked or the individual must be personally known by the HARK employee handling the surrender. A pet personality profile must be completed in detail. The more we know about each animal, the more successful we will be in placing the animal in an appropriate home.

HARK requires a surrender fee of \$40 to help pay for the animal's care while awaiting re-homing. This fee may be adjusted in a crisis situation, at the discretion of the Executive Director and/or the Board President.

All dogs must be given a temperament test before being made available for fostering or adoption. The test will ideally be given three to five days after the animal has arrived at the shelter. Timing of the test may be adjusted to allow the animal to adjust to its new surroundings.

All animals surrendered to HARK will be given a veterinary check at the earliest opportunity. Unsterilized animals will be spayed or neutered prior to adoption. Animals will also be given a rabies vaccination if the surrendering party cannot provide proof of current vaccinations.