








Fast Facts about the Central Missouri Humane Society

Did you know....

-  In 2006, the CMHS took in 9,000 animals that were relinquished by their owners, found as strays, left at the shelter door, turned over from the City of Columbia Animal Control or rescued from unlicensed breeding operations and puppy mills.
-  The CMHS never turns an animal away. The shelter accepts all animals, including livestock, exotics and rodents.
-  The CMHS placed 3,208 animals in forever homes.
-  The CMHS placed 524 animals in other rescue organizations throughout the U.S.
-  The CMHS returned 268 lost pets to their overjoyed owners.
-  All adopted animals are spayed or neutered and microchipped before they leave the shelter.
-  If you cannot come to the shelter to volunteer or make a monetary donation, help us educate the public about the dramatic problem of pet over-population. Spread the word about the shelter's low-cost spay/neuter program, and encourage your family and friends to adopt a shelter animal!

Thank you for your support!



What to Expect

When you surrender your pet to the Central Missouri Humane Society



Putting Pets with People

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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, including one Saturday, 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.

Traits that make an animal more adoptable

An animal will be more adoptable if:

-  It is spayed or neutered.
-  It is current on vaccinations (must be verified by a veterinarian).
-  You have maintained and can provide good health records for the animal.
-  You can provide information about the animal's personality and behavior. Some adopters are willing to work with behavioral issues or even address health issues *as long as they know about them in advance.*

Caring for the animals costs money!

The CMHS is a private non-profit organization that relies on donations and service fees for its income. The shelter takes in nearly 9,000 animals each year. It never turns any animal away. Therefore, we must ask for a nominal intake fee when you surrender an animal to our care.



If you have been assisted by the CMHS, **please consider an additional donation to help us care for other**

unwanted animals while they wait for permanent placements. Your generosity is needed and appreciated!
THANK YOU!

If you decide to find a new home for your pet, *PLEASE....*

- 1 Don't give your pet away for free. People who get something for nothing often place less value on it.
- 2 Get your pet spayed or neutered first. Ask the CMHS about its low-cost spay/neuter program. Do your part to curb pet overpopulation.
- 3 Update your pet's vaccinations, including a FIV/FEL V test for cats and a heartworm test for dogs.
- 4 Get to know the prospective owners before relinquishing your animal to them. Find out about their current pets. Ask them why they want your pet. Do all you can to ensure your pet will be well cared for.

