

## Open Door . . . where no animal is turned away

Animals don't care how old you are, what you look like, or how popular you are. They only ask for your love. Don't they deserve the same unconditional acceptance in return?

The Western Pennsylvania Humane Society has an Open Door policy, which means we accept every animal, every day. Even the ones whose health, age or personality aren't ideal. Even the ones other shelters turn away.

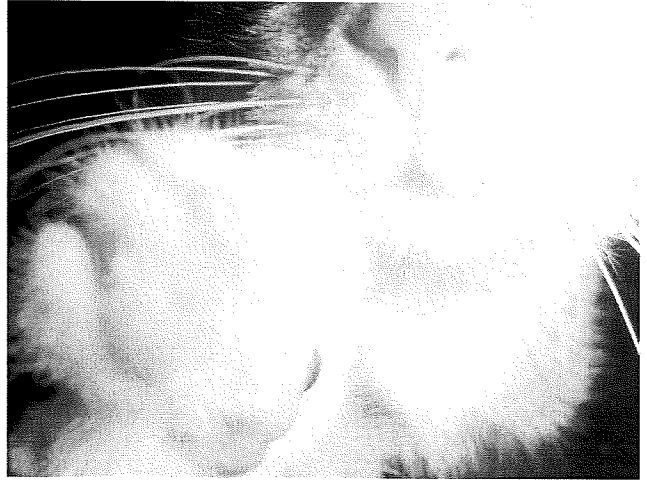
We are not a no-kill shelter. Because we don't turn any animals away, we take in aggressive animals, sick animals, neonatal animals, aged animals. We take in animals who have been turned away from the "no-kill," limited admission shelters; who have been put on waiting lists at the "no-kill," limited admission shelters. We take in animals when we have no space to house them . . . where would they go if we didn't?

Every day we work to the best of our ability to find homes for the thousands of adoptable animals who come through our doors every year. We work to find foster homes for those who are too young for adoption, too sick for adoption, in need of behavioral modification, in need of a temporary place to live when we are out of space. Every day we struggle to find just one more cage, a staff office for a sick litter of kittens when our treatment areas are full, another foster parent for that wonderful dog who just started coughing and sneezing.

We run adoption specials during high intake seasons; we offer affordable veterinary care to make the cost of pet ownership more affordable; we offer reduced-rate spay/neuter/vaccination prices; we offer incentives to adopt senior animals and animals who have been waiting so long for a forever home.

Sometimes it is not enough.

You can help.



You can help by fostering a litter of kittens, a momdog and her puppies, a sick dog or cat who needs a week or two to regain their health.

You can help by spreading the word about our adoptable animals.

You can help by encouraging friends, neighbors and co-workers to become part of the solution by adopting, fostering, donating.

You can help by encouraging others to spay or neuter their family pets, to forego that one litter, to foster kittens instead of breeding kittens to show the kids the "miracle of life."

You can help by taking our animals to offsite adoption events, by exercising, training and socializing our best friends to help them become more adoptable.

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