Surrendering Your Animal, How We Can Help

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Caring for pets can be the most rewarding, yet challenging endeavor. The love and trust we receive from our furry friends is unparalleled. One of the hardest decisions a pet parent can be faced with is what to do if circumstances prove difficult for us to continue to care for, or keep our pet.

Valley Oak SPCA accepts animals that are being surrendered from anywhere in the state, by appointment only. Our first goal is to help families resolve issues with their pets. We can provide a list of reputable dog behaviorists, breed specific rescues and information on house training, crate training and correction of destructive behaviors. We can also help with spay and neuter and in some cases help we can offer help with medical conditions and/or live saving surgeries.

If you find yourself in the predicament of needing to re-home your pet, here are some important facts to know.

* Honesty is your pet’s best policy. By being honest about their behavioral issues, health issues, and vaccination history, you enable us to place them in a home that matches their needs.
* Surrendered animals do not have to wait the state mandated “stray time” before they go up for adoption. If their health and behavior allow, they can be adopted immediately. However, due to high demand for owner surrenders and animals in need, we frequently have little space available. Appointments are needed to be placed on a waiting list and/or have your pet assessed.
* An animal that is spayed/neutered and has current vaccinations is more likely to be quickly adopted. Having current vaccinations can prevent dogs and cats from contracting illnesses in a shelter environment.

If your pet has had a litter of babies, you can contact us to schedule a time to bring the offspring to our facility. We will take in the litter ($100 relinquishment fee) and spay and neuter the parent animal(s) to help curb pet overpopulation and ensure every adoptable animal finds a loving home.

If you have questions about surrendering your pet or need to schedule an assessment please email Keyana – Kmiller@vospca.org