

Montgomery County (PA) Society for the Prevention of Cruelty To Animals (SPCA)

Animal Intake Policy

The Montgomery County SPCA is an open-door facility. This means we will accept any dog or cat surrendered to us, both stray and owned, barring legal constraints. We are very successful in placing the animals that come into our shelter for adoption.

Our main restrictions on accepting animals are:

1. An owned animal cannot have bitten or scratched anyone in the past ten days (nor be under an un-cleared quarantine period for a bite or scratch.) A bite or scratch is defined as an injury that results in a puncture or tear of the skin caused by an animal's claws or teeth.
2. The animal must have lived in Pennsylvania for at least 6 months or its whole life if under 6 months in age.
3. Additionally, animals with wounds will not be able to be placed up for adoption due to Montgomery County Health Department regulations.

We are now able to place animals with both more difficult behavior problems (such as not being housebroken or excessive chewing) and temperament issues (such as aggression with other animals/children) in new homes. Understand that these are still difficult challenges to overcome and not all animals exhibiting these traits will be successfully adopted.

We do not have a time limit on how long we hold onto animals and are fortunate that space is no longer a major issue in determining how long we are able to house an animal. We are fortunate to be able to hold animals for a much longer time in our facility than was possible a decade ago and unthinkable 25-30 years ago.

When health, behavior, and/or space are severe concerns, we humanely euthanize animals that we are unable to adopt. We do not place "feral cats" up for adoption nor do we place them into "feral cat colonies."

We appreciate the support we receive from the community. We will continue to provide and make every effort to ensure the best in humane care both in our shelter and throughout the county.