



## Schertz Animal Services – Care Matrix

This document serves as a road map that animals will follow when they enter the care of Schertz Animal Services.

### **HEALTHY DOMESTIC ANIMALS**

#### **Good Temperament**

1. Stray hold.
2. Veterinarian wellness exam.
3. Animal placed on adoption side of shelter.
4. Available for Rescue pull after 15 days.

#### **Aggressive animal**

1. Stray hold.
2. 10-day rescue hold.
3. If not picked up by Rescue, the animal will be euthanized.

### **WILD LIFE**

#### **Healthy**

1. Immediate “Live Release” or turned over to Wildlife Rescue.

#### **Sick or Injured**

1. Severe Injury – Euthanized to end suffering.
2. Treatable Injury – Release to Wildlife Rehabilitation Organization.

### **HUMAN BITE CASE**

#### **Known Owner**

1. 10-day Rabies Quarantine.
2. No Signs of Rabies - Return to owner (pending further possible court action).
3. Possible signs of rabies - Euthanize for testing.

#### **Owner not Known**

1. Stray hold in Rabies Quarantine.
2. Euthanize for Rabies testing.



### **Owner Surrender**

1. Rabies certificate available – 10-day rescue hold. Euthanize.
2. No rabies certificate available – Euthanize for Rabies testing.

## **ANIMAL BITE CASE**

### **Known Owner**

1. Proof of Rabies vaccination – Released to owner.
2. No proof of Rabies vaccination – 10-day Rabies quarantine.

### **Owner not Known**

1. Stray hold in Rabies Quarantine.
2. Human aggressive – Euthanize.
3. Animal Aggressive – 10-day Rescue hold. Euthanize

## **SICK OR INJURED ANIMAL**

### **Severe Injury (Inevitable loss or suffering)**

1. Untreatable injury – euthanize.

### **Determining injury / treatment by Veterinarian**

1. Determined “untreatable” by Veterinarian – Euthanize.
2. Determined “treatable” by Veterinarian – evaluate cost of treatment.

### **Identified Illness / Disease by Veterinarian**

1. Zoonotic Disease – Immediate foster, rescue or euthanize.
2. Chronic Illness / Long-term Treatment – 10-day rescue hold, euthanize.
3. Poor Quality of Life – Euthanize.
4. Communicable Disease / Illness – evaluate cost of treatment.

### **Treatment Cost**

1. Cost Effective (Less than \$500.00) - Treat, wellness exam, adoption
2. Cost Prohibitive (More than \$500.00) – 10-day Rescue hold, euthanize