



Euthanasia Policy

The policy of Halfway Home Animal Rescue Team in regards to the euthanasia of animals is as follows:

- We believe that no healthy or otherwise treatable animal should be killed when alternatives exist to save them, and that all possible alternatives must be explored and considered.
- “Euthanasia” means ending the life of an animal who is suffering from an irreparable medical or behavioral condition that does not allow for an acceptable quality of life.
- We will authorize euthanasia of an animal only if he or she is suffering from an irreparable condition and our veterinarians advise that there is no chance of recovering an acceptable quality of life. While this is a difficult choice, we approach this decision from the perspective of what is in the best interest of the individual animal.
- Euthanasia may also be required in rare cases of irreparable animal aggression in which (1) a veterinarian has eliminated medical treatment as a solution; (2) rehabilitation efforts by behavior specialists have failed; and (3) safety cannot be reasonably assured even under controlled conditions, (4) no sanctuary options are available and (5) required management would seriously compromise the animal’s quality of life.

Our goal is to find or create an environment that will protect the animal and his or her human handlers while offering that animal a reasonable quality of life.

- The only method of euthanasia that HHART finds acceptable is that recommended by the American Veterinary Medical Association, specifically the use of veterinarian-prescribed sedatives and FDA-approved euthanasia solutions administered in as comforting and loving a situation as possible.