



# NEWS RELEASE

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## Wake County Animal Center Nearing Capacity

Cats and dogs eight years and older available at reduced rate during the month of November

The shelter at the [Wake County Animal Center](#) is nearing capacity. Wake County encourages residents who have been thinking about adopting a new pet to come to the [center](#) to meet their new best friend and give these animals a loving home.

As of Wednesday, Nov. 1, there are 60 cats and 67 dogs available for adoption at the center, using 127 kennels. There are 159 available kennels for animals ready for adoption.

The center has taken in more than 125 animals in the past four days alone.

To make adopting cats and dogs easier, the center is holding an adoption special during the month of November in celebration of National Adopt a Senior Pet Month. All month long, cats and dogs eight years and older will be available for adoption at the following rates:

- Dogs - \$25
- Cats – Name your price

Adult cats and dogs make great pets, because they have already developed their personalities and behaviors. All animals available for adoption can be viewed on the center's [online adoption gallery](#).

The Wake County Animal Center is the only open-admission animal shelter in Wake County. By law, the center is required to accept all animals that are surrendered by owners or brought in by municipal animal controls.

### **What the community can do to help**

Owners who are thinking about [surrendering their pet](#) to the shelter should consider other alternatives first, including waiting until the shelter is not full. Although the center makes every effort to save the animals in our care, animals surrendered may be euthanized for health, temperament or space. Due to limited shelter space, the center can only accept animals from Wake County residents.

In addition to making pets available for adoption, staff works with [transfer partners](#) to place animals with rescue groups until they are adopted.

The center also relies on volunteer foster parents to temporarily care for animals in their homes until they are ready for adoption. There are currently 230 animals in our foster care program. If you are interested in learning more about fostering a pet, visit [our website](#).

### **About the Wake County Animal Center**

The Wake County Animal Center is an open-admission shelter operated by Wake County. The center receives all stray, abandoned and surrendered pets in the county and works in partnership with fosters, volunteers and local rescues to treat and rehome thousands of homeless animals every year.

Visit [www.wakegov.com/pets/adoptions](http://www.wakegov.com/pets/adoptions) for more information on adopting from the Wake County Animal Center.

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