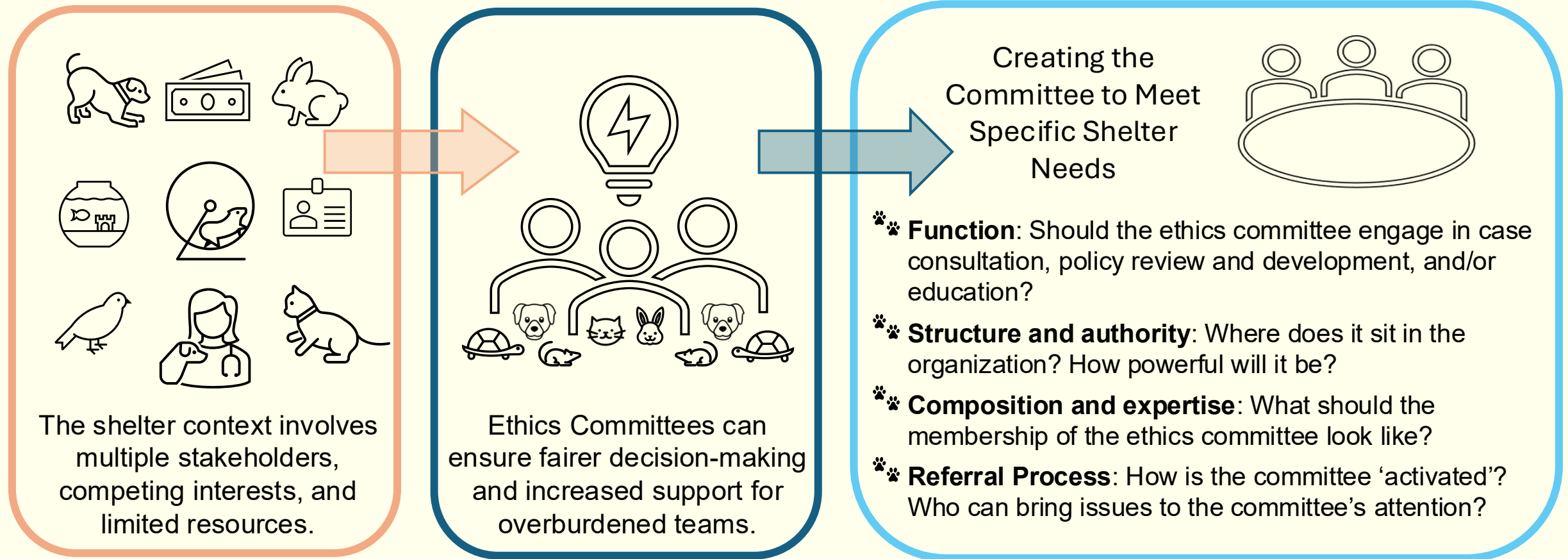


Ethics Committees for Animal Shelters



Due to high demand and limited resources, animal shelters face persistent ethical dilemmas. This paper proposes establishing ethics committees to provide expert case consultation, policy review, and ethics training. These committees ensure fair, consistent decision-making that protects the interests of animal residents while supporting overburdened shelter staff. To assist implementation, we offer a framework of key questions to help shelters design a committee tailored to their specific organizational needs and constraints.