

# Identifying special needs animals

The Special Lists feature automatically creates lists of animals that meet certain criteria, for example, Special Needs, Recent Arrivals, Puppies, Kittens, etc.

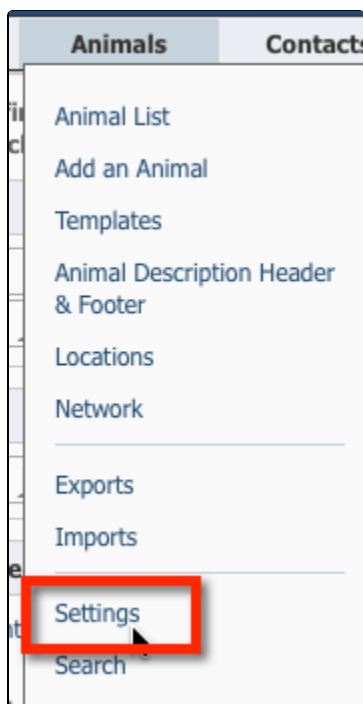


## Where do I find it?

You can find the [Special Lists](#) page by going to **Animals > Settings** then clicking **Special Lists**.

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## Special Lists Settings



Choose your RescueGroups.org Website Service separates animals into Special Lists such as Seniors, Must Adopt, Special Needs, etc.

[Update your organization's Special Lists settings.](#)

The Special Lists web pages will be automatically updated as you add your animals.

All times/ages are in days.

You can enter just the youngest age if you do not want to have a maximum age for the list.

For example:

- Kittens/Puppies: 0-180
- Teens: 181-364
- Adults: 365

(For the Adults list you would enter only enter the start age for the youngest age, and leave the Oldest blank if you do not want to use the seniors group).



**You must enter a birth date** (even approximate) for each animal to have age related special lists work. Example: puppies, kittens, teens, adults, seniors.

This will automatically age the animal and move them from one list to the next as they age.

## Animal Special Lists Settings

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### Babies (Kittens, Puppies)

#### Enable



Yes



No

#### Youngest age

0

#### Oldest age

180

The Special Lists are:

Special List	Description
Kittens / Puppies	Enter the age range, like 0/180 for animals 0 days to 6 months old to be shown
Teens	Enter the age range
Adults	Enter the age range
Seniors	Enter the age range
Urgent	Automatically updated from the Highlight field (a highlight of 0 is urgent). See the <a href="#">Highlighted Animals</a> for more information.
Long Time/Must Adopt	Uses the Received Date field from the animal to show only animals that have been in your organization for the specified time
Special Needs	Automatically updated from the Special Needs animal field
Needs a Caretaker (Foster)	Automatically updated from the Needs a Caretaker animal field
Recent Arrivals	This uses the Received Date field from the animal to show only animals received within a certain number of days
Courtesy Listings	Automatically updated from the Courtesy Listing animal field

## Special Needs

To automatically add an animal to the Special Needs web page:

1. Enable Special Needs in your [Special Lists](#).
2. When Adding or Editing an Animal, enter in some text in the **Special needs description** in the Additional Notes and Comments section.
3. If the special needs animal also needs a sponsor, you can enable the Sponsorships for that animal. See [Animal Sponsorships](#).

Additional Notes and Comments

Origin

Private notes

Special needs description

Sponsors

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## How to Add Special Lists to a Custom Menu



Many of the RescueGroups.org layouts and menus will automatically show links to the Special Lists that you enable using the Default Menu. If you have a Custom Menu you may need to manually add the Special Lists links to your menu.

If you do not see the Special List you would like to use in your website menu or in your link list, read the chapter [Adding menu items](#) for more information.

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