

Surrendering Animals

Can anyone bring in an animal? Currently, animals are only accepted from citizens living within Randolph County AL.

What type of animals are accepted? Only healthy dogs and cats. Puppies/kittens must be weaned and at least 9 weeks old.

We highly suggest you call before bringing any animals to us, to make sure we have space available and you do not waste a trip. Sometimes you might have to wait a day or two to bring the animal because we are full. (256)357-0101

What if it is a horse or other animal? We may be able to help you find an appropriate place for other animals if you ask.

Can the Shelter staff or someone from the County come out and pick up a dog or cat? Currently the County cannot fund an animal control officer and the Shelter does not have the means to do so. However, if you live within the service area of RCAS you are welcome to bring the animal(s) into the Shelter during business hours.

How much does it cost to leave an animal at the shelter? We ask for a \$20 tax-deductible donation for each animal surrendered. However, this is simply a request and if you are unable to donate, you can still leave the animal(s).

If I leave an animal, how do I know it won't be put down? We cannot promise that an animal will not be euthanized. Our goal to place all social and healthy animals in a home. However, if space becomes limited we may be forced to euthanize.

Adoption

Can anyone adopt an animal? Anyone who is willing to come into the Shelter, fill out the required paperwork, pay the fee, and who meets the basic guidelines can adopt.

Does our newly adopted pet have to be spayed/neutered? Yes. Alabama State Law requires all Shelter adopted pets to be altered (see our link for spay/neuter benefits to owner and pet.)

How much does it cost?

Dog \$92 - includes worming, and spay/neuter surgery if not yet altered

Cat \$72 - includes worming, and spay/neuter surgery if not yet altered

Our cats and dogs are less than 1/3 the cost of what you would pay in the 'private sector including fees for checkups, worming, and altering.

If the animal you choose is not yet altered; take your Shelter 'no-cost voucher' for surgery to Dr. Taylor at Twin Creeks Animal Hospital in Ashland, AL (near Lineville). If you use any other Vet, we will provide a refund to you when your Vet fax's us proof of surgery to (256) 357-0103. Making sure we get this proof will enable your refund of \$42 for dog spay/neuter or \$32 for cat spay/neuter.

I thought the Shelter was funded by the government and you want the animal adopted, why do I have to pay an adoption fee?

The Shelter's daily operational expenses (animal care including food and medicine, electric, phone, water, staffing, etc.) are only partially covered by local municipal funds; much fundraising and grant assistance is needed to fully fund the Shelter.

The expenses of caring for the animal's basic needs are great. We offer you a healthy '2nd chance' animal who needs you. We take the time to make sure you and the animal are a 'good fit'. You have a chance to visit and get to know the dog/cat.

Often rescue animals prove themselves at some point in your life, and you will then be rescued too !