

Surrendering Animals

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.

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

What types of animals are accepted? We only take dogs/puppies and cats/kittens, but we may be able to help you find an appropriate place for other animals if you ask.

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.

Can we bring the animal home that day? If the pet you choose is spayed/neutered and has had all required immunizations, you may bring her/him home. If it still needs procedures, you should be able to pick it up within one week.

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 (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. The fee of \$80 for dogs and \$60 for cats is much less than what you would pay at the vet for all the required immunizations, check-ups, and spaying or neutering of your pet.

Does our newly adopted pet have to be spayed/neutered? Yes, Alabama State law require all pets adopted from the shelter to be altered for many reasons (see spay/neuter page for more info).