

Humane Society of Elmore County News
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The Humane Society of Elmore County is a sheltering agency for animals from within Elmore County. The responsibility for picking up animals, dealing with animal complaints and investigating cruelty/neglect cases falls upon the respective Animal Control Officers in each city and the county.

If you are in need of animal control assistance for a stray or problem animal, or to report instances of animal neglect or cruelty, you will need to contact the appropriate officer noted below.

Elmore County	567-1426	Eclectic	541-2149
Wetumpka	567-5321	Elmore Township	514-5988
Tallassee	283-6571	Coosada	285-3700
Millbrook	285-6832		

Once a stray is brought to us we will hold them for seven days in accordance with Section 3-7A-7 of the Alabama Code so that its owner has time to reclaim it. We release pets only to their owner unless the owner has given us authorization for another person to pick that pet up.

There are fees associated with reclaiming a pet. There are Animal Control fees (specific to each municipality), boarding fees (\$15/day) and a rabies vaccination fee (\$10) if the pet's rabies immunization is not current. The Animal Control fees increases with subsequent intakes of the same pet and can eventually lead to a summons to court. In the case of livestock there may be additional hauling fees, & boarding fees can range up to \$25/day depending on the particular situation.

Easily 90%+ of the pets that come to our shelter have no identification of any kind even though Alabama Law (Section 3-7A-4) requires that dogs & cats have a current rabies tag attached to their collar or harness at all times. Tags work as we can generally reunite those pets with their owners the same day. We also encourage you to talk to your veterinarian about microchipping your pet to help us get it home to you in the event it loses its tag or collar. In the past few months we can attest that microchips have reunited one dog lost for a month, one dog lost for almost three months, and one dog reported stolen FIVE YEARS previous! MICROCHIPS WORK! One tip if you travel with your pet is to have some photos of your pet in your phone, and if it is microchipped, record your pet's microchip number in your phone so you have it handy.

There is nothing we like better than reuniting a lost pet with its owner. If you have lost your pet please call us at 334-567-3377 or you can send us an electronic lost report by going to our website at www.elmorehumane.org. It also cannot hurt to notify other area shelters and you can call the Prattville-Autauga Humane Society at 334-358-2882 or the Montgomery Humane Society at 334-409-0662. You can also email us lost or found reports with pictures and information to hselco@bellsouth.net; post them to our shelter Facebook and definitely post on your own Facebook page. We cannot emphasize the importance of photos in helping get lost or found pets home – photos are invaluable for fliers, poster and also to clarify confusing descriptions.

Please do not delay reporting your missing pet and if you truly believe your pet has been stolen from your property, please also make an official report to your supporting law enforcement. In the case of a pet found months or years later, that police report could be invaluable to you getting your pet back.

And please thank your Animal Control Officer for the work they do to help animals and keep our communities safe. Stray animals aren't all easy to deal with and these officers seldom get the positive recognition they deserve. Our shelter and the Animal Control Officers work as a team to help animals in Elmore County and we greatly appreciate the work they do day in and day out.