

104 Animal Shelter Road, Wedowee, AL 36278 (256)357-0101 phone (256)357-0103 faxrandolphanimal@centurytel.netwww.RandolphShelter.orgHours 9-3 Tuesday through Saturday, or by appointmentFacebook: RcasShelter

Surrendering a Dog or Cat to RCAS

Can anyone bring in an animal? Currently, animals are only accepted from citizens living within Randolph County and Clay 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, (256)357-0101, to make sure we have space available and you do not waste a trip. Sometimes you might have to wait a few days to bring the animal, because we are full.

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 call.

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. Please call first!

How much does it cost to leave an animal at the shelter? We ask for a \$25 tax-deductible donation when you surrender an animal. We work very hard to accept all animals brought to us, but sometimes it is not possible, and we may ask you to wait a few days until space is available.

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 is to place all social and healthy animals in a home. However, if space becomes limited we may be forced to euthanize.

We will microchip any cat or dog for \$25. It is \$15 if you adopted the animal from us.

Adopting A Dog or Cat at RCAS

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. We do allow out of state adoptions.

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

How much does it cost? (Our cats and dogs are less than 1/3 the cost of what you would pay in the 'private sector.) Dog \$99 includes current vaccinations, spay or neuter, and deworming

Cat \$32 includes current vaccinations, spay or neuter, and deworming

If the animal you choose is not yet altered; take your Shelter supplied surgery voucher to Dr. Taylor at Twin Creeks Animal Hospital in Ashland, AL (near Lineville). The pet overnight stay is included. If you use any other Vet, we will provide a refund to you when your Vet fax's us proof of surgery to (256) 357-0101. Making sure we get this proof will enable your refund of \$50 for dog spay/neuter or \$32 for cat spay/neuter.

I thought the Shelter was funded by the government and since 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 (about 50%) by local municipal funds. So we do a lot of fundraising and we look for grant assistance to fully fund the Shelter.

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 in our meet and greet room.

Take pleasure in knowing that often rescue animals prove themselves at some point in your life, and you will most likely realize why this pet came into your life ! Prepared 2/6/17