

104 Animal Shelter Road, Wedowee, AL 36278 (256)357-0101 phone (256)357-0103 fax <u>rcaskennelmanager@yahoo.com</u> www.RandolphShelter.org Facebook: Randolph County Animal Shelter – Wedowee Al

## Surrendering a Dog or Cat to RCAS

YES, we have a microchip scanner to see if a pet has a chip!!

Can anyone bring in an animal? 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 6 weeks old.

Space Availability: We recommend you call before bringing any animal to us, (256)357-0101, to make sure we are open and have space available. In winter we have to provide indoor kennels for all dogs, unlike better weather when our dogs are outside. Call or stop by to have the found pet put on our 'wait list'. We will call you when space is available.

What if it is a horse or other animal? Call us, we will try to help find an appropriate place for other animals.

Can the Shelter staff or someone from the County come out and pick up a dog or cat? We do not have the funding to do so.

How much does it cost to leave an animal at the shelter? There is a mandatory \$25 fee when you surrender an animal, with some exceptions, as litters...call us! We work very hard to accept all animals brought to us. 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.

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.

## 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 Twin Creeks Animal Hospital in Ashland, AL (near Lineville). The pet overnight stay is included. If you use a vet service, other than Twin Creeks or our spay/neuter clinic, we need your proof the animal was fixed (show us receipt, or your vet can fax it, if they call first!) Fax: (256)357-0103 We also need you to return to us the original voucher we gave you.. We will then 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 '2<sup>nd</sup> 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 or outside pens.

Take pleasure in knowing that often rescue animals prove themselves at some point in your life, and you will most likely<br/>realize why this pet came into your life !Prepared 5/2/18 11am CST