

Stray/Unwanted Sheltering

In 2008, the Shelby County Animal Shelter cared for approximately 1000 dogs and 600 cats. Most of these pets are rescued from the streets by our Animal Control Officers. Some are brought in by concerned citizens and others by their owners who can no longer care for them.



Stray Holding Periods

Dogs

A stray dog is available for reclaim for only 5 days under state law. After 5 days, the dog becomes the property of the shelter.

Cats

A stray cat is available for reclaim for only 3 days. After 3 days, the cat becomes the property of the shelter.

Puppies and Kittens do not have a holding period.

We make every effort to place all animals in forever homes. However, if an animal proves unsafe for adoption, or is otherwise unadoptable, we do euthanize as needed. We work with over 400 rescues all over the United States to place the animals in wonderful homes through only no-kill rescues and other no-kill facilities.

Please note that Microchips, Id tags on collars, and License tags on animals are their ticket home when they come into our shelter. Please make every effort to identify your pets in some way! We want to return your dog or cat to you! If your pet is missing, please come into the shelter frequently. Descriptions over the phone may not look like what we see in the shelter.