



## About Us

The Suffolk Animal Control and Shelter maintains a shelter to protect, house, feed and care for the stray, injured, abused, or unwanted animals within the city of Suffolk. Adoptions and redemption of stray animals, as well as lost and found pet files, are handled through the facility.

The Suffolk Animal Control and Shelter is also responsible for the investigation of all incidents and the enforcement of State and City laws regarding domestic animals within the City's jurisdictional boundaries, providing assistance and information to the complainants and animal owners.

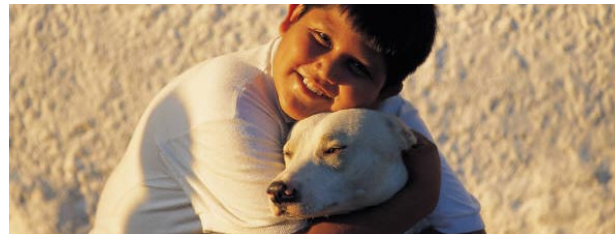
Suffolk's Animal Control and Shelter is staffed with a Shelter Manager, two Animal Caretakers, a Chief Animal Control Officer and six additional Animal Control Officers. These officers investigate complaints of animal cruelty, abuse, or neglect and enforce the City and State animal control laws. The Unit is available to respond to emergencies involving animals 24 hours a day.



Through educational programs, the Animal Control and Shelter stresses the importance of humane care, rabies vaccinations, and spaying or neutering to prevent unwanted pet populations. Frequent adoption events and partnerships with our local humane society continue to increase the rate of adoption for companion animals.

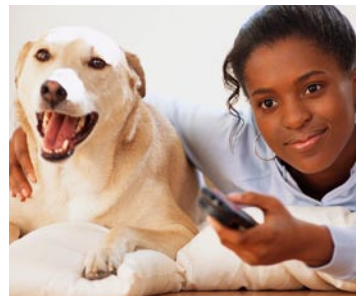
## Adoption

The Animal Control and Shelter's Adoption Service enables stray and owner-surrendered domestic animals to find a temporary refuge while waiting for a new home. We strive to protect and improve the lives of abused, abandoned and homeless animals by helping to place them in loving, protective and permanent homes. In fact, many of the dogs and cats in our shelter make wonderful pets and are looking for that forever home. If you are interested in adopting a new friend and making a difference in the life of a needy animal, be sure to visit the shelter — **TODAY!**



Adoptions are \$60 for cats and \$75 for dogs. Animals are spayed/neutered and vaccinated prior to adoption. Dogs: Rabies, over the age of four months; DHP, Bordatella, Worm, Parvo, and Heartworm, over the age of six months. Cats: FVRCP, Worm and Rabies over the age of four months.

**Looking for a specific breed? Contact Shelter Manager Debra Jeffs at (757) 373-7831 or email [djefts@suffolkva.us](mailto:djefts@suffolkva.us).**



## Pet Regulations

### REGISTRATION

All dogs six months and older must be licensed with the City Treasurer. Rabies vaccinations are also required for dogs and cats over four months of age. A rabies vaccination receipt (from a licensed veterinarian) must accompany dog license registrations, which must be renewed annually.

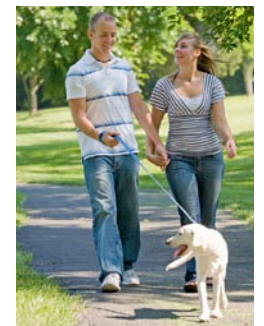
License registration fees are as follows:

- Individual dog: \$5.00
- Kennel of 20 dogs or less: \$15.00
- Kennel of 21 to 50 dogs: \$25.00

City licenses may be purchased at the Shelter or the Treasurer's office (at the Municipal Center); kennel licenses may only be purchased at the Treasurer's Office.

### LEASH LAW

The entire city prohibits dogs from running at-large or off of the owner's property, unless secured by a leash and under the control of a responsible person.



### IMPOUNDMENT

Suffolk's Animal Control Officers are required to impound any dog running at-large. For dogs bearing identification, owners will be identified and may redeem the dog after reimbursing the costs for the animal's confinement (which is \$15 per day).



## Volunteers & Donations

You CAN make a difference. The Suffolk Animal Control and Shelter welcomes volunteers! We are always in need of help with socializing, cleaning, and playing with our animals, as well as showcasing them at shopping malls/stores and educating the public about responsible pet ownership. Please be aware that a waiver must be signed releasing the City of Suffolk from any liability in case of an accident.

We are always grateful for donations. While the shelter may not accept cash donations, the following items are always appreciated, so please stop in to drop off your contributions and visit with us and our special guests:

- kitty litter
- cat food/kitten chow
- dog food  
(Purina One Lamb & Rice)
- puppy chow
- leashes and collars
- grooming supplies
- toys
- crates
- towels
- blankets
- bleach
- Pine Sol (not original scent)
- hand sanitizer & wipes
- laundry detergent
- dishwashing liquid
- trash bags (drawstrings)
- carriers

For further information on volunteering your time or making donations to the Suffolk Animal Control and Shelter, please call us at (757) 514-7855.



## Expansion Plans

Plans are underway for a much-needed expansion and renovation to the Animal Control and Shelter facility on Forest Glen Drive, expected to be completed in the spring of 2012. A new, single-story, 2,335 square-foot intake kennel will be added, as well as 500 square feet of existing space renovation, to house an exam room, storage and a feral cat room.

These additions are intended to:

- increase adoptions as a result of a more attractive and inviting facility
- highlight dogs and cats of all sizes and colors
- allow for spacious and welcoming communal areas where potential adopters can relax, play and interact with animals
- improve ventilation and sanitation facility-wide



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