



ABOUT US

The Suffolk Animal Care Center 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 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 Care Center

is staffed with a Shelter Manager and three Animal Caretakers. Suffolk Animal Control is staffed with a Chief Animal Control Officer and five 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 Suffolk Animal Care Center stresses the importance of humane care, rabies vaccinations, and spaying or neutering to prevent unwanted pet populations. Frequent adoption events and partnerships with the Suffolk humane society continue to increase the rate of adoption for companion animals.

ADOPTION

The Suffolk Animal Care Center'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 Suffolk Animal Care Center — **TODAY!**



Adoptions are \$75 for cats and \$95 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.



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 spayed or neutered: \$5.00
- Individual dog not spayed or neutered: \$10.00
- Kennel of 20 dogs or less: \$15.00
- Kennel of 21 to 50 dogs: \$25.00

City licenses may be purchased at the Suffolk Animal Care Center or the Treasurer's offices; 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 or cat running at-large. For dogs or cats bearing identification, owners will be identified and may redeem the dog or cat after reimbursing the costs for the animal's confinement (which is \$15 per day).

EXPANSION & RENOVATION

A much-needed expansion and renovation to the [Suffolk Animal Care Center](#) was completed in the summer of 2012. The Center features over 3,600 additional square feet of space and a number of new amenities. The new facility can house approximately 70 cats/kittens and approximately 76 dogs/puppies. There are three "get acquainted" rooms so prospective animal adopters can meet their furry new friend, as well as an outdoor acquaintance/play area for families and adoptable dogs.



VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS

You CAN make a difference. The [Suffolk Animal Care Center](#) 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

UNATTENDED TETHERING

The law against unattended tethering went into effect September 1, 2013.

Alternatives?

Animal Control suggests:

- Make your dog a house dog and take it for walks
- Consider using doggy daycare
- Consider an outside kennel or run
- Consider fencing your yard

Under Virginia Code and City Ordinance you must provide basic care for your dog.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR DOG

You need to provide: adequate food, adequate water, adequate shelter, adequate space in the primary enclosure, adequate exercise, adequate care and treatment, and veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering or disease transmission.

Remember that Suffolk City Code requires a leash or lead or other means of restraint not harmful or injurious to the dog to be used for all dogs if taken on public streets, sidewalks, or right-of-ways.

Vaccinate your pets to help prevent disease!



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