



Smith County Animal Control and Shelter Policy Changes

Smith County Animal Control and Shelter Operations

- Animal Control Supervisor Monday-Friday 8am-5pm Lunch 12pm-1pm
 - Animal Shelter Coordinator Monday-Friday 9am-6pm Lunch 1pm-2pm
 - Shelter Assistant Monday-Friday 8am-5pm Lunch 12pm-1pm
 - 4 ACOs Monday-Friday 8am-5pm Lunch when can
 - PT Kennel Tech Saturday-Wednesday 8am-12pm
 - PT Kennel Tech Wednesday-Sunday 8am-12pm
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- Smith County Animal Shelter will offer public admission to the shelter 6 days a week, Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm and Saturdays 10am – 2pm to afford citizens adequate opportunity to reclaim a lost pet, adopt a new pet, or surrender a stray
 - Smith County Animal Control will be open Monday-Friday 8am-5pm
 - Trustees will be utilized Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Stray Public Intakes

- Allow public drop offs of strays Monday - Friday from 1:00pm - 4:30pm
- The finder must provide a photo ID
- The finder must fill out a paper stating where they found the dog and that to their knowledge they do not know who the dog belongs to.
- We will not accept dogs that were found outside of Smith County or within any corporate city limits of any city.

Owner Surrenders

- By appointment only and given the available space
- Fees charged for owner surrender are on a case-by-case basis, based on the dogs age and vetting, but in no instance will any owner surrender fee exceed the following amounts:
 - \$200 per dog
 - 1-3 puppies (4 months and younger) \$75
 - 4+ puppies (4 months and younger) \$100
 - \$150 if fully vaccinated with proof
 - \$100 if sterilized with proof
 - \$75 if fully vaccinated and sterilized with proof
- Owners shall provide SCACS with copies of any current vet records
- Owner shall provide a photo ID with proof of Smith County Residency (ex. DL, SCAD, Utility Bill)
- SCACS has the right to refuse a dog for any reason
- Once the shelter has reached 80% capacity, we will no longer take surrenders until the capacity falls back below 80%

Adoptions

- Kennel area will be accessible for viewing by the public Monday-Friday 12pm-6pm and Saturdays 10am-2pm
- There will be an \$75 adoption fee due at the time of adoption
- At the time of adoption the adoptee will be issued a voucher for sterilization and rabies with instructions for contacting SNIPPET and scheduling the appointment within 30 days.

Discretionary Waiver of Fees

Notwithstanding anything contained in these policies to the contrary, The Shelter Coordinator or Director of Animal Control, may waive any fee in part or whole if waiver of fee (i) is consistent with the purpose of these policies and (ii) is necessary upon showing of good cause or financial hardship.

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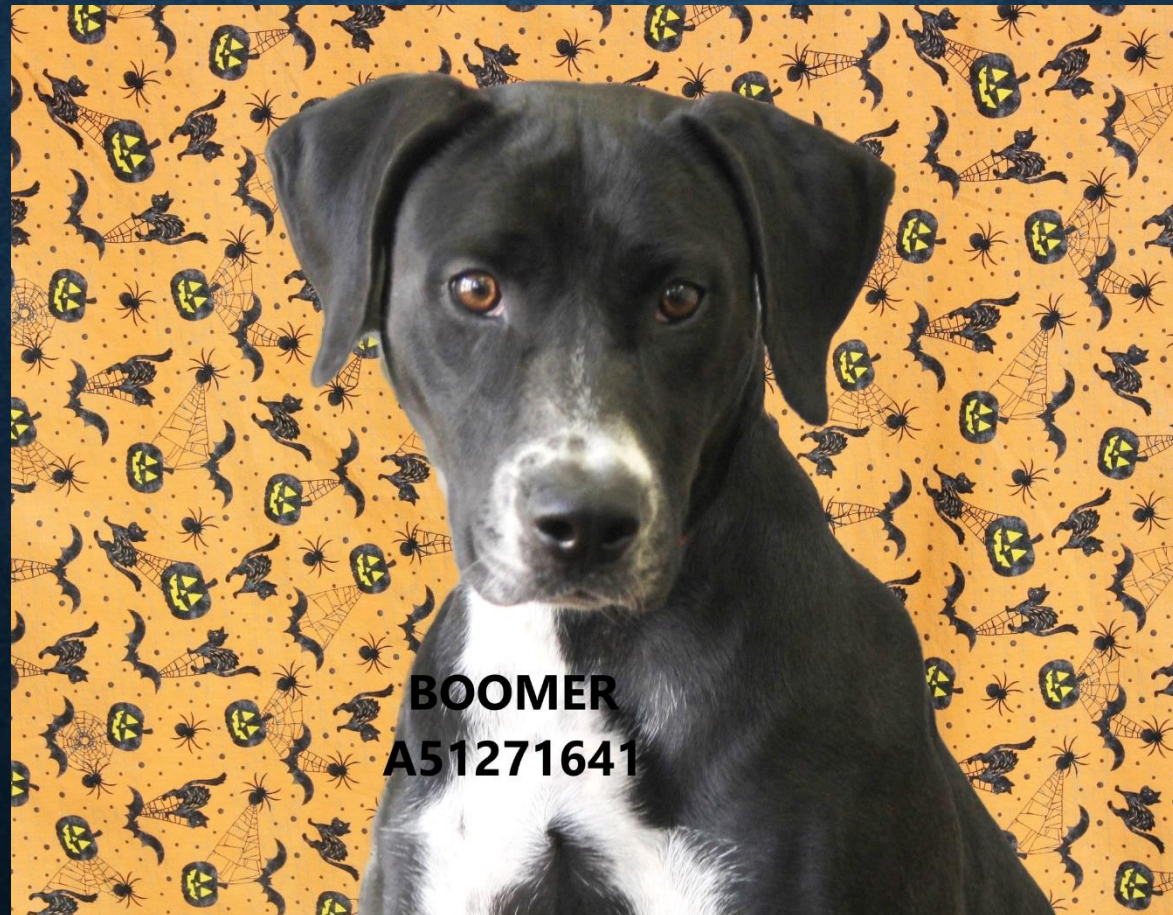
- Animal Control Officers will safely apprehend and deliver stray dogs to the shelter upon proof of location in Smith County, without regard to any food, water, or shelter being previously provided short term by reporting party trying to get a hold of Animal Control to come pick up the dog.
- Animal Control Officers will not be required to apprehend or deliver owner surrenders to the shelter but advise dog owners wishing to surrender their dog to the shelter to contact the shelter to setup an appointment for the owner to drop off the dog.
- Animal Control Officers will be required to safely apprehend and deliver dogs which have verifiably been abandoned on location in Smith County. Property owners or landlord and former tenant will be made known that the responsibility can fall on them.

Upcoming projects

- Purchased a carport and put kennels outside for dogs to have some outside time
- Working on signage for the front of the shelter
- Working towards a transport van with kennels
- Requisite of 3 full time kennel techs
- Put forward a plan for the unused empty space in the shelter adjacent to the kennel area
- Promote microchipping

Questions

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