The Tazewell County Animal Shelter serves as the local municipal shelter for Tazewell County, Virginia and only accepts animals from within Tazewell County.

**Stray Animals**Stay Animals/Animal running at large are accepted 7 days a week and may be brought in by a citizen of Tazewell County or by Tazewell County Animal Control. Any citizen turning in a stray animal must present a valid form of identification.

Stray Animals are assessed upon intake, provided veterinary care if needed, scanned for a microchip, cross referenced with Lost Dog reports and their picture is placed on social media to help find a possible owner. All stray animals are held through the holding period provided by the Virginia Comprehensive Animal Law.

**Owner Surrendered Animals**Owner surrendered animals are accepted Monday-Friday. Owners put present proof of ownership and a valid ID and must be a resident of Tazewell County, Virginia.

**Bite Cases**Bite Cases are received from Animal Control and are quarantined for 10 days as required by the Virginia Department of Health.

**Seized Animals**Animals that are seized by Animal Control as part of a criminal investigation are held at the Tazewell County Animal Shelter until the investigation is complete or custody is granted to the shelter by a court of law. At that time animals are either returned to their owners or placed for adoption or rescue.

**Other**Animals who are born in our facility as a result of taking custody of an animal for one of the aforementioned reasons.