

FLOYD COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

ANIMAL INTAKE PROCEDURE

The Floyd County Animal Shelter is a canine only shelter. Canines will be accepted at any time, unless it is being surrendered by the rightful owner solely for the purpose of euthanasia. The Floyd County Animal Shelter sees this as an animal care situation. The rightful owner will be required to seek veterinary care at this time.

The Floyd County Animal Shelter does not accept cats as stray, owner surrender or feral. In the case of possible rabies exposure, bite cases or animal cruelty or abandonment, each case will be looked at individually. Bite cases and possible rabies will be held by a local veterinary office if the Health Department does not allow the owner to retain the animal at their home or in the case that no owner is found. Animal cruelty or animal abandonment cases will be held by a local veterinary office or a foster care provider throughout court procedures as defined in Virginia code section **§ 3.2-6569 Seizure and impoundment of animals; notice and hearing; disposition of animal.**

An ID is required to drop of a stray, or surrender an animal to the shelter. Persons surrendering an animal must be at least 18 years of age.

If people ask if the shelter is 'Full' they can be informed whether or not the shelter is at capacity so they can determine if they still wish to leave the animal there or make other arrangements. We evaluate each animal individually and will make decisions regarding adoption, transfer, foster or euthanasia based on the animal and his or her ability to be safely re-homed.

Animal Control Intake

When animal control brings an animal in, a animal custody record shall be completed by the animal control officer. Any details on the animal or the situation it came from will be placed in the animal custody record.

Stray Animal Intake

Animals with any form of identification must be held for 11 days, animals with no identification must be held for 6 days. Forms of identification include but are not limited to: Collars, tags, licenses, bandanas, microchips, tattoos, sweaters, shoes, or ribbons.

When a citizen brings in a stray animal:

- Animal control officers must be sure to get the citizens name, address, and phone number. An animal custody record must be completed and a photo copy of the citizens ID will be placed in the animals file.

When someone brings in a stray and wants it back after the stray period:

- Explain the stray hold state law. Ask them to make this request in writing for the animal and inform them of the next steps. The written request will be placed in the animals file.