

## Reporting animal control cases

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The Humane Society of Elmore County is a sheltering agency for animals brought to us by Animal Control Officers and the public from within Elmore County. While we provide the sheltering facility, the responsibility for picking up animals, dealing with animal complaints and investigating cruelty/neglect cases falls upon the respective Animal Control Officers in each city and the county.

If you are in need of animal control assistance for a stray or problem animal, or to report instances of animal neglect or cruelty, you will need to contact the appropriate officer noted below.

Wetumpka	567-1327	Millbrook	285-6832
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Elmore Township	514-5988	Coosada	285-3700
Elmore County	567-1426		

Once a stray is brought to us we will hold them for seven days in accordance with Section 3-7A-7 of the Alabama Code in hope the pet's owner will come to reclaim it. We will only release a pet to the owner unless the owner has given us authorization for another person to pick that pet up.

There are fees associated with reclaiming a pet. There are Animal Control fees (specific to each municipality), boarding fees (\$15/day) and a rabies vaccination fee (\$10) if the pet's rabies immunization is not current. The Animal Control fee increases with subsequent intakes of the same pet and can eventually lead to a summons to court. In the case of livestock there may be an additional hauling fee, & boarding fees can range up to \$25/day depending on the particular animal & situation.

Easily 90%+ of the pets that come to our shelter have no identification of any kind even though Alabama Law (Section 3-7A-4) requires that dogs & cats have a current rabies tag attached to their collar or harness at all times. Tags work as we can generally reunite those pets with their owners the same day. We also encourage you to talk to your veterinarian about microchipping your pet to help us get it home to you in the event it loses its tag or collar. There is nothing we like better than reuniting a lost pet with its owner. If you have lost your pet please call us to

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report it at 334-567-3377 or you can send us an electronic lost report by going to our website at [www.elmorehumane.org](http://www.elmorehumane.org)

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