



Montgomery County Animal Care and Control *Owner Surrender Information*



Greetings, we understand here at MCACC that the decision to surrender your pet is not always the easiest choice to make and is often met with guilt, frustration and indecision. At MCACC we always want to be able to see pets stay in their homes and with their owners. The shelter environment is extremely difficult on animals, the noise, strange smells, strange dogs and cats, it all takes a toll on an animal's behavior. Pet owners also need to understand that once you surrender your pet, its future is uncertain. We cannot always guarantee that an animal will be adopted, find a rescue, or forever home. Sometimes a pet may have been a great pet in your family, however, due to its rapid change in environment, its behavior changes, it becomes depressed, aggressive, or its health declines rapidly. All of these play a factor in our staff being able to place your pet. As hard as it may be, if you absolutely must surrender your pet, we strongly encourage pet owners to please contact our shelter and work with us by keeping your pet until we can locate a rescue or forever home for your pet and keep it from entering our shelter all together.

Do's and Dont's

DON'T drop your pet off or abandon your pet in the woods or countryside, making the assumption that the pet can care for itself. Pets lack the skills and instincts to survive on their own and may die from a result of starvation, injury, or illness

DON'T abandon your pet in a home or apartment you are leaving. Your pet may be confined to this home or apartment for a very long time and do not make the assumption that someone will find your pet.

DON'T just give your pet away to some random stranger. You do not know if that person is responsible or honest and your pet may end up in the wrong hands with someone that may abuse your pet. If you are rehoming your pet, please do your research on the new pet owner first.

DO try to place your pet with a trusted family member or friend, one who you feel comfortable with knowing they will care for and love your pet as you did. Be sure the friend or relative understands the commitment they are taking on as well as the time, cost, and care that will need to go into caring for your pet. Our shelter receives many dogs and cats from people who knew the previous owner, but were not informed as to how much work would go into the pet or of any underlying issues the pet had before they took ownership.

DO contact local rescues, humane societies and other private organizations about rehoming your pet. Many will offer to take your pet or locate a foster or rescue for you that would be interested in your pet.

DO call Montgomery County Animal Shelter after you have exhausted all efforts to rehome your pet. Call us before coming to the shelter, we require Owner Surrender's to be by appointment only and we do not accept walk in surrenders.

Making an Appointment, Why is it Necessary

It may seem inconvenient and frustrating to have to call and make an appointment to surrender your dog, especially if you made the trip to the shelter first and you are probably wondering why its necessary. Our shelter only has so much space to house all of our Dogs and Cats, we cannot make new kennels and it is inhumane to place dogs into small portable kennels creating an unhealthy environment for all of our animals. By making an appointment 1 week in advance, it allows our shelter staff to contact you and work with you on finding ways to help you keep your pet or to find a new home for your pet so that it may not even have to stay at the shelter at all. That time period allows staff to gather necessary information from you the pet owner about you and your pet, if you wish to keep your pet but do not have the means to do so, it allows our staff to search for any form of help we or another organization can provide to you. It also provides us time to contact area rescues, shelters, and fosters to locate someone who may be able to take your pet. If we have exhausted all efforts in that time frame, it also provides time for us to move other pets out of our shelter and to new homes, rescues, fosters, etc. to create space for your pet if we are unsuccessful in finding it a home. By simply walking in and trying to turn your pet over that day puts strain on our shelter, our animals and our staff and as stated we only have so much space for animals.

What to Expect Next

Make an Appointment: Call our shelter at (931) 648-5750 to make an appointment with our shelter to bring your pet in to surrender. All appointments are at least 1 week in advance, so please make sure you plan accordingly to keep your pet during that time frame. Our shelter staff will ask you questions about your pet to assist us in determining if we may be able to help you keep your pet or if your pet will be a good candidate for adoption or rescue. We will never place an animal for adoption that is a danger to the people or other animals.

We only accept owner surrenders Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays (No Weekends or Holidays) between the hours of 10AM and 3:30PM. Appointments generally last between 20-30 minutes as we will have forms we will need you to complete.

You will be required to complete an animal intake form that will provide us detailed information about your pet, its behavior and health so that we can best place your pet in a new home. You will also need to sign an Owner Surrender form which surrenders all ownership or interest in your animal to Montgomery County Animal Care and Control. Please know that once you have surrendered your pet, we do make every effort to place your pet in a new home, however, if your pet is deemed to be not a good candidate for adoption or rescue, is sick or injured, and/or our shelter becomes overcrowded, your pet may be humanely euthanized, so please make sure you have made the right decision. You do have the option of being contacted prior to your pet being euthanized if that is to be the final outcome.

What to Bring: You will need all of the following to owner surrender your pet

- Valid state issued photo ID
- Proof you are the owner of the pet (Microchip information, registration, vetting records)
- Vetting records (If available)
- Owner Surrender Fee (Cash or Credit only)

Owner Surrender Dog or Cat.....	\$30
Each Additional Puppy or Kitten under 3 mos. Of same litter.....	\$5.00 ea.
Each Additional Puppy or Kitten over 4 mos. Of same litter.....	\$10.00 ea.
Puppies and Kittens over 4 mos. Of age.....	\$10.00 ea.
Owner Requested Euthanasia (Low income only) under 40lbs.....	\$35.00
Owner Requested Euthanasia (Low income only) 40-100lbs.....	\$50.00
Owner Requested Euthanasia (Low income only) Over 100lbs.....	\$60.00
- If requesting Euthanasia, owner must qualify as low income status with the State of Tennessee
 - i. Proof of total monthly household income per TN-KY MSA
 - ii. Proof of supplemental security income or disability benefits
 - iii. Proof of state assistance for medical, food, or childcare
 - iv. Unemployment benefits
 - v. Disabled adult child classification
- Only the microchipped or registered owner may owner surrender a pet and that microchipped or registered owner must be present to complete the transaction.

The Day you Surrender: On the day of your appointment be sure to bring all of the required documents that you will need to the shelter with you as well as the pet you are owner surrendering.

1. If at all possible, if you have someone with you, if they could remain in the car with you pet, with the air conditioning running. If not, DO NOT leave your pet in a hot vehicle, you may walk them to the front door to the right of the building. This entrance is specifically for stray and owner surrender animals.
2. Make sure there are no other pets in the foyer before entering to avoid any type of conflict between animals.
3. When entering, inform the clerk that you have an appointment and provide your information
4. Complete all the necessary forms and the required Owner Surrender Fee
5. Provide any vetting records or other records you may have for your pet to the staff
6. You will be provided a receipt and a copy of your owner surrender form for your records
7. You will then turn over possession of your pet to Montgomery County Animal Care and Control

Animal Rescue Organizations
(These organizations are all within a short distance of Clarksville TN)

Clarksville TN Area

Montgomery County Animal Care and Control
616 N. Spring St.
Clarksville, TN. 37040
(931) 648-5750

Humane Society of Clarksville
940 Tennessee Ave.
Clarksville, TN 37040
(931) 648-8042

Companion Pet Rescue of Middle TN
1200 Gadsden-Todd Levee Rd
Humboldt, TN 38343
(731) 445-2076

Two Ladies Caring Dog Rescue
3418 Dover Rd.
Woodlawn, TN 37191
(931) 217-2222

Precious Friends Puppy Rescue
114 Kraft St.
Clarksville, TN 37040
(931) 551-4407

Second Chance and Happy Tails Rescue
Clarksville TN
(931) 503-8300

Hopkinsville KY Area

Christian County Animal Shelter
2935 Russellville Rd.
Hopkinsville, KY 42240
(270) 887-4175

Max's Hope Pet Rescue
710 North Main St.
Hopkinsville, KY 42240
(270) 962-7089

Nashville TN Area

Metro Nashville Animal Control
5125 Harding Pl
Nashville, TN 37211
(615) 862-7928

Nashville Humane Association
213 Oceola Ave.
Nashville, TN 37209
(615) 352-1010

Big Fluffy Dog Rescue
Nashville, TN
(615) 322-9191

Within 1 Hour of Clarksville TN Area

Williamson County Animal Shelter
106 Claude Yates Dr.
Franklin, TN 37064
(615) 790-5590

Humane Society of Dickson County
311 Tennesco Rd.
Dickson, TN 37055
(615) 446-7387

RARE – Rural Animal Rescue Effort
Columbia TN 38401
(615) 330-4769

Logan County Humane Society
1230 Morgantown Rd.
Russellville, KY 42276
(270) 726-2186

Steward County Faithful Friends Animal Rescue
Dover, TN
(931) 627-1459

Proverbs 12:10 Animal Rescue
P.O. Box 210830
Nashville, TN 37221
<http://www.proverbs1210rescue.org/>

Russell Rescue TN
Columbia, TN 38472
www.russellrescueteen.com

Rags to Riches Animal Rescue
P.O. Box 353
Lyles, TN 37098
(931) 623-1131

Down South Dog Rescue
P.O. Box 10147
Murfreesboro, TN 37129
www.adoptapet.com/down-south-dog-rescue

For Pete's Sake
Bristol, TN
(276) 494-6718

PAWS TN
www.Pawstn.com
petsareworthsavingtn@live.com
(931) 801-0313

Snooty Giggles Dog Rescue
<http://snootygiggles.com/>

Last Chance Pet Rescue, Inc.
Nashville, TN.
(615) 797-9716

Almost Home Animal Rescue
Rutherford County, TN
(865) 236-0830

New Leash in Life
507 W. Baddour Pkwy.
Lebanon, TN 37087
(615) 444-1144

Old Friends Senior Dog Sanctuary
12110 Lebanon Rd.
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122
(615) 754-5617

Black Dog Rescue TN
Lynnville, TN 38472
www.blackdogrescueteen.org
coolblackdogs@live.com

Working Dog Rescues

Middle Tennessee German Shepherd Rescue
www.mtgsr.org
adoption.mtgsr@gmail.com

Healing Herding Hearts
Madison, TN
www.healinghearts.com
(615) 290-2454

West TN Border Collie Rescue
P.O. Box 2467
Cordova, TN 38088
(901) 216-5035
(608) 385-4716 Ryan Barbour

Collie & Sheltie Rescue of Middle TN
petfinder.com/shelters/tn516.html

East Tennessee Border Collie Rescue
242 Joel Rd.
Oliver Springs, TN 37840
www.etbcr.com

Tennessee Doberman Rescue
P.O. Box 52868
Knoxville, TN 37950-2868
www.tdr.org

Boxer Rescues

Middle Tennessee Boxer Rescue
330 Franklin Rd. Suite 135A-192
Brentwood, TN 37027
(629) 777-4001

East Tennessee Boxer Rescue
P.O. Box 71059
Knoxville, TN
www.etnbr.org

Retriever Rescues

Tennessee Valley Golden Retriever Rescue
P.O. Box 32973
Knoxville, TN 37930
(855) 558-3100
www.tvgrr.com

Adopt a Golden Nashville
P.O. Box 681106
Franklin, TN 37068-1106
(615) 496-7297

Adopt a Golden Knoxville
P.O. Box 11822
Knoxville, TN 37939
(865) 940-0688

Lucky Lab Rescue
Lewisville, IN 47352

Bully Breed Rescues

Sagley's Biker Bully Farm
112 Riversbend Rd
Indian Mound, TN 37079
(785) 207-5642

Nashville Pittie
P.O. Box 413
Lavergne, TN 37086
www.nashvillepittie.org

Pittie in Pink
P.O. Box 60923
Nashville, TN 37206
www.pittieinpink.org

Unchained Love
P.O. Box 336
Eddyville, KY 42038
(812) 463-2331

Husky Rescues

Ray Pack Rescue
theraypack@gmail.com
www.theraypack.com

Small Breed Rescues

Tennessee Dachshund Rescue
P.O. Box 2293
Cookeville, TN 38502
www.tndachshundrescue.com

Westie Rescue TN
westierescuethn@yahoo.com
(615) 456-9964

Boston Terrier Rescue – East TN
www.bostonterriertn.org
rjraibley@gmail.com
(865) 983-3272

Small Breed Rescue of Tennessee
P.O. Box 22482
Knoxville, TN 37933
(865) 426-3955

Pug Rescues

Pug Plantation
7835 Highway 70
Cedar Grove, TN 38321
www.pugplantation.org

Nashville Pug Rescue
P.O. Box 50553
Nashville, TN 37205
(629) 888-7155

Mid Atlantic Pug Rescue
(704) 452-7841

MidSouth Pug Rescue
www.midsouthpugs.org
(901) 209-9784

Pug Rescue of Memphis
www.undermywingpugrescue.com

Bluegrass Pug Rescue
P.O. Box 19522
Louisville, KY 40259
www.bluegrasspugrescue.org

XL Breed Rescues

Southern Style Great Dane Rescue
P.O. Box 1014
Gallatin, TN 37066
southernstylegdr@gmail.com
www.southernstylegreatdanerescue.org

Southern States Mastiff Rescue – TN
www.sosmastiffrescue.org
(336) 560-7787

Must Love Danes
(615) 294-8807
www.mustlovedanesrescue.com