

What other shelters are in the area?

There are many animal shelters and rescue groups on the Kenai Peninsula. For a complete listing of these, please look in the yellow pages or visit the following website: www.petfinder.com

How do I turn in my pet to your shelter?

We know the decision to surrender your pet is never an easy one, however, if you are unable to find a different home for your pet please know we do our best to re-home animals, but that there is no guarantee that we will be able to.

If you feel that you have no other choice but to surrender your pet to us, please do so during business hours so we can get as much information to properly place your pet in a new home. There is a very minimal fee for relinquishing animals into our custody that ranges from \$5.300 up to \$15.90 per animal dependant on the type and age of the pet being given up.

Please, do not "let it go". Dogs especially do not adapt to the wild, and cats can breed quickly to create problematic feral colonies in the area that carry disease, as well as do damage to properties and wild bird populations.

Are you a No-Kill shelter?

Although we do our best to find every healthy, adoptable pet a good home, we are not a No-Kill facility. Through a variety of programs, we make every effort to place all adoptable animals in our care. Still, some animals are humanely euthanized due to temperament, or lack of resources and homes. No-kill facilities have limited space and resources as well, but they can also limit their intakes to the animals that are easily adoptable. Kenai Animal Shelter works with many rescue groups throughout the state to help place the adoptable pets in our care. The community could help in preventing the unnecessary euthanasia of animals by getting all of their pets spayed or neutered at or before 6 months of age (age they can begin breeding), or keeping those not spayed or neutered secure and restrained on their property and away from other animals at all times. For more information, please visit the shelter.

How much does it cost to adopt a pet?

Adopted animals are spayed or neutered and given age appropriate vaccinations but may need boosters in the future. Dogs are approximately \$146.00, cats \$125.00. These fees include a large portion toward their spay/neuter surgery. Pets that are already spayed or neutered are considerably less. All pets are adopted out licensed and given a first vaccination. You can see our fee schedule for more information.

What kinds of pets do you have for adoption?

Kenai Animal Control has many great dogs and cats available for adoption. Occasionally we have rabbits, birds and small rodents. To find the right one for you, visit the shelter, or see our link to www.petfinder.com on our main page.

What vaccines does my pet need?

Please see a veterinarian for more information about vaccines and your pet's health. Vaccines are an important part of keeping your pet healthy and protected against diseases. Beginning at six to eight weeks of age, puppies and kittens should be given vaccinations that protect against diseases that risk their health. They will need a series of boosters when very young to ensure they have been properly protected and will need yearly boosters to remain protected from these diseases. Your pet may need other vaccinations if it is going to stay at a boarding facility. See your veterinarian for details on what vaccinations your pet may need. Rabies vaccinations are required by state and local law.

I adopted a pet from your shelter and he is now sick. What do I do?

Although pets adopted from Kenai Animal Control have usually had their basic vaccinations and spay/neuter surgery, we cannot guarantee the health of any adopted animal. We pride ourselves in only adopting out healthy animals but not all animal diseases have

symptoms right away, or while in our care. Kenai Animal Shelter does not have a veterinarian on staff, if symptoms are obvious while an animal is in our care, we will attempt to get it treated or diagnosed prior to adoption. We will disclose any known ailments that we are aware of to potential adoptive families. We suggest you take your pet to a local veterinarian to have a health check up. If your pet is showing signs of illness, take him or her to a veterinarian for treatment. Remember, most illnesses can be easily treated if they are diagnosed early. If you wait to provide treatment for your pet, you risk your pet's health and a larger vet bill.

My pet is sick and I can't afford to take him to the vet. Can you help?

Unfortunately Kenai Animal Control does not have a veterinarian on staff, and is unable to provide any veterinary services. If your pet is ill or injured, please contact your veterinarian or look in the yellow pages.

I lost my pet. Do you have him?

Due to the large volume of animals we care for and variation in descriptions, we are usually unable to tell you over the phone or by email if we have your pet in our care. As we don't want to give you wrong information, please visit our shelter every two days to look for your lost pet. You should also place flyers in your neighborhood and check at the other shelters in our community. Keep looking for at least 10 days. Many pets are found by community members who may not bring the animal into a shelter for several days. You might also try www.kstrm.com and look on the Dog Gone News listing.

I found a dog/cat. What do I do?

Contact us at 283-7353 to see if one is missing that matches a description of a lost pet and we may be able to locate the owner.

If you are inside Soldotna City limits, please take the animal to their local Animal Shelter at 205 South Kobuk Street, Soldotna, AK 99669 Phone: 907-262-3969

If you are in the city limits of Kenai, and you are unable to bring the dog in, you can call us at 283-7353 and an Animal Control Officer may be able to pick up the animal during business hours.

If you need to bring the animal to our facility we are located at 510 N. Willow Street, Kenai, AK 99611.

If you find a stray outside of Kenai city limits, and it is not in any immediate danger, nor causing any harm, please leave it where it is as it most likely lives in the area.

Once a stray enters our facility, it is held for a minimum of 3 days or 72 hours in the hopes of the owner contacting us to reclaim their lost pet. If the animal is licensed or micro-chipped, we will attempt to contact the owner and hold the dog for up to five days, or 120 hours.

Once the holding period is up, the animal's health and temperament are evaluated to determine eligibility for adoption.

There are a lot of stray or feral cats in my neighborhood. What do I do?

If you do not have a live animal trap, Kenai Animal Control can loan residents of the city one for a refundable \$30 deposit. There are also live traps for rent at Cadre-Feeds & for sale at Sportsman Warehouse for those that live outside of city limits for about \$45.00.

What is the difference between a stray and a feral cat?

A stray cat is an un-owned animal that you see in your neighborhood that is friendly and enjoys human contact. A feral cat has had little or no human contact during its natural life. Many people consider feral cats to be nuisances because they reproduce at an alarming rate, resulting in more cat problems and public health concerns.

My pet is in your shelter. What will it cost to get him out?

If your pet is currently at the shelter you may need to pay impound, boarding and other fees before it can be released to you. The fees vary depending on the type of pet you have, the amount of time your pet stays in our facility, and other factors. Please call us at 283-7353 between 11:00-5:30 Tuesday – Friday and 11-5 on Saturday.

My dog bit someone. What do I do?

If your dog has been involved in a bite to a human in the Kenai city limits, please call us at 283-7353 during business hours to report the bite incident. All dogs and cats that have bitten a person and broke the skin are required by state law to be quarantined for ten days. Owned animals that are vaccinated at the time of a non-severe bite may be quarantined in the owner's home at the discretion of the Animal Control Officer. Quarantines may take place at the shelter under certain circumstances with boarding fees required. Bites that occur outside of Kenai city limits need to be reported to the Alaska State Troopers, or corresponding City or Municipal Animal Control Facilities to the location of the bite occurrence.

A dog bit me. What do I do?

If you have been bitten by a dog, please seek appropriate medical attention. The doctor will report the bite incident to us. If you do not seek medical care, you may report the incident to us at 283-7353 during business hours.

How many pets can I have in my house?

There is no limit on cats as long as you can properly care for them, however having more than 3 dogs over the age of three (3) months of age requires a kennel license. Come into our facility to inquire on kennel licensing within Kenai city limits prior to acquiring this amount of dogs. You will be in violation of city ordinance if you have more than 3 dogs in your home.

What can I do about a dead animal on the road?

If the animal is within the city limits of Kenai, contact Kenai Animal Control at 283-7353 during business hours, or after hours to leave a message. You may contact the Kenai Police Department after hours if the animal is a road hazard at 283-7879.

My neighbor's dog keeps getting out. What do I do?

Stray dogs can be a nuisance or even a danger to themselves or others. All dog owners in the City of Kenai are required to keep their dogs restrained. They also must have current rabies vaccines and license. If the dog is within the city limits of Kenai, contact the shelter during business hours at 283-7353 with the time and date of occurrence as well as the description of the animal and your contact information so we may follow up on the complaint.

My neighbor's dog barks all the time. What do I do?

Barking dogs can be a nuisance. If the dog is within the city limits Kenai, contact the shelter during business hours at 283-7353 with the time and date of occurrence as well as the description of the animal and your contact information so we may follow up on the complaint.

My neighbor has aggressive dogs. What do I do?

If you feel the dog is a real threat and live within Kenai city limits, contact Kenai Animal Control during business hours at 283-7353. You may contact the Kenai Police Department after hours if you believe the animal is a threat to a person or other animals, and is a safety issue at 283-7879