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# Transylvania County Animal Services

**Hours of Operation: Tuesday-Friday 10am-5:30pm & Saturdays 10am-4pm**



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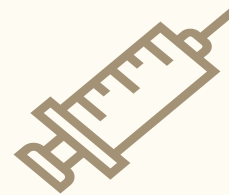
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# Our Services

## 1 YEAR RABIES VACCINATIONS



We offer 1 year rabies vaccinations to the public for \$10 anytime we are open to the public.

Did you know that Rabies Vaccinations are required per N.C. State Law on all dogs, cats, and ferrets? Keeping your pets up to date can save you hundreds!

## DONATIONS CORNER



Thanks to generous citizens in Transylvania County, we offer free dog and cat food at the shelter. We believe that no animal should go hungry and try to facilitate an option when our citizens need some help feeding their pets.

## ADOPTIONS



We offer animals for adoption at our Shelter. We only adopt dogs and cats. Whether they are unclaimed strays or owner surrenders, once vet checked and assessed we place them up for adoption. Come check out all the pets looking for forever homes at the Shelter.

## Additional Public information

### Adoption and Fee Schedules:

**Dog adoption:** \$100-\$115

**Cat Adoption:** \$90-\$105

**Impound Fee:** \$15

**Rabies Vaccination:** \$10

**Boarding Fee:** \$20 per night/per animal (rabies quarantine and stray holds)

### Why do you have fees?

Transylvania County Animal Services does have a fee schedule that is established by the Transylvania County Board of Commissioners. Animal Control does write citations based on local ordinances and state statutes, and monetary fees are associated with those violations. We understand that accidents happen. Staff attempts to educate citizens initially on local ordinances and state laws. If this fails to correct the problem, issuing citations becomes necessary. This is even more prevalent when the animal/s has had multiple occurrences and continually ties up space because the owner will not rectify the situation. While an animal is at the shelter, we provide correct nutrition and sanitary living conditions for it. If the animal/s has entered the facility resulting from some trauma or illness, the animal/s receives the appropriate emergency care under the supervision of a veterinarian. State standards of care are adhered to for temperature control, water, food, bedding, etc. When the animal shelter is at capacity, the stray at-large animal(s) still fall under the mandatory 72-hour hold. This puts the animal's life already being housed at the shelter in jeopardy.

We hope these answers enlighten you on aspects of your local animal shelter and help you to understand some of the whys of Animal Shelter operations. Please continue to reach out with your questions or stop by the animal shelter and know that the Team at TCAS is very dedicated to the citizens and animals in Transylvania County.

## ANIMAL CONTROL

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Is there a leash law in Transylvania County?



Yes, Transylvania County and the City of Brevard have ordinances requiring animal owners to keep their animals on their property. If the animal(s) are off their personal property, they should be restrained/leashed. Animal Control Ordinance 3-5

#### I FOUND A STRAY, WHAT DO I DO NOW?



Anytime a stray dog or cat is found you can take it to the shelter during normal operating hours. The State of North Carolina requires a 72 hour hold on all strays to allow the owner an opportunity to reclaim their pet. If it is after business hours, you can call the after-hours number at 828-884-3191 for an animal control officer.

#### I AM WORRIED ABOUT AN ANIMAL'S WELFARE, WHAT DO I DO?



Anytime you would like an officer to check on an animal you can call 828-883-3713, North Carolina has laws that protect animals from cruelty and neglect. Complaints can be handled in a variety of ways from providing education, citations, and criminal charges.

# Animal Shelter

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Are we a no-kill shelter?**

We can qualify as a no-kill shelter using the state standards, but we do not carry the label. We feel it is very misleading as no-kill does not mean no euthanasia. The no-kill title equates to 90% of the animals impounded at the animal shelter being released. Transylvania County Animal Services has maintained over 90% for the last five years. The live release for 2022 was 95%! That means that only 5% of the animals that entered the shelter had to be euthanized humanely.

### **Do you euthanize after a set period?**

The utilization of euthanasia is a thought-out decision process that involves discussion as a team and based on the individual animal. Staff do not timestamp if the animal is healthy in mind, body, and soul. We do our best with the help of volunteers, rescue agencies, and our community to find happy-ever-after homes for the animals here. When citizens decide to dump animals on the side of the road, refuse to confine animals, do not reclaim animals, neglect to spay and neuter their animals, and make false statements about the animal(s) that they bring to the shelter and the shelter kennels are at capacity, euthanasia becomes an option.

Transylvania County Animal Services strives to ensure that the animal(s) adopted from our facility are healthy physically and mentally. We do not allow the adoption of dogs and cats that have a known bite history, are aggressive, and can be deemed a public safety issue. We all know people and animals we love fiercely and want to protect. With that said, any animal that has received an evaluation by a veterinarian and/or deemed dangerous is not an animal available for adoption from our facility. We cannot stress enough that we HATE euthanasia. It wears on our souls, our hearts break, and the entire team has shed countless tears over the animals that have not been able to get their second chance.

### **Do we spay and neuter public animals?**

No, Transylvania County does not provide spay and neuter for your already-owned animals. We can provide information on available resources related to low-cost clinics. Many clinics stay booked months in advance and remain that way. What about the voucher program? The voucher program stopped in 2019.

# Our Mission

Transylvania County Animal Shelter strives to advocate, practice, and provide education to the public for the humane treatment of animals in and for our county.

Transylvania County Animal Services strives to provide the best care possible for homeless and surrendered animals in our county. The animal shelter operates under regulations established by the State of North Carolina. One of those regulations is how many animals we can house at our shelter. Our animal shelter has seen a 29% increase in intake in 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. The team at TCAS wants to explain our process and answer some frequently asked questions that citizens ask. We hope to clear up some inaccuracies. Transylvania County Animal Shelter now schedules owner surrenders. The reality is that there has been a 40% increase in owner surrenders in our county. The shelter can only house 38 dogs and 40 cats. The State of North Carolina requires a 72-hour hold on any stray animal entering the animal shelter.

That means that to prevent euthanasia for space, we must keep kennels available for strays. The hard truth is when we lack the kennels to house the volume of strays entering the animal shelter, euthanasia becomes an option to maintain state capacity. Euthanasia is the ABSOLUTE WORST part of the job that we do here at the shelter. One method introduced to reduce this was implementing scheduled owner surrenders so we can try to give every animal here its best chance of a forever home. Since this implantation Transylvania County Animal Shelter's live release rate for 2022 was 95%!

