

Turning in Owned or Stray Pets

How Much Does It Cost To Turn In A Stray Animal to the Animal Shelter or have a stray animal picked up by animal control services?

There is no charge if you bring a stray animal into the shelter or if you put in a service request for animal control to pick up the animal. Please note, it is absolutely critical that any stray animal is turned into the animal shelter that provides service to the city or area where the animal was found. This assists owners greatly in knowing where to start their search for their lost pet.

Will It Cost Me Anything For You To Accept A Pet That I Own?

The charge is \$55.00 if we send out an animal control officer to pick up your pet from your home. If you bring your pet up to the Animal Shelter, the charge is \$15.00. For other agencies animal shelter fees, contact the animal shelters listed above.

How Long Will The Animal Shelter Keep My Pet? Owner released and stray animals are held for five business days (as per state law) to give their owners time to find them. Found owned animals are held for 10 days to give the owner a chance to find them. If the animal is not reclaimed by their owner and is a good candidate for adoption, the pet will be offered for adoption. We do not have a time limit for this period as it depends on how well the pet does here at the facility (some pets gets very stressed) and how much space there is available.

What Happens If The Shelter Can't Find A Home For My Pet?

The Yucca Valley Animal Shelter makes every effort to place pets into suitable homes. We work with other agencies, including various animal rescues, our pets are shown weekly in the local newspaper/real estate pictorial magazine, we participate in outside pet fairs/activities and we have photos and information on our pets on the internet at Petfinder.com. Unfortunately, we cannot always find homes for all of the pets brought into our shelter. If we are unable to find a home for an animal, the animal will be humanely euthanized by an injection in the company of very caring staff members who are trained and certified in euthanasia.

Will The Shelter Call Me Before My Pet Is Put To Sleep?

No, we cannot accept the responsibility for notifying pet owners in the event we cannot find a home for your pet. The best time to change your mind about giving up your pet is before you turn it into the animal shelter. Additionally, there is a five-5 day holding period in which time you can reclaim your pet if you change your mind or, if this time period has elapsed and we still have your pet, you can adopt back your own pet.

If I Find a Dog on the Weekend/Holiday or After the Shelter is Closed, What Can I do?

If you feel comfortable transporting the dog, you can bring the dog up to the animal shelter and put the dog into one of our kennel runs, located outside of the office. We ask that you fill out the information form we provide so we can have as much information as possible to help find the dog's owner. We also provide locks for the kennel runs. This is to help prevent dogs from being stolen out from the kennel runs prior to staff returning to work the next day.