



Office of the Sheriff
 Sheriff Dennis L. Dotson
LINCOLN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER
 510 NE Harney St.
 Newport, Oregon 97365
 (541) 265-6610

PROTOCOL ON STRAYS

- We accept animals into the shelter by appointment only in the following order:

Cats	Dogs
1. Former shelter animals	1. Former shelter animals
2. Owner surrender	2. Strays, abandoned (due to laws)
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- Appointments are needed as we do **NOT** put to sleep adoptable animals just to make room for more adoptable animals. To make space available, we also transfer animals to other shelters, place animals in foster care, or house animals together if that can be done safely.
- An industry standard is if you choose to feed or care for a homeless animal for 30 days or longer it is your responsibility. If you do not wish to be responsible, please do not:
 - Feed your other animals outside – or – monitor your animals feeding time and pick up their food once they are done. (Leaving food out also attracts raccoons.)
 - Lock the animal in your house.
 - Kick at the animal to get it to leave. It could become frightened and may bite.
- Ask neighbors if they know the owner or if they've ever seen the animal around the neighborhood before.
- Call local vets and see if someone has reported the animal missing.
- Check "Craig's List" to view lost pets and/or list the pet you found.
- Check the newspaper to see if someone is advertising a lost pet.
- Call the shelter (265-6610, option 6) and see if anyone has reported the animal missing. ALSO, LIST THE ANIMAL AS FOUND. Staff will get the information needed.
- Post flyers at grocery stores, post offices, vets offices, etc. advertising the found animal.
- If you want to keep the animal, follow these steps so you can keep the animal legally (and not have an owner accuse you of theft):
 - Notify the shelter as stated above.
 - If the owner calls the shelter looking for the animal, staff will connect you with the owner.
 - If you have the animal for five nights and no one calls to claim it, you can complete an adoption application at the shelter. Adoption and licensing costs will apply for approved adopters.
 - The animal must be spayed or neutered for you to adopt from the shelter. If it is not altered, you can:
 - Contact a vet and set an appointment for any time after the five day waiting period.
 - Bring the animal to the shelter and we will have it altered and get it ready for adoption.
 - If you choose to keep the animal and not follow these steps, an owner can come back in the future and say you stole the animal. Stealing an animal is a felony.

11. If you do NOT want to keep the animal (or can't), call the shelter and get on the "stray surrender" list. As space becomes available, the shelter will call you and have you bring the animal in. If you can give a \$10.00 donation to defray the costs of food and medical care for the animal, it would be most appreciated. We give all shelter animals vaccinations and flea/tick/worm treatment as well as take care of any medical issues.
12. If you would like assistance in feeding the animal while you are waiting for space to become available, please come to the shelter and access our food bank. We will provide food free to you.

SICK OR INJURED ANIMALS

If the animal is injured or extremely sick and needs to be seen by a vet immediately, call 265-4231 and ask for an Animal Services Deputy. If it is afterhours, you can transport the animal to Dove Lewis Emergency Care Unit in Lincoln City – 541-614-1200. If the animal can be saved, the emergency vets will stabilize and the shelter will be responsible for the medical costs. Note: Dove Lewis does not take strays unless they are extremely sick or injured. Dove Lewis is open at from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 a.m. Thursday through Sunday nights. They also work Saturday afternoons, weekends and holidays.

WILDLIFE

Call Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (541-867-4741) if you have a situation involving:

1. Raccoons
2. Wounded seabirds such as gulls, pelicans, etc.
3. Seals / sea lions on the beach