



Pinellas County ANIMAL SERVICES

We Perform Great Feats!



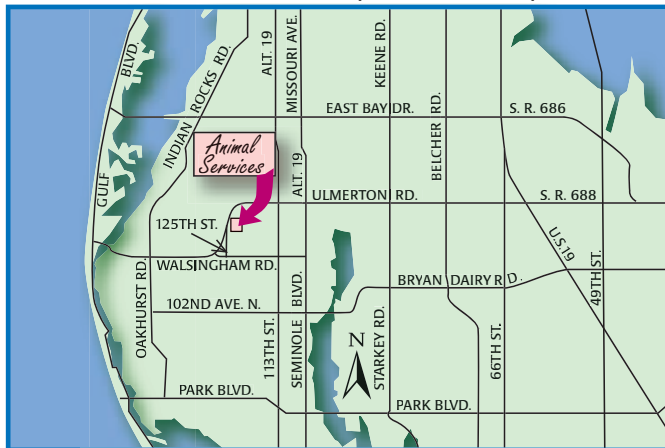
12450 Ulmerton Road
Largo, FL 33774
(727) 582-2600

www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices

Lost or Found Pets Hotline (727) 582-2604
Rabies Bite & Quarantine Line (727) 582-2608

(Adoption areas close 30 minutes prior to facility closing time.)

HOURS: Monday through Friday 9 AM to 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 4 PM
Closed Sundays and Holidays



Welcome to Animal Services

Pinellas County Animal Services has a professional staff that works hard to help you keep your pet safe and healthy throughout its lifetime. Animal Services has been nationally recognized for programs that protect public health and safety, address animal welfare and overpopulation issues, and encourage responsible pet ownership.

- The director and assistant director of Animal Services are veterinarians and are assisted by a staff veterinarian and a team of certified veterinary technicians.
- More than 20,000 animals are cared for at the shelter and adoption center annually.
- Animal Services receives more than 900 telephone calls from citizens daily.
- Computerized pet licensing tracks more than 200,000 dogs and cats, helping to reunite lost pets with their owners.
- Using state-of-the-art wireless computer technology, state-certified Animal Control Officers provide countywide enforcement and assistance to citizens with animal-related problems.
- To reduce overpopulation, Animal Services provides free sterilization to animals belonging to qualified low-income families.
- Animal Services manages an inspection program for guard dogs, pet dealerships and kennels.
- A variety of community outreach and educational programs are also provided.



Come See Our Adoption Center

Adoptions make everyone smile at Animal Services! Pinellas County Animal Services has one of the highest adoption rates of any animal facility in the state. Loving families adopt over 4,000 pets each year. For \$35 or less, you can adopt a dog or cat to be part of your family! This fee includes spaying/neutering, de-worming, first series of vaccinations, microchip, rabies vaccination and county



license and tag. Please help us place these lovable pets in good homes with responsible pet owners. All applicants must meet adoption criteria.

Visit Our Facility

Animal Services is proud of its shelter and adoption center which was constructed through the **Penny for Pinellas** one-cent sales tax. This shelter makes it possible to care for a larger number of animals, providing comfortable kennels, improved ventilation and quarantine/isolation facilities.

These features aid in the reduction of disease through a healthier environment for animals up for adoption or lost pets waiting to be reclaimed.



Licensing: Your Pet's Ticket Back Home

A license tag is one of the most valuable and important items that you can get for your pet. If you are separated from your pet, the information from the tag can help reunite you and your pet. Owners of lost pets with a county license tag are contacted the very next working day to reclaim their pet. Licensing your pet is required by law in Pinellas County. (A rabies tag is not a license.)

One-year or three-year county license tags can be purchased from your local veterinarian or the Pinellas County Animal Services department. You must show proof of a current one- or three-year rabies vaccination or obtain one at the time of licensing your pet. Also, remember to

contact Animal Services if you have an address change so that we can update your records and find you if your pet gets lost.



Lost or Found Pets

One of our primary goals is reuniting lost pets with their owners and you can help. While a county license for your pet is the most effective way to be reunited with your lost companion, there are other methods (in addition to the required license) such as microchips and/or tattoos. All pets are scanned for microchips and checked for tags and tattoos. The shelter reunites about 3,000 lost pets with their owners each year.

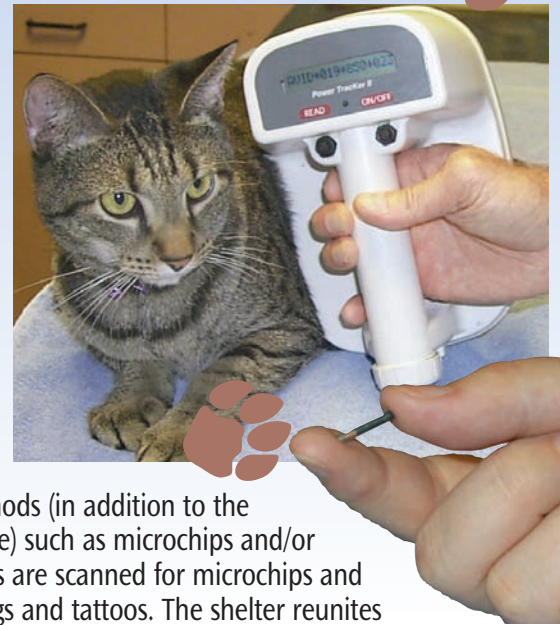
Holding times for animals that arrive at the shelter are as follows:

- Pets surrendered by their owner are held for two (2) days before being examined for adoption.
- Pets without any type of identification are held for five (5) days before being examined for adoption.
- Pets **with** identification are held for ten (10) days before being examined for adoption.

It is imperative that you begin searching local animal facilities immediately for your lost pet!

**LOST or FOUND
Pets Hotline:
(727) 582-2604**

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Effective Rabies Control

Pinellas County Animal Services reduces the threat of rabies with education, walk-in rabies vaccinations at the shelter, strict enforcement of leash laws, wildlife trapping and distribution of wildlife rabies vaccine to reduce the incidence of rabies. **Rabies vaccination and licensing is a requirement for all dogs, cats and ferrets beginning at four months of age. The Florida Rabies Guide and the National Rabies Control Compendium recommend the use of a three year rabies vaccine.**

Do your part to prevent rabies:

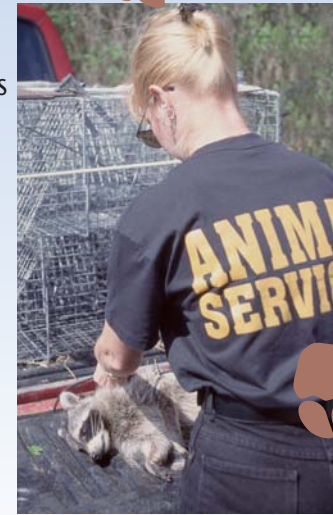
- Take your pets to your veterinarian for regular check-ups and vaccinations.
- **DO NOT** handle or feed wildlife or strays.
- Comply with leash laws (dogs and cats).
- Report animal bites or scratches to Animal Services, (727) 582-2608.

Hurricane Planning for Your Pets

The threat of hurricanes in Pinellas County is REAL! Does your hurricane evacuation plan include arrangements for your pet? Remember:

- Most hurricane shelters do not allow pets. Pinellas County has limited space at pet-friendly shelters that require advance registration for their use. Call (727) 582-2150.
- There are more than 300 times more pets than boarding spaces in Pinellas County.
- The county license is your pet's ticket home should it become lost during a storm.
- When disasters threaten, pack up your pets and move out!

Provisions have been made at Walsingham Park for horses to be released into an area providing natural cover to improve their chances of surviving without injury. After the storm, Animal Services will coordinate recovery efforts and serve as a central treatment facility for animals. Visit www.pinellascounty.org/emergency for more information on disaster planning.



Special Events

During the year, Animal Services offers half-price adoptions and \$1 rabies vaccinations (with proof of county license). Visit us during these special times:

February Feline Spay Month

May National Pet Week

June Adopt-a-Cat Month

August

Adopt-a-Dog Month
(Dog Days of August)

December

Pinellas County Animal
Services Family Reunion



Pick-A-Pet

Pick your pet from TV or the Internet!

Watch **Pick-A-Pet** on **Pinellas 18** or log onto www.pinellascounty.org to find the companion of your dreams. Loveable ready-to-be-adopted pets are featured. For schedule information call (727) 464-4809.



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