



## ANIMAL SERVICES

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### COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE NEEDED!

St. Clair County Animal Services has been able to achieve “no-kill” status for several years. This means that more than 90% of the animals entering our facility have a positive outcome (i.e.: they are returned to their owner, are adopted or transferred to partnering rescues for adoption) Our facility relies heavily on local animal rescue groups and animal shelters to help us manage the large number of animals that come through our facility. Unfortunately, the animal welfare industry nation-wide is in CRISIS! Nearly all regions’ shelters are struggling with minimal staff, decreased adoptions and far more intake than is manageable! Like every other shelter locally, our kennels are **FULL!** We are asking for the community’s assistance in order to maintain the status that we worked hard to achieve! We do not want to take steps backwards.

**Pet owners:** PLEASE be sure your dog or cat is microchipped, has a collar with an ID tag, license or even simply has your contact phone number written in permanent marker. Any of these methods will help your pet get home immediately if lost. Check with your pet’s microchip company to ensure your contact information is correct. Believe it or not, many of the lost dogs that arrive to our facility do have collars on, but unfortunately no ID.

If you do lose your pet, please look for it immediately! Don’t wait to see if it comes home on its own! Check with local shelters, veterinarian clinics and alert your local police department. File a lost report at our website (form linked below) and check our listing of stray pets here:

<https://www.co.st-clair.il.us/departments/animal-services/lost-and-found>

It’s always best to come to our facility to physically look for your pet.

**Citizens who find a lost pet:** We know you want to help an animal in need. We do too! First, check for a collar and ID. If none, please check around your neighborhood first. Most pets that are lost are usually not too far from home. You can knock on a few doors to see if someone owns or recognizes the pet or if it’s a dog, take him for a walk around the neighborhood. The owners may be walking the neighborhood too! Mail carriers are also a great resource. They may recognize the pet from their daily route. You can also take it to any animal shelter, veterinarian office or police department to check for a microchip. If the pet is microchipped, the staff can help you locate the owner. You can also take a photo and post it online. There are many social media outlets that are great in helping reunite pets with their families. File a found report online (form linked below) with St. Clair County Animal Services, Belleville Area Humane Society, and Gateway Pet Guardians. If possible, you can hold the animal at your home for at least 24 hours (or longer) while looking for the owner before taking the pet to a shelter.

Please check out these helpful links if you've either lost or found a pet.

<https://lost.petcolove.org/found-pet-101/what-to-do-if-you-find-a-lost-cat-or-dog>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1488129678173139>

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUiJbdjD4xs1Pm1VPvRB25G1E7L6\\_LthFxHvvdUKAyVDCwog/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUiJbdjD4xs1Pm1VPvRB25G1E7L6_LthFxHvvdUKAyVDCwog/viewform)

<https://nextdoor.com/>

[www.pawboost.com](http://www.pawboost.com)

If you have a pet and want to keep it, but need a little help in these trying times, there are many public assistance programs in the community including: pet food and supply pantries, low cost spay-neuter/vaccine clinics, urgent medical treatment assistance etc. Please explore our website for local resource listings or contact your closest animal shelter for more info!

Of course, if you want to help in another way, virtually every animal welfare organization in the country is desperately in need of fosters, adopters, volunteers and donations! Please contact any of your local animal shelters to find out how you can help!

With your help we can continue to serve the community and your pets. We thank you!