

## FAQ's:

*Q: What do I do if I find a lost animal?*

A: -Check for tags or ID and contact owner.

-Call Animal Shelter and check if there has been a lost animal report.

-Check neighborhood for "Lost" posters and newspaper for "lost" ads.

*Q: Why should I spay or neuter my dog or cat?*

A: -Keeps the animal from adding to the pet overpopulation problem.

-Helps minimize some behavior problems, such as roaming, marking.

-Reduces chances of some cancers.

*Q: My neighbor has lots of cats and they come into my yard and make a mess. What should I do?*

A: -Talk to you neighbor politely and explain that you do not want cats in your garden.

-You may trap cats who come onto your property and take them to the animal shelter.

*Q: I am moving to an apartment and can't take my pet. Should I bring it to the "pound"? Is there a fee?*

A: -Try your best to find another good home for your pet with posters on bulletin boards at local businesses, ad in local newspaper (free ads are usually no charge), posting on Internet.

-Contact friends and relatives to see if they can help you find a home for your pet. Note: Cats and dogs that are spayed/neutered, housebroken, leash trained, and up-to-date on vaccinations are easier to place.

-If you must bring your pet to the animal shelter there is a \$22.00 surrender fee. While all efforts are to find homes for the animals at the shelter, there are no guarantees, and your pet could be euthanized if not adopted within a reasonable length of time.

*Q: My neighbor's dog barks day and night when they go out of town for the weekend. How do I file a complaint, and if I do, what happens?*

A: -Talk to your neighbor politely and make them aware of the problem.

-If the problem persists, contact OPD or shelter office. They will contact the owners. (First call will be a warning. After a reasonable length of time, if problem persists and you call again, the owners will be issued a citation for disturbing the peace.

*Q: Why should I consider adopting an adult dog or cat from the Oakdale Animal Shelter?*

A: -You can feel good about saving a life, and giving an abandoned or unwanted pet a second chance.

-While there are no guarantees, adult dogs are generally easier to test for temperament and behavior issues because their personalities are fully developed.