

SPCA Duties at Yolo County Animal Services

Lost & Found Services

- Call on reports for additional information, to give advice, etc.
- Check all impounded animals at least 2 times (upon intake and prior to release date).
- Sex, age and correct descriptions of impounded animals (especially cats) to ensure accuracy.
- Check lost reports for deceased-on-arrival (DOA).
- Check lost reports for injured/sick animals at Woodland Veterinary Hospital.
- Notify other shelters for out-of-county stray animals.

Promotion of Adoptable Shelter Animals

- Compose biographies to individualize the animals and provide valuable information to adopters to help them make more informed adoption choices.
- Petfinder.com website maintenance
 - Take photos, write bios, maintain and update list.

Adoption Services

- Assist the public with choosing appropriate animals for adoption. Involves cat-testing dogs and cats and suggesting specific animals that might be more appropriate for adopters needs, wants and lifestyle.
- Provide education about healthcare, behavior and realistic expectations.
- Interview and screen applicants for adoption of shelter animals.
- Schedule spay/neuter appointments for adopted animals and redeemed animals.
- Create and stock all adoption and educational handouts.
- Stock adoption kits and food handed out to adopters.

Rescue Services

- Extensive networking via e-mail (including sending photos and background information) and telephone to find appropriate foster placement for animals in need.
- Provide rescue support for all animals from dogs and cats to chickens, rabbits and exotics.

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Community Services

- Act as a resource for a wide variety of questions and/or problems.
- Provide behavior counseling to reduce animal relinquishment and improve the human-animal bond.
- Refer the public to other community resources such as low-cost spay/neuter and vaccine clinics, behaviorists, etc.
- Assist the shelter with recruiting, training and working with volunteers.

Shelter Operations Assistance

- Monitor health and welfare of all animals to ensure highest possible standards. This includes working closely with shelter officers to ensure animals are moved to isolation (when needed), euthanized, taken to the vet, or medicated and/or treated as appropriate.
- Consult daily with shelter officers regarding rescue and flagging incoming pregnant, nursing, ill, infirm or underage animals, etc.
- Offer ideas for improved shelter service and to address concerns for animal welfare.
- Offer suggestions for amendments to, or creation of, shelter policies as appropriate.
- Creation and updating of adoption and intake forms to maximize information on animals to make more appropriate and successful matches/adoptions.

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