



Placer SPCA's Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Placer SPCA?

The Placer SPCA is a private, non-profit organization based in Roseville serving all of Placer County, dedicated to enhancing the lives of companion animals and supporting the human-animal bond through: adoption, reunification, education and affordable spay and neuter services.

We are not affiliated with Placer County Animal Services, which has a sheltering facility in Auburn and is funded by tax dollars. We work cooperatively and collaboratively with them to best serve the animals of Placer County.

What does SPCA stand for?

SPCA stands for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. There are hundreds of organizations with SPCA as part of their name. It is important to note, however, that though there are many organizations with the name SPCA, they are not affiliated with one another. There is not a national organization (the ASPCA is an animal welfare organization based in New York).

Is the Placer SPCA a “no-kill” shelter?

The Placer SPCA does not euthanize adoptable animals for time or space but we do not call ourselves a “no-kill” shelter. We may euthanize animals under the following circumstances:

1. Animals determined to be aggressive or potentially aggressive.
2. Animals with significant behavioral issues that would make it virtually impossible to adopt as a companion animal (ex. severe separation anxiety).
3. Chronic medical issues that significantly affect an animal's quality of life.
4. Highly contagious illnesses and conditions that could negatively affect the population of animals at the shelter or that may be contagious to humans.
5. Animals which are too young to care for themselves and where no other resources are available.

Our criteria for determining adoptability parallels that of the Asilomar Accords.

We are proud of our ability to keep animals available for adoption over longer periods of time as we have programs in place that reduce stress, provide socialization and exercise, and focus on specific training needs. We also treat all medically treatable and otherwise adoptable animals, providing they are not suffering and their health status poses no significant threat to the other shelter animals and the people that care for them.

How does the Placer SPCA get the animals that are available for adoption?

The Placer SPCA receives animals in a few different ways. Some of the animals in our shelter have been surrendered by residents of Placer County who are no longer willing or able to care for them. We also receive stray animals from the City of Roseville and, occasionally, animals that have been taken from their owners as a result of cruelty or neglect. We also collaborate with many area shelters and animal control agencies through a shelter transfer program, helping to relieve their overcrowding by bringing animals to our shelter when space allows.

Please note: We are not legally able to accept any stray or lost animals from outside the City of Roseville. If you find a stray animal in Placer County, but it is outside of the City of Roseville, please contact Placer County Animal Services.



How do I go about adopting a pet from the Placer SPCA?

To be certain that you and your family are ready to add a new furry family member, please review *Is this the best time to adopt?* in the “Adopt” section of our website. Being a responsible pet caregiver requires lots of time, money and commitment – so carefully consider your decision to adopt and make sure you adopt the right pet for your lifestyle and family.

Once you have determined adopting a pet is the right decision for you and your family, we hope you visit the Placer SPCA and give a homeless animal a second chance at love. You may visit our shelter to meet the animals in person or you can view some of our adoptable animals under the “Adopt” section of our website. You will also find updated adoption pricing under this section.

Are all the animals you receive available for adoption?

The Placer SPCA is very proud of the fact that we have not euthanized an adoptable animal in over seven years. However, not all of the animals we receive are adoptable. We do not place animals up for adoption that have an untreatable illness, are suffering or fail to pass our behavior evaluation process.

What is a behavior evaluation and why do you do it?

A behavior evaluation consists of the animal being placed in a number of different situations so that we may evaluate their reaction. For example, how do they react to being touched, are they possessive of their food or toys, etc.? This type of evaluation process is critical in determining if the animal is safe to be placed up for adoption and the type of family situation in which the animal would be most successful.

How long do you keep the animals?

Adoptable animals are kept until they find a permanent home, providing they remain behaviorally and physically healthy.

What happens to the animals that are not adoptable?

If an otherwise adoptable animal is sick, we attempt to place that animal in a foster home until it is well enough to go back up for adoption. If an animal has severe behavior problems that would deem it unsafe for adoption, or if the animal is in such poor health that we are unable to care for it, the animal is euthanized.

Do you board animals?

No, the Placer SPCA does not currently offer boarding services. However, as we move forward with planning our new adoption center and education facility, we will consider adding this service.

How can I report animal abuse/neglect?

You will want to contact your local animal control agency to report abuse/neglect of an animal. Below is a list of Local Government Animal Control Agencies.

City of Roseville Animal Control
Dispatch: (916) 774-5090
Dog Licensing for the City of Roseville
(877) 816-6708
Placer County Animal Control
(530) 886-550

Sacramento County Animal Control
City of Sacramento Animal Control
City of Citrus Heights Animal Control
City of Rocklin Animal Control
City of Folsom Animal Control
Yolo County Animal Services