
Oconto Area Humane Society

Frequently Asked Questions

Where do your animals come from?

Our animals come from Oconto County and the surrounding areas as a stray, surrender, or a transfer from another shelter or rescue group.

Is OAHS a no-kill shelter?

OAHS is an open admissions shelter. This means that we do not turn animals away for lack of space. We do not euthanize animals for space. As long as they are happy and not suffering, and do not have a severe behavior problem, we will not euthanize an animal. This decision is never taken lightly, and staff will explore all other options before having to make this decision.

Animals do not have a time limit at OAHS and are with us until they find their forever homes. We have had dogs and cats with us for over six months before finding their forever home!

What is included in the adoption process and fees?

OAHS adoptees are all vaccinated, spayed/neutered, and cleared medically for adoption.

Dogs Medical Includes: Bordetella, Rabies, Distemper, Flea and Tick, Dewormer, Heartworm Preventative, Spay/Neuter, and Health assessment.

Cats Medical Includes: Rabies, Distemper, Flea and Tick, Dewormer, Spay/Neuter, and Health assessment.

What kind of animals do you take in?

OAHS accepts dogs, cats, small critters such as rodents, reptiles, and amphibians. We do not have the resources to provide for snakes. We suggest reaching out to Kingdom Animalia Exotic Animal Rescue in Green Bay.

Do you charge to surrender an animal?

Dog Surrender Fee: \$25

Cat Surrender Fee: \$20

Small Animal Surrender Fee: \$10 with cage

We realize that sometimes it is necessary to find a new home for your pet, and that the decision to do so is often difficult. If you find it necessary to surrender your pet, contact OAHS to set up an appointment or look at your options.

Does OAHS provide vaccines or medical services for the public?

We do not provide vaccinations or spay/neuter for animals of the public. We suggest reaching out to local vet or low cost clinics in your area. We have provided a list of possible resources below.

What is involved with claiming my pet from the shelter?

If your pet is at OAHS please call (920)-835-1738 as soon as possible. If staff is unable to answer please leave a message with a phone number. Please have any current vaccinations and pet licenses available when contacting OAHS.

Lost and Found Pets

FOUND PETS

If you are unable to locate the owner, call the animal control officer or animal shelter in the area where you found the animal and speak with staff about what your options are.

If you find a missing animal, contact your local animal control/police department and local animal shelter right away. They may know where the animal belongs. If you are able to handle the animal, check to see if it has identification on it with a number to contact the owner. It is highly recommended to bring the animal to a vet clinic or animal shelter and have it scanned for a microchip too.

LOST PETS

Immediately call your local Humane Society/Animal Shelter and local law enforcement letting them know your pet is missing. They should be able to give you further numbers to contact if they do not know where your animal is.

Social Media and Lost Dogs of Wisconsin - OAHS highly recommends you post on social media that your dog is missing so others can share the post, and more people can be on the lookout for your pet. If you lost a dog, we recommend visiting lostdogsofwisconsin.org or <http://www.helpinglostpets.com> where they will help you create and circulate a lost dog or other animal flyer.

Hang flyers up wherever you can to spread the word that they are missing.

Leave a favorite blanket/article of clothing and some food out for your animal to smell. Hopefully they will encourage them to stick around home if they don't travel too far.

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What does OAHS do with found animals?

When a lost animal comes into OAHS, we advertise on our social media that the pet was found and is currently at the shelter. We hold the animal for the legal hold time of 5 days, giving the owner the opportunity to come forward to get their beloved pet.

When a stray/lost animal enters the shelter, it is immediately checked over by shelter staff and administered core vaccinations and flea/tick preventative if needed. If the animal has any medical concerns those are addressed as soon as possible with a local veterinarian. The animal is then fed, given water, and a comfy bed to sleep on while they wait for their owner to pick them up.

If a found animal is not claimed after the 5 days, OAHS has the animal altered (spayed/neutered), microchipped, and the animal is placed up for adoption.

What do I do if I suspect animal abuse or neglect?

Unfortunately, OAHS has no authority in animal abuse or neglect cases. We highly suggest reaching out to your local police or animal control to report the incident or situation. We also recommended

Can I microchip my animal through OAHS?

OAHS does provide microchipping to the public via \$25 fee per microchip. Simply call the shelter for more details or to set up an appointment.

Microchips allow shelters, vet clinics, and animal control officers to get lost pets home safely and quickly. All adoptable cats and dogs are microchipped at OAHS. The shelter recommends this permanent form of ID and is able to microchip your pet for you for a low fee of \$25.