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Huntsville Animal Services has made tremendous improvements, but it is not a No Kill shelter

Challenges remain as the city has grown and people face housing and financial issues

The best way to help the shelter right now is to make sure your pets don't end up there where they may be at risk

Spay/Neuter

- you can prevent litters by having your pets spayed or neutered by your veterinarian
- you can also use the nonprofit North Alabama Spay & Neuter Clinic off of North Parkway that is open to anyone regardless of income or where you live

Keep dogs contained

- if you have a fence but your dog who is an escape artist, reinforce the bottom of the fence with buried pavers or put a coyote roller on the top of the fence
- if you need ideas or need help with this, contact HAS or local rescue groups for guidance

Make sure pets can be identified

- all the animals who enter the shelter belong to someone
- make sure your dogs can be identified through a microchip, embroidered collar; you can get either for about \$15 and your veterinarian can implant the chip for you
- make sure your mail carrier and neighbors know what your dog looks like in case he gets out

If your dog goes missing

- check the animal shelter lost and found page and use the interactive map to see if your dog has been picked up by animal control in the last 48 hours
<https://maps.huntsvilleal.gov/lostanimals/>
- go to Huntsville Animal Services to look for your dog
- use Nextdoor or local Facebook pages to let people know your pet is missing
- check with your mail carrier and neighbors

Look for Help

- if you need help with pet food, contact the Greater Huntsville Humane Society or Manna House
- if you need help to pay for veterinary care, check with your veterinarian about a payment plan or check with local rescues to see if one can help you with costs so you can keep your pet
- if you have behavioral issues with your pet, talk with your veterinarian or a trainer before things get out of hand

Have a Pet Care Plan in Place

- make a firm plan to re-home your pets in the event of your death, loss of housing, loss of your job or some other life crisis

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- the city is not obligated to take your pets and you should make plans for their care and not assume your family will take them
- this can be with friends, co-workers, neighbors, people you go to church with or even your veterinarian