



Blacks Vets Stray Dog Policy

Information and guidance for finders and owners of Stray Dogs

When dealing with stray or lost cats, dogs, small furries and injured wildlife, the care of the pet/animal is our top priority.

We deal with stray pets/wildlife according to the law, the guidance issued by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and the RSPCA. We consider the welfare of the animal and our ability to house them in suitable accommodation.

Dogs with an up to date microchip

Following administering emergency care if needed we check for a microchip - if a chip is present, we make every effort to contact the owner or the microchip databases. If successful the owner will be asked to collect the dog bringing with them 2 forms of identification (for example passport, drivers licence, hard copy of utility bill or council tax bill), and at least one proof of ownership (for example Microchip number, vaccination card, details of your vet, adoption certificate, good quality clear photographs)

Dogs without an up to date microchip

If a dog is not microchipped or we are unable to contact the owner possibly because the details are not up to date we will contact the local Dog Warden. It is a legal requirement that all non-microchipped dogs are reported to the warden.

We cannot hand over a non-microchipped dog to anyone except the Dog Warden. It is law in the UK that all dogs are microchipped and their details kept up to date. There are a high number of cases where pets are handed to potential owners which are later challenged by the real owners. We therefore take this approach to help ensure that the pet is returned to its rightful owner. We do not have the power to decide who owns the stray dog. We understand that you may find this frustrating if this is your dog and you are keen to be reunited, we would however ask that you consider how you would feel if your dog was handed to someone else based on evidence that is later proven to be unreliable. Photographic evidence is widely available on line and there are many cases where the pets have been lost for some time and the claimant can provide detailed information on the pet such as markings, gender or age.

What happens once the dog arrives at the kennels (based on Stoke Kennels which is used by local authorities near to our Practices)

- The dog is checked again for a microchip (occasionally chips can migrate to a different part of the body) If an owner comes forward they are asked for identification and to confirm pet markings, distinguished features, gender, age and to provide photographic evidence.
- If needed dogs are microchipped before leaving, or the owner informed they must update microchip details if they are out of date.
- The kennels make a charge for their services – to give you an example, Dudley MBCs charges are
 - Council Fine/Fees £50.00
 - Kennelling Fees £10 per day
 - Microchipping Fee £10
- If no one comes forward after 7 days the dog is put up for adoption. The finder can inform the kennels if they are interested in adopting the dog. The dog warden endeavours to place the dog in a rehoming centre.

Injured Dogs

If you find an injured dog please contact the RSPCA first to register the case by calling 0300 1234999 the dog can then be taken to a local vet for first aid treatment. If injuries are critical please bring the dog to us as quickly as possible. If the owners cannot be found (Following the above process) the RSPCA will take over the care of the stray pet using the same log number.

Thank you for supporting us in the care and reuniting of pets with their rightful owners.

Useful contact information

Identification Databases

Petlog - 0844 4633999
Anibase - 01904 487600
Avid - 0800 6529977
Pet Protect - 0800 0778558
Tattoo Register - 01255 552455

Local Animal Welfare Organisations

Animal House Rescue - 0121 475 8729
Wildacre Rescue - 01384 565501
Rover Rescue - 0121 420 1703
Holly Trees Kennels - 01564 823244
Dogwatch UK - 0121 242 0369
Wythall Animal Sanctuary - 01564 823288
Ravens Rescue - 07922 204531
Rainbow Dog Rescue - 07779 399358

Sunnyside Kennels - 01902 790618
B'ham Dogs Home - 0121 643 5211
Swan Pit Kennels - 01785 822221
Stoke City Dogs Home - 01782 304130
PDSA Quinton - 0121 422 2902
PDSA Aston - 0121 378 1716
RSPCA Frankley - 0300 1238585
Blue Cross - 0121 453 3130
Dogs Trust - 01926 484398
Ruff Luck Rescue - 07792 530770

Other Local Contacts

Highways Agency - 0121 335 8300
Network Rail - 0845 7114141
British Waterways - 01827 252000

Local Dog Warden numbers and kennel locations

Birmingham City Council

Normal Working Hours - Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 5.15pm (Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm)
Telephone - 0121 303 9900 or 0121 303 6007
Out of Hours - 07500 553000 call for instructions 4.00pm to 11.00pm only
Out of Hours Service - Acceptance point only
Kennels - Birmingham Dogs Home - 0121 643 5211 Monday to Saturday 11.00am to 4.45pm

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Normal Working Hours - Monday to Friday 09.00am to 5.00pm
Telephone - 0300 5552345
Out of Hours - 0300 5558283 Select Emergency Repairs
Out of Service - Collection of Contained Strays ONLY
Kennels - Stoke City Dogs Home - 01782 304130 Monday to Sunday 11am to 4pm

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (Updated 31.05.17)

Normal Working Hours - Monday to Friday 09.00am to 5.00pm
Telephone - 0333 577 5070
Out of Hours - 0844 499 6063
Out of Hours Service - Call for more information
Kennels - Stoke City Dogs Home - 01782 304130 - Monday to Sunday 11am to 4.00pm

South Staffs

Normal Working Hours - Monday to Friday 9.15am to 5.00pm
Telephone - 01902 696000
Out of Hours - 01384 679027
Out of Hours Service - collection available
Normal Service Kennels - Sunnyside 01902 790618
Out of Hours Kennels - Swan Pit 01785 822221

Wolverhampton

Normal Working Hours - Monday to Friday 09.00am to 4.00pm
Telephone - 01902 551155
Out of Hours - 01902 425262 (St Georges Vets)
Out of Hours Service - Acceptance Point Only - St Georges Vets (telephone before attending)
Kennels - Sunnyside Kennels 01902 790618