

# Animal Control

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The Augusta County Animal Control Department is responsible for enforcing state code and county ordinances for domestic animals.

The county ordinances may be found in the [County Code](#) under the County Attorney's information.

### Staff:

**Gary Webb** - Senior Animal Control Officer

**Dwight Strickler** - Animal Control Officer

**Bill Hobgood** - Animal Control Officer

**Joyce Hoover** - Dispatcher/Admin

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**Strays:** Augusta County has, in conjunction with the cities of Staunton and Waynesboro, opened Shenandoah Valley Animal Services Center. Any dog that is running at large in the county may be picked up by an Animal Control Officer and transported to the SVASC. If your dog is missing, you can call the SVASC at (540) 943-5142.

Citizens also drop off stray dogs and cats to the SVASC. If you are missing your animal please contact the SVASC or go to <http://shenandoah.animalshelternet.com/> and use the **Stray Searchlink**. **Photos and information are updated as animals are brought into the facility. Everyone is encouraged to go to the center to see if your animal is there.**

Length of stay: After five days (without a collar) or ten days (with a collar) they are made available for adoption.

When you claim your dog, you must pay a fine of:

- \$50 (if running at large without a valid rabies vaccination)
- \$25 (if running at large)
- \$10 (if no county dog tag)
- \$20 pick-up fee
- \$15 per day impoundment fee

These fines and fees are paid at the Augusta [County Treasurer's Office](#) at the Government Center in Verona. Summons may also be issued to appear in General District Court with fines there ranging up to \$250 per violation plus court costs.

**Animal Bites and Rabies:** Animal bites that include dog and cat bites and scratches are evaluated by the Virginia Department Health. The decision to test an animal for rabies is governed by the Dept of Health. The Augusta County contact is Sean Sprouse - 332-7830.

**Wildlife:** Wildlife, which includes but not limited to deer, bear, opossums, skunks and raccoons are under the jurisdiction of the [Department of Game and Inland Fisheries](#). The Game Commission can be contacted at (540)248-9360

**Staunton and Waynesboro:** The cities of **Staunton** and **Waynesboro** provide their own animal control services. If you live within the city limits you need to contact the appropriate department.

- Officer Shane Ayers in Staunton may be reach at 332-3842.
- Officer Dee Price in Waynesboro may be reached at 942-6548.

**Shenandoah Valley Animal Services Center:** The SVASC is located at 1001 Mount Torry Rd, Lyndhurst Va. The center is located approximately 3.8 miles from interstate 64 exit 94 interchange traveling towards Sherrando.

Hours of operation: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sat 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Wed 11:00 AM to 6:30 PM

Sun Closed

Phone number: 943-5142

Web site: <http://shenandoah.animalshelternet.com>