

Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter

Hours: OPEN 11:30 – 5:30 TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS OR BY APPOINTMENT

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Mt Pleasant, TN 37122

Volunteer Coordinator: Ashley Smith ASmith@shelter.com

Available for Adoption

Name: Amber

Breed: Whippet & Labrador Retriever Mix

- Adult, Female, Medium

HEALTH:

Vaccinations up to date, spayed / neutered.

About Amber

Primary Color: White Secondary Color: Black Age: 2yrs 2mths 0wks Animal has been Spayed

Name: Angel

Breed: Labrador Retriever Mix

- Young Female Medium

HEALTH:

Vaccinations up to date, spayed / neutered.

About Angel

My litter was found dumped in a ditch. We were rescued but he couldn't keep us. He had nowhere to keep us warm. I am sweet and a fast learner. I am pretty laid back for a puppy. Primary Color: Brown Secondary Color: Black Weight: 33.2lbs Age: 0yrs 6mths 3wks Animal has been Spayed

Name: Boo

Breed: Boxer Mix

- Adult Male Large

HOUSE-TRAINED

HEALTH: Vaccinations up to date, spayed / neutered.

PREFERS A HOME WITHOUT Cats.

Name: Dodger

Breed: Domestic Short Hair Mix

- Adult Male Small

HEALTH:

Vaccinations up to date, spayed / neutered.

About Dodger

Hanging out at the golf course was fun, but it's a lot nicer inside! I've been here a few months and made new friends, but now I'm ready to find the right people to take me home. Primary Color: Black Secondary Color: White Age: 6yrs 9mths 1wks Animal has been Neutered

Name: Zeke

Breed: Coonhound & American Foxhound Mix

- Adult Male Medium

HOUSE-TRAINED

HEALTH:

Vaccinations up to date, spayed / neutered.

About Zeke

I am a very playful dog who is house trained and great with children. I get along with cats, male and female dogs. I am very Affectionate. I am here looking for a very special family so I can Love them and they can love me back. Primary Color: Black Secondary Color: Brown Weight: 50.4lbs Age: 4yrs 9mths 4wks Animal has been Neutered

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter. We welcome volunteers of all ages, but those under 18 must volunteer with a family member.

To volunteer, you must attend an orientation session, which are held monthly. You also must complete the Volunteer Application2017. Complete it and bring with you to orientation.

Orientation should last about 1 hour, then you will set up your first volunteering time with a mentor who is an experienced volunteer to show you the ins and out of everything we do here. After that you will be certified to volunteer on your own.

A few notes:

1. You must be 18 to volunteer, or with a parent or guardian at all times to be a volunteer.
2. The shelter is open to the volunteers EVERYDAY as the animals need to be cared for EVERYDAY!!
3. You may volunteer between the hours of 8-4 daily.
4. If you feel uncomfortable with an animal, DO NOT feel obligated to walk, or take it to the play yard, or play room, each and every animal will be given their time to play throughout the day.
5. HAVE FUN!

THANK YOU TO ALL THE NEW VOLUNTEERS WHO CAME OUT, CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE SHELTER FOR LOTS OF VOLUNTEERING FUN!

Certified Volunteers:

- Must Attend an Orientation- Held on 3rd Thursday of each month at the Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter.
- Must be 18 years of age, any minors MUST be accompanied by their parent or guardian (no exceptions)!
- Must be mentored by one of our approved volunteers prior to your first time volunteering.
- Can follow all signs as directed by staff at the shelter.

Community Service:

Those needing to fill community service hours may do so without attending volunteer training. They will not be allowed to come in contact with the animals and may volunteer without a parent present if they are under 18. It is recommended that those filling community service hours arrive at 8 a.m. and be prepared to sweep, mop or do dishes.

- If it is school community service, students will need to bring paperwork.
- For court-ordered community service, visit the Mt Pleasant Police Department to receive necessary paper work.

About Us

The **Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter** is a city operated facility with one full time director, 1 full time animal control officer, one part time animal control officer and many dedicated volunteers. We take in stray, abandoned, injured, and homeless dogs that are within the city limits of Mt. Pleasant. We are unable to take in cats unless they are injured or un able to care for them selves, such as un-weaned, and motherless kittens. Unfortunately, there is no state law or city ordinance against cats running at large at this time. Our animal control officers are responsible for responding to calls for service relating to dogs at large, dog bites, and animal cruelty. Pet owners, please don't let your dogs roam at large at any time and keep a collar with a current rabies tag on them at all times. Provide your pet with access to food, water, adequate shelter, and vet care, if needed, at all times. This is a state law and a city ordinance. We will issue citations for these violations starting at \$193.00. Please be a responsible pet owner. Dogs and

cats already spayed or neutered at the time of adoption will have an adoption fee of \$75 and can go home the same day. Dogs and cats that are not spayed or neutered at the time of adoption will have an adoption fee of \$25 . Those animals will then be made a spay or neuter appointment at one of our local vets. We will take them to your choice of local vet and you will be responsible for picking up your new pet and paying for their spay or neuter fee to the vet.

Mission Statement:

- To engage the hearts, hands and minds of Mt. Pleasant to help abandoned, lost, and stray animals.
- To educate the community in the humane treatment of animals.
- To help Mt. Pleasant Animal Services maintain a low euthanasia facility through mandatory sterilization of all animals before placement.
- To promote financial support and volunteerism.
- To ensure that everybody understands that: "Everything we do is for the animals."

News

Paws in the Park – 3rd Annual

The 3rd Annual Paws in the Park is scheduled for May 24, 2019

2 pm- 6 pm

George Washington Park to benefit Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter Volunteer Organization

Food, Activities, Music, Bounce Houses, Contests, Vendors and of course Well behaved Pets and kids on leashes welcome.

We are currently looking for vendors, if there are any business interested in having a booth, have them contact me as soon as possible.

More information on Paws in Park will come and many more Events scheduled.

Thank you to each and everyone of you for all you do everyday from walking, feeding, cleaning, sharing, praying and being animal lovers.

We could not do this without you.

FAQ

Basic calls for Animal Control/Shelter

- Will you take my animal in? First thing we ask no matter what, "Where do you live?" If you do not live in the city limits they cannot bring an animal in. If animal is found within the city limits, they have to now sign an affidavit that they found the dog inside the city limits, we have those forms at the shelter. We are no longer accepting cats unless they are critically injured/sick

or 'without a mother. Any person in the County portion of Wilson County needing animal control can call them at 615-444-9775. New Leash on Life may be able to help with some cats and dogs they are 615-444-1144. Country K-9 is in Lebanon and they can sometimes help with cats but mainly just dogs.

- We are NOT a no kill shelter. We do our best to adopt out animals but we cannot and will not guarantee the adoption of any animal.
- We are open to the public Wednesdays from 11:30a until 3:30pm.
- We will also take appointments on other days as needed.
- Welfare checks on animals- people concerned for the welfare of an animal. We will check all of these issues within the city limits.
- When turning in a dog we must have a photo ID with your city limits address or an ID with a bill providing residency.
- Owner surrenders for dogs will be a 25 dollar fee. Paid check or exact cash
- If we have picked up your animal and you need to claim it- you must set up an appointment if it is any other day besides Wed and there will be fee. The fee is 25 dollars for the initial pick up, 10 each additional day- up to 5 days, then a 15 dollar fee if the dog does not have a rabies shot (this fee will cover us getting the dog its shot).
- We do not do spay and neuter here at the shelter. Contact a local vet or Sumner County Spay and Neuter Clinic.
- Cats... there is no state law that they cannot roam at large which is the reason we do not pick them up as strays or take them in.
- Any dog bites or aggressive dogs we will handle right away.
- Adoptions- no animal will leave our shelter unaltered. The animals must be fixed no exceptions. If the animal being adopted is already fixed it is a 75 dollar fee and they can go home right away. If the animal is not altered, it is a 25 dollar fee and WE take the dog to the vet of the owner's choice within the city limits of Mt. Pleasant only. The new owner will pay for the spay or neuter of the animal. The cost of that depends on if the adopted animal is male/female- cat/dog and which vet they go to. We have a price list for each vet.
- Rabies shots are due in TN each year. You can get a 3 year vaccine but you still must return to the vet yearly for a new tag to be in compliance.
- Community service- if it is for school or court ordered. If court ordered they must first go down to PD and speak with Lt. Chandler or Chief. They will give them their paperwork to begin working. The best time to start is at 8 am as there is not much cleaning to be done in the afternoon. They are not allowed to come in contact with the animals. They will be sweeping, mopping, and doing dishes. The front doors will be closed so they need to come into the side door by the large garage door.

- If it is school community service they are welcome to come do the same work without a parent just to get their hours in for school. Same rules apply they just bring their own paper work.
- Volunteers- we take volunteers of all ages but if you want to volunteer and are under 18 you must be here with an adult family member. Volunteer orientations are held the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6-7 pm here at the shelter. Just show up no need to call and schedule. You can also fill out an application at that time.
- Wildlife- we do not run calls concerning wildlife. You will need to call a wildlife removal service.
- Dead animals in or on the side of the road would be picked up by Public Works IF in the city limits. We do not remove dead animals from the public's personal yards.
- Lost and found animals- we take a report with basic information (cat/dog, sex, intact/neutered, color/breed, collar or none, where lost, when lost) and we keep it in a book at the shelter. We also tell them to check Wilson County lost and Found Pets page on FB. Debbie Moore runs that page and is wonderful to work with and tags us in every post.
- Donations- we take donations of anything animal related or an animal can use. If you would like to drop off donations, you are welcome to leave them in the donation bin out front or you can come Wed during open hours.

To view our animals before making an appointment please visit our petfinder page at: <https://www.petfinder.com/>

- If someone is looking for a specific breed Petfinder will also help with that as well. Go to Petfinder.com and you can search for specific breeds of dogs or cats.
- Breed specific rescues also offer a solution for people looking for pure bred dogs. Middle Tn Boxer Rescue, Middle Tn Boxer, Old Friends Senior Dog Sanctuary, East Tn Small Breed Rescue, Lifehouse Rescue, Doginham Palace, Country K-9 just to name a few
- If people are within Wilson County and in need of dog or cat food we will help provide it when needed and available, with proof of animals being spayed and neutered, we will also help with this when possible.
- We do have a spay and neuter program available through a grant for low-income families. We offer these services to help stop pet overpopulation.
- Dogs found with rabies tag numbers- we can trace Rabies numbers through the health department in Wilson county for county tags. You need the number and year to do this from the tag. Call the Wilson Co Health Dept at 615-444-5325 and ask them to trace a tag. They will trace it to the vet clinic that performed the vaccine. When you call the vet they can trace the tag to the owner.
- Barking dogs- If speaking with the owner of the dogs has not helped, please call us or email us and we will talk to the owner about the issue. If it continues, you as the complainant can ticket and take them to court, but with doing so you become the one to prove to the judge the noise is enough of a nuisance to deem a necessary action.