



# Wake County Animal Care, Control & Adoption Frequently Asked Questions

[www.wakegov.com/pets](http://www.wakegov.com/pets)

## **I lost my pet - what do I do?**

First, go to the [Triangle Lost Pets website](http://www.trianglelostpets.org) at [www.trianglelostpets.org](http://www.trianglelostpets.org) to post a lost pet listing. Stray animals found in Wake County are taken to the [Wake County Animal Center](#), so check the Animal Center's [adoption gallery](#) - and keep checking it every few days. The Wake County Animal Center holds stray animals for three to five business days before they are available for adoption. There are several other things you can do to [find a lost pet](#), including distributing flyers and posting on [Craigslist](#). Keep in mind that [microchipping](#) your pet before they leave home is the best way to ensure your pet will be returned to you.

Find additional information about lost pets at: <http://www.wakegov.com/pets/lost>

## **I found a stray animal - now what?**

First, go to a local vet or the [Wake County Animal Center](#) and check for a microchip - an electronic means of identification. If there is no microchip, go to the [Triangle Lost Pets web site](#) and post a found pet listing. There are several other things you can do [when you find a stray](#) dog or cat, including distributing flyers and posting on [Craigslist](#). If the animal was found within the city limits, contact the animal control agency for your city or town and they will transport the stray to the [Wake County Animal Center](#), or you can bring the animal to the Center when it is open. The Wake County Animal Center holds stray animals for three to five business days before they are available for adoption.

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## **I would like to adopt a pet.**

The [Wake County Animal Center](#) and its rescue partners adopt out thousands of pets every year. Browse the [adoption gallery](#) or [visit the Animal Center](#) today to find your new best friend.

Learn more at: <http://www.wakegov.com/pets/adoptions>

## **Where is the Wake County Animal Center located and what are the hours?**

820 Beacon Lake Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27610 [\[view map\]](#)

Open Monday - Sunday  
Noon - 6 p.m. [\[view holiday schedule\]](#)

To learn more about the Wake County Animal Center, go to: <http://www.wakegov.com/pets/shelter>

**I need low-cost spay/neuter services.**

There are several [low-cost spay/neuter services in Wake County](#). Contact one today and help us control the pet population.

Learn more at: <http://www.wakegov.com/pets/fix>

**I need to find low-cost rabies shots/microchips.**

The Wake County Animal Center and municipalities conduct [rabies/microchip clinics](#) at different times throughout the year. Rabies shots are \$5 and microchips are \$10 at the special clinics.

Find rabies clinics and more events at: <http://www.wakegov.com/pets/events>

**I need to surrender my pet.**

First, consider an alternative to surrendering your pet. There are many [resources that can help](#) with behavior problems, moving, military deployment, economic hardship, and other issues. If you must give up your pet and have no other option, consider keeping your pet until you can find a permanent home for the animal, or contact a rescue group. A shelter environment can be very stressful to an animal. If you cannot resolve the challenges you are having with your pet and you are unable to rehome your pet, please bring your pet to the Wake County Animal Center during [normal business hours](#). Please bring your pet's vet records or some other proof of ownership.

Learn more at: <http://www.wakegov.com/pets/shelter/surrender.htm>

**I have questions about wildlife.**

Find out what to do if you encounter [orphaned, injured or nuisance wildlife](#).

Learn more at: <http://www.wakegov.com/pets/health/wildlife>

**I am researching animal-related ordinances.**

You can refer to the [Wake County Animal Control Ordinance](#) and be sure to check for other ordinances within your town or city.

**I am moving and looking for find pet-friendly housing.**

Check out the Wake County [Pet-Friendly Housing Guide](#) , to find a home that welcomes your pet. The guide lists more than 200 pet-friendly apartments in Wake County and their pet policies.

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