

Q & A Cont.

Q: Does my pet have to be on a leash?

A: Yes. Any time your pet is off of your personal property, it must be on a physical restraining device such as a leash.

Q: Am I required to register my pet with the Effingham County Sheriff's Office?

A: No. Your rabies tag on your dog or cat serves as your registration. Rabies tags must be current, obtained from a licensed veterinarian and displayed on your pet at all times.

Q: What should I do if I find a lost or stray animal?

A: If you find a lost or stray animal you can turn it in to the Effingham County Animal Shelter at 307 Highway 119 North, Springfield, or you can call the Effingham County Sheriff's Office and a Humane Enforcement Deputy will come to your home to pick it up.

When an Animal Bites

1. Call the Effingham County Sheriff's Office, or 9-1-1 for serious bites.
2. Seek medical attention for all bites.
3. Identify the animal (i.e. Breed, color, markings, location last observed, size)
4. If possible, contain the animal safely, but DO NOT try to contain a vicious dog.
5. If the animal's vaccinations are not current or verifiable, the animal must be quarantined for a minimum of 10 days.

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The Humane Enforcement Division

On November 30, 2009 the Effingham County Sheriff's Office assumed operations of the county's Animal Control Unit.

Since that time, we have renamed "Animal Control" to what is now known as the Effingham County Sheriff's Office, Humane Enforcement Division; a new division and title.

Effingham County Sheriff's Office



Humane Enforcement Division



"Keepers of the Peace"

We truly care about animals.

The Effingham County Sheriff's Office takes an active approach to humanely enforce County Ordinances and State Laws as they pertain to domestic animals and the public's health, safety and welfare.

The Effingham County Sheriff's Office Humane Enforcement Deputies are Effingham Counties first Nationally Certified Animal Control Officers.

The Effingham County Humane Enforcement Deputies respond to animal issues county wide. Deputies respond to all calls involving domestic animals and wildlife.

Humane Enforcement Deputies respond to weekend calls on an emergency basis only.

Humane live traps are only available for loan from the Effingham County Sheriff's Office to businesses, the elderly and the handicap at no charge. The Effingham County Animal Shelter offers humane live traps to the general public.

All animals that are picked up are transported to and housed at the Effingham County Animal Shelter, located at 307 Highway 119 North, Springfield.

All dogs, cats and ferrets are required to display a valid and current rabies tag.

Barking Dogs

Many pet owners are not aware that their pet is causing a disturbance when they are not home. The Effingham County Sheriff's Office focuses on informing pet owners about their pet's behavior and educating them on the steps they can take to change that behavior.

The Effingham County Sheriff's Office will address barking dog complaints only when an exact street address is provided.

Complaints are tracked by address. If complaints become excessive at an address, the pet owner or homeowner can face a fine.

Aggressive / Vicious

Animals

The Effingham County Humane Enforcement Deputies will respond to aggressive animal complaints only when the animal displays the following specific behaviors:

- Fierce barking and a growl indicating attack.
- Baring teeth, lifted tail, raised ears and hair standing up on back.
- Lunging posture.

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Q: What number do I call if I need a Humane Enforcement Deputy to respond?

A: Please call the Effingham County Sheriff's Office at 912-754-3449. A dispatcher will assist you with your problem and will notify a Humane Enforcement Deputy, who will respond to your home or incident location. In the event of an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

Q: What hours do Humane Enforcement Deputies work?

A: Humane Enforcement Deputies are on duty Monday through Friday, from 08:00 a.m. to 08:00 p.m.

Q: What if I have an animal problem on the weekend or after-hours on a weekday?

A: You still need to call the Effingham County Sheriff's Office at 912-754-3449. If it is the weekend or after-hours on a weekday, the dispatcher will send a Patrol Deputy to respond. Then, if the Patrol Deputy determines that a Humane Enforcement Deputy is needed, he or she will notify dispatch.

Q: What do I do if my pet becomes lost?

A: If your pet is missing, you can visit or call the Effingham County Animal Shelter at 307 Highway 119 North, Springfield, to see if your pet was brought in by Humane Enforcement Deputies.