

SURRENDER OF ANIMALS TO COUNCIL POUND

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENQUIRY TO SURRENDER YOUR PET.

Wollondilly Animal shelter may accept surrendered pets from owners who can no longer care for them. However, the animal shelter is often at capacity with lost pets waiting to be reunited with their owners.

Due to this reason, we cannot always accept owner surrenders. We currently have a waiting list but this sometimes can be more than a 6 month wait.

In the best interests of your pet, before surrendering to council, we encourage you to try these steps first.

1. Can a family member / friend help out with providing temporary care your pet?
2. Can you rehome the pet to a family member / friend?
3. Have you tried rehoming the pet yourself?

Some options are - advertising online / social media such as Facebook – making sure you include your pets microchip number.

Setting up a Pet rescue profile to rehome your pet

4. Research and contact rescue groups. There are many breed specific rescue groups available.
5. Contact the breeder – if you purchased your dog from a registered breeder, they may be able to take the dog back or offer assistance.
6. If you find yourself homeless or under financial hardship, please contact RSPCA or Animal welfare league NSW. These organisations have programs to assist the homeless & their pets.
7. If the surrender reason is behavioural, please initially seek advice of a qualified trainer / behaviourist on the issue. Many problem behaviours can be easily fixed with the help of a professional and your pet can remain with you.

FACT SHEET

8. If the pet is unwell, displaying aggressive behaviour or has bitten / attacked a person or animal, it is best consulting your vet with the option of euthanasia.

If you have tried these options and still need help, please fill in the surrender form and return to animals@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

Please note – ALL dogs & cats must be microchipped and in the same name as the owner who is surrendering.

Surrender fee is \$400 and \$200 per additional animals.

Surrenders are accepted to Wollondilly shire council residents ONLY (ID must be sighted).

ALL questions must be filled out and a detailed description as to WHY you have to surrender.

When a place is available for surrender, an officer will contact you to arrange an appointment.