



HARDIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT JANUARY 2019



Harry L. Berry
County Judge/Executive



Animal Shelter News

Veterinarian on Staff

We now have a veterinarian on our staff. We welcomed Dr. Jessica Perpich in November. She performs spay-neuter surgeries as well as daily general wellness checks on the animals in our shelter. We are excited about having a veterinarian on staff to care for our animals.

Dog License

A single dog license may be purchased at the Animal Shelter, Vine Grove City Hall, West Point City Hall, or at your local veterinary office for \$15 if your pet is spay/neutered or \$30 if your pet is not spayed/neutered.

New Programs

Beginning August 1, 2018, we introduced a return-to-field program for feral and stray cats in Hardin County. Cats brought to the shelter as strays are now spayed/neutered, vaccinated by the veterinarian, returned to the area where found, and released. This program reduces the number of cats inside our shelter and increases the live animal release rate to over 90%, making our shelter pro-life.

TOP 10 WINTER WEATHER TIPS FOR PETS

1. Know your pet's limits. Some pets are more susceptible to cold than others. Most dogs can remain outside in temperatures above 45 degrees F. Feeling your pet's ears or skin can tell you if your pet is cold.
2. Check the hood of your car. Cats often sleep in the wheel wells of cars during the winter. Honk your horn or tap on the hood before starting your car.
3. Wipe paws after a walk. Dogs can pick up all kinds of toxic chemicals in the snow.
4. Keep pets leashed or in fenced area. More pets become lost in the winter.
5. Avoid ice when walking your dog.
6. Do not leave your pet in an unattended car.
7. Wear reflective gear when walking your dog in the dark.
8. Give you pet shelter during sub-zero temperatures. Provide a dry, draft-free shelter large enough to allow them to sit and lie down, but small enough to conserve body heat. If pets are outside most of the time, they need more food to replace energy lost from trying to stay warm.
9. Avoid spills. Antifreeze attracts cats and dogs because it is very sweet to taste, but extremely poisonous.
10. Be prepared for power outages to include your pet.

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Hours for receiving animals and adoptions:
Monday through Saturday Noon to 4:00 pm.