

Leash Law

Leash law only applies to dogs. Animal Control can only collect a dog in violation of the leash law if it does not have a current rabies tag. The State of Alabama Department of Health and Shelby County recognizes a current rabies immunization as being a vaccination with a one year period. Should a citizen need to contact Animal Control with a complaint concerning possible violation, the County will mail a notice letter to the possible dog owner. The complainant can elect to report to the Sheriff's Office for the processing of a written complaint and subsequently take action through the District Attorney's office if needed. The owner of a dog in violation of the leash law can be subject to a misdemeanor offense and payment of a fine of \$20.00 to \$50.00 if a warrant is issued against them.

Capture of Dogs and Cats

Dogs and cats will be captured and transported, if possible, as determined by the Animal Control Officer in the field, to the Animal Shelter on McDow Road in Columbiana if they are not wearing evidence of a current rabies immunization. The Animal Shelter is operated by the Humane Society of Shelby County, Inc. through a contract with Shelby County.

To report a dog or cat running at large with no evidence of current rabies immunization, please complete the Animal Control Form or call Animal Control at (205) 669-8766.

Capture of Domestic Livestock

Animal Control cannot independently capture and transport livestock. The Shelby County Sheriff's Office (205) 669-4181 must first be contacted and the applicable report prepared. Upon the request of the Sheriff's Office, Animal Control can perform services.