

TLHS has always (and will continue) to be supportive of all breeds of animals. We have received many emails/phone calls regarding this. In response, we have put together a list of information that we hope will help clear up any confusion or concerns. Thank you.

Adoption (in coordination with spay/neuter education)

- The Tupelo Lee Humane Society is working to end the euthanasia of healthy animals while still being an open admissions shelter.
- We require all pets adopted to be spayed/neutered prior to going home with their new family.
- We do adopt all breeds of dogs and cats. (Our pit bull adoptions do require home/background checks to all potential adopters. This is done for both canine and human safety.)
- We spay/neuter, microchip, rabies tag, de-worm and give first shots for all animals adopted from our shelter.
- We offer low cost-high quality spay and neuter services to the public five days a week at our spay clinic.
- We also write for grant funding to assist with the low cost of spaying & neutering at our spay clinic for low income households.
- We currently offer pit bull and pit bull mixes, spay or neuter surgery for \$15.00-in our targeted counties of Lee and Pontotoc with a grant from PetSmart Charities.
- We promote adopting, and go to off site events each weekend.
- We promote adoption sponsorships.
- We transport dogs and puppies to adoptive homes in the northern states every two weeks in coordination with a rescue group.
- We also work with other rescues (regionally and in the north) intermittently to give our animals even more potential for adoption.
- We do not charge a fee for drop offs at our shelter. Donations are gratefully accepted but not required.
- We do ask that you make an effort to find a home prior to surrendering the animal.
- We do not turn away anyone; we do ask that you use our service as a last option.
- We do not want anyone to dump an animal, to become road kill, starve or suffer for any reason.
- We do provide after hours drop offs, in our outdoor cages.
- We recommend establishing a veterinarian relationship for your pet.
- We promote the responsible ownership of all pets.

Enforcement

- We contract with the City of Tupelo to provide animal control services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- We do not patrol the streets, we do answer all complaint calls reported to animal control by the citizens of Tupelo.
- We do support a clarification in the animal ordinance on housing a dangerous animal, and do not want to see dogs living on chains.
- We do support the proposed increased fines if convicted of any of the animal control ordinances in the City of Tupelo.