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Animal Control to offer "Senior" Discounts for Adoptions

The Sangamon County Department of Public Health's Animal Control Center now offers significant discounts to Senior Citizens who wish to adopt animals. The Animal Control Center will also offer discounts for certain "Senior" animals that have yet to be adopted from the facility.

Citizens who are 60 and older can adopt dogs or cats for a reduced price. People wishing this discount will be asked to provide proof of age. The discounted adoption amount for dogs and cats will be \$39 and \$30, respectively. Normally, the cost of a dog adoption is \$147, and the cost of a cat adoption is \$108.

Along with the Senior Citizen discount, the Animal Control Center has also started offering the same discounted rates to anyone who wishes to adopt dogs or cats that have been determined by Department staff to be seven (7) years of age or older. Dogs and cats that have been housed at the Animal Control Center for four (4) weeks or longer will also be eligible for adoption at the same reduced rate. All animals adopted at the Animal Control Center will be spayed or neutered, and will be available to go home within a few days after selection. The cost of spay/neuter is included in the adoption fee.

"We are trying to find ways to put animals that will make great pets in good, loving homes," said Sarah Musgrave, Co-Chair of the County's Citizens Advisory Committee on Animal Control. Sangamon County takes in between 7,000 and 8,000 animals each year. Close to 3,000 of those animals are euthanized because they are not reclaimed or adopted.

Care kits are given to families that adopt dogs and cats from the Animal Control Center. These kits include a bag of food, educational DVD on care and treatment for their new pet, a health record form, and other informational material that can help families provide a good home for their new pets.

The Animal Control Center is located at 2100 Shale Road, which is one block west of Dirksen Parkway off of Ash Street.

Anyone with questions may call the Animal Control Center at 535-3065.