

October 29, 2015

**Using Non-Kill Shelters for the Adoption of Unclaimed Dogs
From the Marshall County Dog Pound**

*Per vote on
11/12/15
#15-89
\$10.00*

From the Animal Control Committee of the Marshall County Board:

Whereas, the Lacon Ark No Kill Shelter for dogs and cats, and the Friends of Strays No Kill Shelter in Princeton, Il., run by Bev Edens are willing to accept dogs that have been caught running off property for a fee of a one year rabies vaccination which is ~~\$18.00~~ in Marshall County, be allowed to adopt these animals, and take them to their shelters. This is to protect these dogs from being euthanized, because no one claimed them, and give them a chance at a new home.

According to 510ILCS5/ Animal Control Act: "prior to transferring the dog or cat to another humane shelter, rescue group, or euthanization, the dog or cat shall be scanned again for the presence of a microchip, and examined for other means of identification. If a second scan provides the same identifying information as the initial intake scan and the owner, agent, or caretaker has not been located or refuses to reclaim the dog or cat, the animal control facility may proceed with the adoption, transfer, or euthanization".

510ILCS5/11 (from Ch.8 par.361)

Sec 11: When not redeemed by the owner, agent, or caretaker, a dog or cat must be scanned for a microchip. If a microchip is present, the registered owner must be identified...After contact has been made or attempted, dogs or cats deemed adoptable by the animal control facility shall be offered for adoption, or made available to a licensed humane society or rescue group.

The two above mentioned shelters will proceed with the process of all other vaccinations, spay or neuter, and placing a microchip in the animals before adopting to a new family.

The Marshall County Animal Control Committee recommends that the Marshall County Board vote to approve the above shelters for rescue of these animals.

Marshall County Animal Control Committee
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