



Where to Take a Stray Dog?

In Laredo, our resources for surrendering a stray dog are limited. Our city shelter is overpopulated and by law cannot turn a dog away, thus leading to high euthanasia rates. Our one no-kill shelter is often full, and as soon as dogs are adopted out they go to the city shelter and pull more dogs from there, meaning their capacity for stray intakes is extremely low.

For this reason, we usually encourage anyone who finds a stray dog and who has been unable to reunite the dog with their family, contact San Antonio Humane Society about surrendering the dog there.

San Antonio Humane Society

San Antonio Humane Society is a large-intake no-kill shelter who will vaccinate and spay/neuter all animals they take in, and they will go through a formalized adoption process to find the animal a new forever family.

You can find more information about them here:

<https://sahumane.org/>

Prior to COVID-19, San Antonio Humane had intake days twice a week. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a change in procedures. In essence, they now will do intake by appointment only, and you need to email them with as complete a description of the animal as possible; including where you found them, their temperament and any health concerns along with a photo(s) of the animal.

You can find more information here:

<https://sahumane.org/receiving>

The email address for the intake coordinator is:

receiving@SAhumane.org

Laredo Animal Protective Society (LAPS)

The situation at LAPS is similar to that at San Antonio Humane. Space at LAPS is extremely limited, and they can only intake a dog as soon as one is adopted. Often, when a dog is adopted LAPS will immediately go to the city shelter and pull a dog from there, thus resulting in an extremely limited capacity for stray dog intake. The said, it's always worth a try!

Here is the information on their intake procedures:

<http://www.petadoptlaredo.org/surrenderingreclaiming-a-dog.html>

In order to surrender a dog to LAPS, you need to call up/email and discuss the situation with them first.

LAPS is open Wednesday – Saturday from 11am – 3pm. Here is the contact information for LAPS:

Tel: 956-724-8364

Email: info@petadoptlaredo.org





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Laredo Animal Care Services (LACS)

Laredo Animal Care Services is the City Shelter for Laredo. The city shelter is a high-volume shelter, handling multiple intakes a day with very few adoptions. By law, the city shelter cannot turn a stray dog or owner surrender away; therefore, the euthanasia rates at the city shelter are incredibly high. For this reason, the city shelter works with multiple rescues across the entire country in an effort to reduce their euthanasia rates.

If surrendered to Laredo Animal Care Services, the dog will be vaccinated and assessed. The dog will be held for 72 hours to give the original owners a chance to come forward and claim their dog. After that 72-hour hold expires, the dog will be given a chance to be adopted or transferred to one of their partner rescues. The length of time the dog has before they are euthanized is entirely dependent on intake rates – sometimes the dogs are in the shelter for months, sometimes only a few weeks.

You do not need an appointment to surrender a dog to LACS.

They have a website but it is under construction:

<https://www.cityoflaredo.com/lacs/lacs.html>

Instead, you can find most of the information you need on their Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/LaredoAnimalCareServices/>

Other Information

Whichever option you are able to take for your stray rescue, thank you for taking the time and energy to move the dog off the streets. In each of these shelters the dog will receive medical care and will have a chance at being adopted, which is always better than suffering and starving alone on the streets.

If you have any questions then don't hesitate to reach out to us at Lucky Penny Rescue Network and we'll do everything we can to help.

Email: LPRN.Laredo@gmail.com

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/LPRN.Laredo>

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