



Preston County Animal Shelter

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(Leave a message if no one answers, we will return your call.)

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www.petfinder.com/shelters/WV70.html

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PCAS Staff:

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PCAS Public Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday's from 10-6; plus Saturday's from 10-2.

We are closed: Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

You may also request an appointment for other days of the week by calling the shelter.

Please also note: the times listed above are when we are open to the public; however, we do have staff on site at additional times to care for the animals – even holidays.

Directions:

We are located off Rt. 26 in Preston County near the Preston High School Campus.

From Morgantown: Take Rt. 7 from Sabarton to Kingwood. At the 3rd Light in Kingwood, take a right at the Clear Mountain Bank onto Rt. 26. Stay on 26 for .5 mile till you see the Preston High School Entrance; take the left on to Preston High Drive. Take the first right onto a gravel/dirt road crossing Knight Drive, where our sign is located. You will know be on a paved drive, follow it down to our entrance.

From 1-68 in Bruceton: Take Rt. 26 South to Kingwood. At the stoplight proceed through the light. Stay on 26 for .5 mile till you see the Preston High School Entrance; take the left on to Preston High Drive. Take the first right onto a gravel/dirt road crossing Knight Drive, where our sign is located. You will know be on a paved drive, follow it down to our entrance.

From Rt. 26 South Fellowsville Area: Take 26 North to Kingwood. At the Heldreth Motel the entrance to the High School is on the right, you may see our sign from the road, and also a sign for Fairmont State's partnership. Take this right, Knight Drive till you come to a right at the yellow gate. After turning right, follow the road to our facility below the County Buckwheat Bus Garage.

You may also call 304-329-3461; *most people will help you out if you get lost – just ask for directions!*

Mission Statement

We define shelter as a facility that provides protection, housing and care for unwanted animals. At the Preston County Animal Shelter we believe all animals deserve to be treated with dignity, care, compassion, as well as to be deserving of a forever home.

Volunteers/Donations:

Volunteer Assistance and Donations, monetary and material, are **greatly appreciated**, as well as needed!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the animal shelter to pick up an application.

Volunteers can help care for the shelter animals by: walking, bathing, socializing, transporting
...or by simply LOVING them!

We can also use help with general cleaning at the shelter such as cleaning kennels, cages, laundry, floor and other surfaces. Help is also needed with projects for improvements at our facility.

Donations are greatly appreciated and are what keeps our facility running. We accept donations for Dog Food/Puppy Chow, Cat Food/Kitten Chow, Leashes/Collars (any size), Laundry Detergent/Bleach, Cleaning Supplies: Pinesol, etc., Blankets/Towels, Pet Carrier-Plastic, Dog Boxes-Plastic, Brushes/Combs, Shampoo, Plastic Totes/Lids for storage.

Monetary donations are always helpful too, though it is best to ask what we need so you can designate funds toward a specific cause. Call the Shelter Manager for more information.

PCAS YouCaring Donation Page:

<https://www.youcaring.com/preston-county-animal-shelter-454995>

Our Amazon Wish List:

<http://amzn.com/w/3ONAVKUD9FJPU>

Shelter Goals:

- ✦ Reduce pet population through a Spay/Neuter program
 - ✦ Prevent cruelty to animals.
- ✦ Promote respect and compassion for all animals through education.
- ✦ Treat each animal that comes into our facility as though it were our own.
 - ✦ Provide animals with the attention and love they deserve.
 - ✦ Ensure animals at PCAS always have a clean and safe environment.
- ✦ Use care, caution and discernment when selecting homes for our animals.

Frequently Asked Questions & General Responses

**Please note: there may be exceptions to the following responses that should be considered; the information provided below could change without notice and may be altered for special circumstances. For the most accurate information, it is always best to call the shelter directly.*

1. I want to adopt a shelter pet from PCAS, what do I need to do?

- ✦ Adoptions are on a first come, first serve basis, however some animals may have circumstances which require an additional application process. Payment methods accepted are Money Order or Check.
- ✦ If you are interested in adopting from the Preston County Animal Shelter you must be 18 yrs old.
- ✦ Adoption Fees:
 - Dog/Puppy Fee: \$150 (Includes Microchipping & Registration)
 - Kitten Fee: \$75
 - Cat Fee: \$50
 - All adoption fees include the following: spay/neuter, all age-appropriate vaccinations, dewormed, vet check, flea treatment and often much more.

2. I found a dog what should I do?

- ✦ All found animals should be reported to PCAS, even if you are willing to keep the animal until the owner is found.
- ✦ Social Media and Radio Stations are also useful, free tools that can be used to help reunite lost pets with their family – however, please do your best to insure you have found the rightful owner before returning the animal to their possession (we advise requesting proof of adoption/purchase, veterinary records or other verifiable proof of ownership).

3. My neighbor's dog is harassing me, my family or my livestock - what should I do?

- ✦ There is a county-wide leash law that can be found at: <http://cr8site.com/adminpreston/assets/uploads/files/ordinances/aa468-2016leashlaw.pdf>
- ✦ You must come to the shelter during our regular business hours to file a written, formal complaint so that an animal control officer may investigate.
- ✦ If your pet has been attacked by a dog, please report the incident to PCAS by filing a written complaint at the shelter during our regular business hours. If your pet has been attacked by an owned animal and you are seeking damages, this is likely a civil matter.
- ✦ **If the harassment has resulted in a bite or injury to a person**, you should call 911 and document the injury if possible.

4. I've found an injured animal what should I do?

- ✦ If you have found an injured domestic animal during business hours, please call the shelter at 304-329-3461. If there is no answer, you may call the non-emergency 911 number at 304-329-1026.
- ✦ If you have found an injured wild animal, please contact the DNR at 304-329-4105.

5. I think an animal is being abused, neglected, or has been abandoned – what should I do?

- ✦ Any report of animal abuse, neglect, or abandonment must be reported to a humane officer, at the Preston County Sheriff's Dept. You can reach them at 304-329-1611.
- ✦ If it is an emergency and you are unable to reach the Sheriff's Dept, you may also try calling the closest State Police Detachment.
- ✦ Please also document the situation, only if you are able to do so lawfully and safely.
- ✦ If you would like to file an anonymous complaint about a suspected Animal Fighting Operation or Puppy Mill, you may also contact The Humane Society of the United States at:

- 1-877-MILL-TIP (Puppy Mill Tip Line)
- 1-877-TIP-HSUS (Animal Fighting Tip Line)
- Or email them at: crueltyresponse@humanesociety.org

6. I need some help with a wild animal, who do I call?

- ✦ All wild animal related concerns must go through the DNR. You can contact them at 304-329-4105.

7. I can no longer keep my dog - what can I do?

- ✦ PCAS is a small municipal shelter. Although we make every effort to avoid euthanasia of adoptable shelter animals, we are NOT no-kill facility. Therefore, we attempt to control the risk of overpopulation at our shelter where possible. Depending on available space, you may be placed on a short wait list to relinquish your dog. Each situation will be evaluated separately by staff.
- ✦ **Some alternatives to relinquishing your dog to PCAS are:**
 - Contact local rescues to see if they can accept your pet or assist you with safely re-homing.
 - Make a reasonable attempt to safely re-home your pet on your own.
 - If you are having a hard time providing proper shelter, or feeding your pet, ask a staff member how we may assist you.
- ✦ While there may be a limited wait, there is NO fee to surrender a dog to the shelter.

8. I found a cat or can no longer keep mine - what should I do?

- ✦ We do not pick up cats; however, we do accept cats on Fridays (*contingent upon space*) from 10-5.
- ✦ Cats must be healthy and friendly. Before bringing a cat to PCAS, please call to check on housing availability. There is a \$10 intake/surrender fee for adult cats and a \$15 intake/surrender fee for kittens, this small fee is required to help offset the cost of their care.

9. How long do you keep animals before they are euthanized?

- ✦ Euthanasia decisions may be made at any point following the standard holding period for impounded animals. Stray animals with no identification are held five days. Animals surrendered by their owner(s) are not subject to a holding period and become the immediate property of PCAS for disposition as necessary according to space.

10. If my pet is missing, could it be at the Animal Shelter?

- ✦ If your pet is missing, it is extremely important that you contact the Animal Shelter as soon as possible so that a missing pet report can be completed and shelter staff can be notified to look for your pet. It is also important that you visit the shelter in-person and look for your pet on a regular basis. Please remember that it is the responsibility of the pet owner to search for their missing pet; however, PCAS will do everything possible to assist you in doing so.

Additional Resources

- [American Veterinary Medical Association \(AVMA\)](#)
- [ASPCA](#)
- [Healthy Pet](#)
- [HSUS West Virginia](#)
- [National Animal Poison Control Center](#)
- [Petfinder](#)
- [Petharbor](#)
- [Pets911](#)