

Commissioners Workshop February 16, 2023
Animal Shelter Discussion

Proposed layout information

Size: 3584 square feet, approximately half the size of the one proposed in 2014

Purpose: Animal control for public safety, rescue and adoption for suitable animals

Animals: Dogs and cats only

1. Research design input: Dozens of shelter tours over 10 years.
2. Consultation with shelter architects.
3. The proposed shelter layout most closely resembles the Clayton County Animal Control and Adoption Center, though ours is sized for our much smaller county.

Facilities requirements:

1. Management and euthanization of dangerous or incurably sick or incurably injured animals
2. Stabilization and preparation of animals for adoption – no surgical suite
3. Display of adoptable animals in a safe, welcoming setting. Odor and noise control, and adopters can view without staff supervision.
4. Efficient operation. One to three staff

Layout separates public/adoption areas from intake/staff areas.

General notes:

1. An animal shelter is NOT a rescue, veterinary clinic or boarding kennel. Each has unique facilities requirements and staffing needs.
2. A shelter is a clearing house, not a long term residence. Animals suitable for adoption are not euthanized unless space is needed for incoming animals.
3. Average length of stay for dogs is calculated at 14 days, 21 days for cats.

Cost estimate: \$400,000 to \$450,000. \$125/sf, plus equipment, furniture and fixtures

Funding:

1. SPLOST \$250,000 plus designated site.
2. Private contributions to date \$188,000, safe-kept at the Community Foundation of Central GA, by the authority of the Barnesville Lamar Community Foundation.
3. Additional private 5 to 6 figure contributions, if needed.
4. Once open, an endowment fund for long term support