

Ealing Council

Animal welfare

Stray dogs

The council has a duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to deal with stray dogs. To do this we work in partnership with SDK Environmental Ltd.

To report a stray dog phone 03444 828346

The service

- **Confined stray dogs:** 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When a person has found a dog, they will need to confine it. The service will only collect confined dogs i.e. in the house, shed or garage.
- **Roaming stray dogs:** 9am-5pm Monday-Friday. Our contractor will pick up a stray dog (if practical) if it is roaming free and not under the control of any person. Roaming stray dogs cannot be collected from private land without the landowners consent.
- If an owner can be identified and contacted, and lives within the London Borough of Ealing, the dog will be returned directly to them. If not the dog is taken to kennels. If the owner cannot be identified or contacted the dog will become the property of the council and will be gifted for re-homing after seven days.

Fees

If we pick up a dog and it is taken to kennels there will be a fee for its return. These charges are collected by our contractor and must be paid in full before the dog is returned. There are no concessionary schemes currently in operation. The fees are as follows:

- £50 collection fee, statutory fee
- £80 admin fee, plus VAT
- £17.50 per day kennelling fee, plus VAT
- any veterinary fees and charges which have been incurred

Once all fees have been paid your dog will be returned to you at a mutually convenient time. Dogs can only be returned to addresses within the London Borough of Ealing. Alternatively you may collect the dog from the holding facility by appointment.

Dog owners can help us to ensure that if your dog does stray it can be returned to you by having it micro chipped and or wearing a collar with a tag giving your current contact details. It is essential that these details are kept up to date.

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