Understanding Shelters & Rescues

Different roles. Shared mission. Helping animals in our community.

Both organizations provide valuable care and support. Their structure, responsibilities, and resources may differ.

Pulaski County Animal Shelter

- Operated and funded through local government resources.
- Serves the community within a designated service area.
- Accepts lost, stray, abandoned, or surrendered animals according to local requirements.
- Supports public safety through animal control services.
- Enforces local animal ordinances and regulations.
- Maintains a dedicated facility for housing and daily care.
- Works within a budget and capacity established by local government.
- Supports adoption, owner reunification, and transfers to rescue partners.

Somerset Pulaski County Humane Society

- Operated and staffed by community volunteers.
- Funded primarily through donations, grants, fundraising, and community support.
- Rely on foster homes rather than a central shelter facility.
- Capacity depends on available foster homes, volunteers, and funding.
- Provides individualized medical, behavioral, or rehabilitation support.
- Partners with rescues to expand placement and adoption opportunities.
- We provide weekly transportation, training, outreach, and special needs care.
- Relies on community involvement to sustain programs and services.

Working Together for Animals

Shelters and rescues often collaborate to reunite pets, expand adoptions, and support animal welfare.

Educational comparison only. Each organization may have its own policies, services, and available resources.