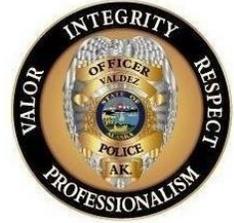




# Valdez Animal Control



## Temporary Animal Housing Options

**Summary:** After consideration of all available options and lack of a permanent structure, Animal Control is moving forward with Option 1 as described below. This is due to cost and operational viability.

**Option 1:** Rental of contractor supplied temporary, secure shelter on-site

**Cost:** Utilizing two (2) 40' trailers at \$2000 per month plus one time electrical hook up cost of \$800.  $2000 \times 6 = \$12,000 + \$800 = \$12,800$ .

### Pros:

- On site and close to existing facility for better customer service and preventing public from traveling between 2 sites for any given need.
- Protective Custody/Impounded animals will have legally required secure housing.
- Exotic animals do not need to be relocated or euthanized.
- Suitable temporary housing for wildlife, sick/injured animals, puppies is on-site.
- Adoptable dogs remain on-site and accessible to general public increasing adoption chances.
- All kennel operations can be done by existing staff.
- Animals that require medications and/or special handling can be done by current staff.

### Cons:

- Temporary Shelter – no future return on investment (same as option #1).
- Possible damage from animals to temporary shelter may increase overall cost.
- Increased cleaning/maintenance time for staff due to nature of housing.

**Option 2:** Temporary housing at local commercial, licensed boarding facility for appropriate dogs as well as fostering appropriate dogs to the general public, and the adoption/euthanization of exotic animals currently being housed in the education room.

**Cost:** Unable to confirm at this time.

Estimated assumed Costs: \$20 per day per kennel with 8 minimum required = \$160 per day X 30 days = \$4,800 per month estimated. \$4,800 X 6 = \$28,800

**Pros:**

- Fostering is cost effective when there is enough community support.
- No temporary shelter required for appropriate animals.
- If utilizing local commercial kennel, supports local business.
- Dissemination of Education Room/animals would save money.

**Cons:**

- No contingency for housing animals designated in protective custody or impounded dogs (animals are considered evidence and must only be cared for by Animal Control Staff while awaiting Court or when impounded).
- No contingency for housing surrendered or impounded exotic animals.
- Although utilizing local business, may prevent general public from using kennels during peak season when kennels are typically already full.
- No contingency for housing litters of puppies that may be surrendered. They require 24 hour access, increased maintenance and care including adequate sanitization requirements.
- No contingency for housing sick/injured dogs/animals even temporarily housing sick animals due to sanitization and/or quarantine requirements.
- Increased staff requirement for care of sick/injured animals' off-site if suitable housing is found.
- Exotic animals may need to be relocated or euthanized. Care and housing of the exotic animals (currently 4 species of reptiles and 4 species of parrot) are costly, delicate and require advanced training. Stress affects these exotic animals differently and signs of illness need to be monitored by trained staff after moving them. Due to danger of illness/injury, fostering is not appropriate for these animals.
- No contingency for housing wildlife (specifically birds of prey) while awaiting transfer to rehabilitation centers.
- Appropriate, adoptable dogs are not easily accessed to general public (adoption process may take much longer, increasing cost of care).
- Due to lack of ability to perform regular behavioral assessments, staff will not be able to identify concerns for proper placement and adoptability.
- Potential loss of volunteers due to inaccessibility of animals for walking and exercising.