Every day in the United States, 70,000 puppies and kittens are born. Every day in the United States, 10,829 humans are born. These statistics show a main reason why so many animals are in shelters.

Last year Tulsa Animal Welfare took in 9,699 dogs and cats. While almost 5,500 went back to their homes, new families or rescue groups, 4,142 were humanely euthanized. You can help decrease the number of animals coming to our shelter by spaying or neutering your pet.

**BENEFITS OF SPAYING OR NEUTERING INCLUDE:**

- Increase chances for longer, healthier lives
- Minimize risk of disease in reproductive organs
- Reduce aggressive behavior, including dog bites (males)
- Lower desire to escape from home in search of a mate
- Avoid a citation for having an unsterilized animal in the City of Tulsa. Yes, it’s the law in Tulsa to spay or neuter your pet.


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**02 EMERGENCY SIRENS**

LEARN WHAT TULSA’S SIRENS MEAN

Being prepared when disaster strikes helps save lives and property, prevent injury and decrease recovery costs. Knowing about warning sirens and understanding the different siren tones can help you take the right protective action.

Tulsa has 98 siren locations in and near the city, with each siren reaching an approximately one-mile radius. The sirens’ tones are intended to warn people who are outdoors about severe weather and other civil emergency threats. Tulsa’s warning sirens are tested live each Wednesday at noon, weather permitting. The sirens also are tested silently if we are unable to do live tests due to the weather.

**THREE TYPES OF SOUNDS**

**Three-minute “steady, one-note” tone** – is activated when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning including the City of Tulsa. The tone also is activated if the National Weather Service forecasts 80 mph winds within 30 minutes of the City of Tulsa. This tone is steady, but may sound like it is changing due to changes in wind velocity and direction. Upon hearing the tornado warning/high-wind tone, citizens should seek shelter immediately and monitor weather radios and the broadcast media for further information.

**Three-minute “high-low” tone** – is activated when the National Weather Service issues a flood warning for the City of Tulsa, and/or City of Tulsa hydrologists, in coordination with the Tulsa Area Emergency Management Agency and first responders, have verified that flood waters are escaping creek or river channels and are threatening structures. Upon hearing the flood sirens, citizens should immediately move to higher ground and monitor weather radios and the broadcast media for further information. During any flood or high-water event, motorists should avoid driving through flood waters, and remember to “Turn Around – Don’t Drown.”

**Three-minute “waving” tone** – is similar to the “wailing” sound made by police and fire vehicles and is used only to warn of nuclear attacks.

Some low-lying areas of Tulsa are subject to flooding from failures in dams or levees. If you live or work in these inundation areas, or routinely drive through them, you should be aware of potential hazards and plan the best evacuation routes to keep your family safe. If you encounter a flooded road, turn around; don’t drown.

Remain vigilant during inclement weather. Tune in to the local news media for information about potential flooding or dangers from dam or levee failures. Pay attention to weather watches and warnings. Know your risk of flooding. For a map of these inundation areas where flooding might occur, visit: http://bit.ly/COT-DFmap

Everyone should have an emergency plan in case of flooding or other disasters. Plan ahead and place important papers including inventory records, insurance policies, deeds, automobile titles, wills and other valuable papers in a safe deposit box. Also, prepare an “emergency kit” that includes medications, a first-aid kit, blankets, batteries, a flashlight, clothing, etc. to get you through an emergency in case you need to evacuate in a hurry. To see a complete list of what you should consider for your kit, visit: www.ready.gov

For more information, contact the City’s Customer Care Center at 311.