

Animal Control FAQs

Q: What do I do if I find injured wildlife?

A: Do not try to help the animal. Call 631-749-5771. An Animal Control Officer will determine the appropriate course of action. You can also call the [Wildlife Rescue Center of the Hamptons](#) at 631-728-9453 for additional assistance.

Q: What do I do if my pet needs care when the Island's veterinarian office is closed?

A: [North Fork Animal Hospital](#) maintains more frequent hours at their Southold office. They are located at 58605 Route 25, Southold NY 11971 and can be reached at 631-765-2400. The [East End Veterinary Center](#) offers 24 hour emergency care and is located at 67 Commerce Drive, Riverhead, NY 11901. They can be reached at 631-369-4513

Q: What do I do if my pet needs care when the ferry is closed?

A: Call Southold Town Police at 631-765-2600. They can help coordinate getting you and your pet off island.

Q: What do I do if I have nuisance wildlife on my property?

A: Wildlife such as squirrels, groundhogs and birds are common on Shelter Island. While generally harmless, they occasionally become a [nuisance](#) to homeowners. Unless the animal poses an imminent threat to your family or your pets, these animals should be addressed by DEC licensed Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators. Several [local pest control companies](#) offer nuisance wildlife services.

Q: Does Shelter Island Animal Control offer pets for adoption?

A: No, but pets are available for adoption through the [Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons \(ARF\)](#) and the [North Fork Animal Welfare League](#).

Helpful Links

[Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons \(ARF\)](#)

[DEC Nuisance Wildlife Info](#)

[East End Veterinary Center](#)

[East Hampton Animal Control](#)

[North Fork Animal Hospital](#)

[North Fork Animal Welfare League](#)

[Shelter Island Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Southampton Animal Control](#)

[Wildlife Rescue Center of the Hamptons](#)