Help for people & pets

Auburn, Foresthill, Placer, Sacramento, nearby counties, and national programs.

Official-source review: November 27, 2026. Call first: eligibility, prices, hours, pet policies, and availability can change.

Immediate danger: 911. Community referrals: 211. Placer housing screening: 833-375-2237. Stand Up Placer: 800-575-5352. Emotional crisis: call/text 988.

Veterinary emergencies: call an emergency veterinarian. VCA Loomis Basin lists 24-hour care: 916-652-5816. Do not wait for a grant or website reply.

Benefits & affordable care

Placer County Human Services - Placer County

Apply or ask about CalFresh, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, and other public-assistance programs.

Before you go: Speak with a county eligibility specialist. Applications can be handled online or by phone; benefits are not guaranteed.

Contact: 888-385-5160

https://www.placer.ca.gov/2096/Human-Services

Placer County Health & Human Services - Placer County

Connect with public health, adult care, children’s services, benefits, and related county programs.

Before you go: Use the appropriate department and confirm current intake requirements.

Contact: 530-886-1870

https://www.placer.ca.gov/10425/Health-and-Human-Services

Western Sierra Medical Clinic - Auburn - Auburn / regional locations

Human medical-care access, with sliding-fee and cash-pay options for qualifying uninsured or underinsured patients.

Before you go: Contact the clinic about new-patient registration, appointments, insurance, and current discount eligibility. Not a veterinary or emergency-hospital service.

Contact: 530-537-3000
11720 Education Street, Suite 3, Auburn, CA

https://wsmcmed.org/insurance-information/

Chapa-De Indian Health - Auburn - Auburn / Grass Valley

Human medical and dental services, with program and payment options to discuss directly with the health center.

Before you go: Call for an appointment, current eligibility, services, insurance, and sliding-fee options. Do not assume free care or walk-in availability.

Contact: 530-887-2800
11670 Atwood Road, Auburn, CA 95603

https://www.ihs.gov/california/index.cfm/health-programs/central-california/chapa-de-indian-health-program-inc/clinics/chapa-de-indian-health-program/

Care, training & rights

ADA.gov - service-animal information - United States

Official service-animal FAQs and public-access information.

Before you go: Service animals, emotional-support animals, and pets have different rules. Read the official guidance; purchased certificates do not establish ADA access rights.

Contact: Use the official website

https://www.ada.gov/resources/service-animals-faqs/

AVMA - dog-bite prevention - United States

Veterinary-association guidance for safer interactions between dogs, adults, and children.

Before you go: Adults should supervise children with dogs. Discuss behavior concerns with a veterinarian or qualified behavior professional.

Contact: Use the official website

https://avma.org/resources-tools/pet-owners/dog-bite-prevention

Placer SPCA - behavior & training help - Placer County

Behavior handouts and a help-line pathway for pet guardians.

Before you go: Use the official form or phone extension 3002 for current advice and service availability. Urgent medical or safety issues need direct professional help.

Contact: 916-782-7722

https://placerspca.org/behavior-training/

Children & families

Placer County - adult/child protective services - Placer County

County contact for concerns involving vulnerable adults or children and mental-health crisis services.

Before you go: Call 911 for immediate danger. Use the official contact page to choose the appropriate service.

Contact: 916-787-8860

https://www.placer.ca.gov/2775/Contact-Placer-County

Placer County WIC - Placer County

Nutrition support for eligible pregnant/postpartum people and children under five. Caregivers can apply for a child.

Before you go: Call for screening and an appointment; eligibility is determined by WIC.

Contact: 530-889-7187

https://www.placer.ca.gov/2918/Women-Infants-Children-WIC

KidsFirst - Auburn family support - Placer County

Family-resource and support connection for parents and children.

Before you go: Call for current services and appointments; the provider’s current Auburn address supersedes older directory listings.

Contact: 530-887-3536
200 Auburn Folsom Road, Suite 101, Auburn, CA 95603

https://www.kidsfirstnow.org/about/locations/

California child-care assistance - California

Information on CalWORKs child care and local resource/referral programs.

Before you go: County/program eligibility and funding rules apply. Contact the local child-care referral agency or county worker.

Contact: Use the official website

https://cdss.ca.gov/calworks-child-care

Foster-child care Bridge Program - California / participating counties

Information on time-limited child-care support for qualifying foster/resource families.

Before you go: Not an entitlement. Ask the child’s county worker about local participation, eligibility, and available funding.

Contact: Use the official website

https://cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/calworks-child-care/ecc-bridge-program

Housing & homelessness

Placer Homeless Resource Helpline - Placer County

Start coordinated-entry screening and ask about emergency shelter or housing referrals.

Before you go: Ask about pets, accessible space, family placement, documents, and current openings before traveling.

Contact: 833-375-2237

https://www.hrcscoc.org/get-help

Loaves & Fishes - Anneke’s Haven - Sacramento

Daytime kennel for eligible guests’ pets while people access services on campus.

Before you go: Ask about current requirements. This is daytime care, not a guaranteed overnight pet shelter or permanent surrender service.

Contact: Use the official website
1351 North C Street, Sacramento, CA 95811

https://www.sacloaves.org/programs-services

The Gathering Inn - Placer County

Emergency housing and support, accessed through coordinated entry.

Before you go: Start with 211; confirm current intake criteria and pet arrangements. Auburn serves adults; Roseville also serves families.

Contact: 530-885-8108

https://www.thegatheringinn.com/get-help

Placer County - homelessness services - Placer County

County starting point for outreach, housing support, and links to public benefits.

Before you go: Call the Homeless Resource Helpline for screening; eligibility, space, and pet policies differ by program.

Contact: 833-375-2237

https://www.placer.ca.gov/4001/Homeless-Services-from-HHS

Legal Services of Northern California - Auburn - Placer / Nevada / El Dorado / nearby counties

Civil legal-help intake for housing and public-benefits issues in the office service area.

Before you go: Call for eligibility and current intake. Services and representation are not guaranteed; contact the office promptly about deadlines.

Contact: 530-823-7560 | auburn-office@lsnc.net
190 Reamer Street, Auburn, CA 95603

https://lsnc.net/office/auburn

Lost & found pets

Placer SPCA - lost a pet - Placer / Roseville

Official steps and contacts for looking for a lost pet.

Before you go: Report the animal to the shelter serving the location where it went missing and keep contact/microchip information current.

Contact: 916-782-7722

https://placerspca.org/lost-a-pet/

Bradshaw - lost-pet scam warning - Sacramento County

Official warning about callers falsely demanding money to reclaim or treat a lost pet.

Before you go: Call the shelter through its independently verified number to check a claim. Do not provide payment details to an unverified caller.

Contact: 916-875-4311

https://animalcare.saccounty.gov/us/en/lost-and-found-pets/scam.html

Military & veterans

Placer County Veterans Services - Placer County

Benefits counseling and help navigating VA claims and healthcare for veterans and eligible family members.

Before you go: Contact the county office for appointments and the right referrals. This office does not promise pet placement.

Contact: 916-780-3290

https://www.placer.ca.gov/4089/Veterans

Older adults & disability

Auburn Food Closet - homebound delivery - Auburn / Foresthill / central Placer

Monthly grocery delivery for qualifying people unable to collect food.

Before you go: Call option 4 about eligibility, service area, registration, and whether someone else can collect food for you.

Contact: 530-885-1921

https://auburnfoodcloset.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/Home-Bound-Delivery-Program-11_12_26-Print.pdf

Seniors First - Meals on Wheels - Western Placer, including Foresthill

Meals and nutrition programs, including home delivery for eligible older adults.

Before you go: Generally age 60+ with qualifying homebound needs. Call for assessment, coverage, and reservations; no Tahoe/Truckee coverage.

Contact: 530-889-9500

https://seniorsfirst.org/senior-nutrition/

Placer County - healthy aging - Placer County

Starting point for older-adult food, transport, benefits, and support resources.

Before you go: Contact the named program for eligibility and current service area; not all services cover the whole county.

Contact: Use the official website

https://www.placer.ca.gov/healthyaging

Placer County - In-Home Supportive Services - Placer County

Application pathway for eligible people needing assistance to remain at home.

Before you go: County assessment, health certification, Medi-Cal, and program requirements apply. This is human care, not a pet-care benefit.

Contact: 916-787-8860

https://www.placer.ca.gov/ihss

People’s food & essentials

Auburn Interfaith Food Closet - Auburn / Foresthill / central Placer

Groceries for eligible households, including food suited to people without housing.

Before you go: Check ZIP-code coverage and current monthly pickup rules. Homebound delivery requires separate registration.

Contact: 530-885-1921 | aifc@auburnfoodcloset.org
1788 Auburn Ravine Road, Auburn, CA 95603

https://auburnfoodcloset.org/need-food/

Feeding the Foothills - Placer / El Dorado / Nevada counties

Food-bank network information and help finding food assistance.

Before you go: Contact for a distribution or partner location. The warehouse address is not a promise of walk-in food service.

Contact: 916-783-0481

https://feedingthefoothills.org/contact-us/

Pet food & supplies

Placer SPCA - pet food assistance - Placer County

Temporary pet food assistance while supplies last.

Before you go: Adults who are Placer residents must apply and verify eligibility; assistance is limited to approved animals and donation availability.

Contact: Use the official website
150 Corporation Yard Road, Roseville, CA 95678

https://placerspca.org/pet-food-assistance/

Front Street - pet food pantry - Sacramento / any county residents

Drive-through pet-food distribution while supplies last.

Before you go: Current program page lists Tuesday 10:00-11:30 AM. Confirm holiday changes before traveling.

Contact: Use the official website
2127 Front Street, Sacramento, CA 95818

https://www.cityofsacramento.gov/community-development/animal-care/general-information/pet-food-pantry

Sacramento SPCA PAWPantry - Sacramento region

Pet food and cat litter for community members who need help.

Before you go: Advance signup is required. The current program page limits households to one pickup per calendar month; spots can fill.

Contact: 916-504-2847
6201 Florin Perkins Road, Sacramento, CA 95828

https://www.sspca.org/pawpantry

Bradshaw - pet owners in need - Sacramento County

Pet pantry and links to affordable care, mobile clinics, and rehoming help.

Before you go: Check the specific program rules; pantry assistance is temporary and current pickup rules apply.

Contact: 916-368-7387
3839 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento, CA 95827

https://animalcare.saccounty.gov/us/en/support/pet-owners-in-need.html

Meals on Wheels Sacramento - AniMeals - Sacramento County

Pet food delivered with eligible participants' home-delivered meals.

Before you go: AniMeals is only for active Home Delivered Meals participants with a dog or cat; it is not a standalone pet pantry.

Contact: 916-444-9533

https://www.mowsac.org/animeals/

Safety & domestic violence

Stand Up Placer - pet-friendly safe shelter - Placer County

24-hour support and confidential emergency shelter for survivors and their dependents; the safe house is pet-friendly and serves all genders.

Before you go: Call the advocate first about safety, pet arrangements, eligibility, and available space. Shelter location is confidential.

Contact: 800-575-5352

https://standupplacer.org/safe-house-programs/

WEAVE - support and safe shelter - Sacramento region

24-hour support for domestic violence, sexual assault, and trafficking survivors and their children.

Before you go: Call for intake and ask specifically about arrangements for your pets; pet accommodation has not been confirmed here.

Contact: 916-920-2952

https://www.weaveinc.org/get-help

National Domestic Violence Hotline - United States

Speak with a live advocate or use the official chat. Text START to 88788 is another contact option.

Before you go: For immediate danger, call 911 when safe. The hotline provides support and referrals, not guaranteed cash or housing.

Contact: 800-799-7233

https://www.thehotline.org/get-help/

Safe Havens for Pets - United States

Search for pet sheltering, foster, and referral options connected to domestic violence or homelessness.

Before you go: This is a directory, not a placement service. Contact the listed provider to confirm pet policies and vacancies.

Contact: Use the official website

https://www.safehavensforpets.org/

RedRover Safe Escape - United States

Possible help with pet boarding while a survivor stays in a domestic violence shelter.

Before you go: A domestic-violence advocate must apply. Assistance depends on approval and available funding.

Contact: Use the official website

https://redrover.org/relief-dv/dv-safe-escape-grants/

Shelters & rescues

Placer County Animal Services - Auburn / Placer County

County shelter, adoption, lost/found animals, licensing, and animal-control contacts.

Before you go: Ask about jurisdiction, intake appointments, and capacity. Shelter line below is for adoptable, lost, and surrendered pets.

Contact: 530-886-5541
11232 B Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603

https://www.placer.ca.gov/animal

Placer SPCA - Roseville / Placer County

Adoption, intake, owner support, and veterinary/community programs.

Before you go: Intake and adoption locations differ. Contact before travel; surrender is by appointment with residency and space requirements.

Contact: 916-782-7722 | guestservices@placerspca.org
Intake: 150 Corporation Yard Road, Roseville, CA 95678

https://placerspca.org/locations/

Sacramento SPCA - Sacramento region

Adoption, animal support/intake, clinics, behavior helpline, and pet-food programs.

Before you go: Medical clinics and intake require the current appointment process. Call about service area, fees, and space.

Contact: 916-383-7387
6201 Florin Perkins Road, Sacramento, CA 95828

https://www.sspca.org/contact-us

Bradshaw Animal Shelter - Sacramento County

County animal shelter and lost/found, adoption, and community-support services.

Before you go: Jurisdiction and intake rules apply. Call 311 or 916-875-4311 for a live county operator.

Contact: 916-368-7387 | CountyAnimalCare@SacCounty.gov
3839 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento, CA 95827

https://animalcare.saccounty.gov/us/en/contact-us.html

Front Street Animal Shelter - City of Sacramento

City animal shelter, adoptions, lost/found help, and community pet-support information.

Before you go: Confirm city jurisdiction, current intake instructions, and available space. Use the official service links.

Contact: 916-808-7387
2127 Front Street, Sacramento, CA 95818

https://www.cityofsacramento.gov/community-development/animal-care/general-information/pet-food-pantry

Sammie’s Friends / Nevada County shelter - Grass Valley / Nevada County

Shelter and adoption services for dogs and cats.

Before you go: Call the dog or cat facility before travel for current appointments, intake, and jurisdiction details.

Contact: 530-471-5041
14647 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley, CA 95949

https://www.sammiesfriends.org/contact

AnimalSave - Grass Valley / Nevada County

Pet adoption, foster/adoption support, and low-cost spay/neuter.

Before you go: Pet adoption services are appointment-based; call extension 204 for current assistance.

Contact: 530-271-7071 | fosteradoption@animalsave.org
520 East Main Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945

https://www.animalsave.org/contact

FieldHaven Feline Center - Lincoln / greater Sacramento

Cat adoption, community-cat assistance, and feline clinic connections.

Before you go: Cat-focused organization. Call to arrange a visit or ask about assistance and capacity; not a dog shelter.

Contact: 916-434-6022
590 McBean Park Drive, Lincoln, CA 95648

https://fieldhaven.com/contact/

Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue - Elverta / Northern California

Golden-retriever rescue, adoption, foster, and surrender enquiries.

Before you go: Breed focus and space limits apply. Contact before arranging any surrender or visit.

Contact: 916-655-1410 | admin@homewardboundgoldens.org
7495 Natomas Road, Elverta, CA 95626

https://homewardboundgoldens.org/contact/

El Dorado County Animal Services - El Dorado County / west slope

County shelter, lost/found, adoption, animal-control, and pet-support information.

Before you go: Call to confirm jurisdiction, intake rules, and availability. Separate South Lake Tahoe services are listed on the official page.

Contact: 530-621-5795 | animal.services@edcgov.us
6435 Capitol Avenue, Diamond Springs, CA 95619

https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Services/Animal-Services

Animal Place - Grass Valley / Northern California

Farmed-animal rescue/sanctuary and placement enquiries for appropriate species.

Before you go: Farmed-animal focus; not a general dog/cat intake service. Space and placement limits apply; contact first.

Contact: 530-477-1757
17314 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley, CA 95949

https://animalplace.org/contact-us/

Spay, neuter & vaccines

Placer SPCA - affordable spay/neuter - Placer County

Appointment-based dog, cat, and qualifying community-cat spay/neuter services.

Before you go: Placer-owned pets; ask about age, weight, health requirements, financial assistance, total fees, and appointment availability.

Contact: 916-782-7815

https://placerspca.org/spay-neuter/

Animal Spay and Neuter - Auburn - Auburn / surrounding areas

Affordable spay/neuter and appointment-based wellness/vaccine services.

Before you go: Current notice accepts cat spay/neuter and male-dog neuter requests only. Confirm before applying; schedule community cats before trapping.

Contact: 530-889-8800
3524 KOA Way, Auburn, CA 95602

https://animalspayneuter.com/

AnimalSave - low-cost clinic - Grass Valley / Nevada County

Low-cost spay/neuter clinic and community-cat assistance.

Before you go: Call the clinic for current eligibility, species, fees, and appointment instructions.

Contact: 530-477-1706
520 East Main Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945

https://www.animalsave.org/contact

Sacramento SPCA - clinics - Sacramento region

Spay/neuter, vaccinations, and microchips through appointment-based clinics.

Before you go: Use the official appointment links and ask about eligibility, fees, and waiting lists.

Contact: 916-383-7387
6201 Florin Perkins Road, Sacramento, CA 95828

https://www.sspca.org/contact-us

Front Street - spay/neuter vouchers - City of Sacramento

Voucher pathway for qualifying low-income Sacramento city residents.

Before you go: City limits matter. Dog appointments must be arranged with a partner clinic before requesting a voucher; verify the current instructions.

Contact: 916-808-7383

https://www.cityofsacramento.gov/community-development/animal-care/general-information/spay-and-neuter/spay-and-neuter-program

Bradshaw - vaccines and mobile programs - Sacramento County

Vaccine/microchip appointments and links to PAWS mobile and low-income clinics.

Before you go: Program residency and income rules vary. Use current appointment instructions; ask which mobile services are available.

Contact: 916-368-7387

https://animalcare.saccounty.gov/us/en/vaccination-clinics-and-microchipping.html

Start here

211 Connecting Point - Placer / Nevada / Tahoe

Connect with a person for food, housing, transportation, health, and community-service referrals. Spanish help is available.

Before you go: Dial 211; explain your location and needs. Referral does not guarantee placement.

Contact: 211

https://211connectingpoint.org/

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline - United States

Call or text 988 for emotional distress and crisis support. Spanish and accessibility options are offered.

Before you go: Use 911 for immediate life-threatening danger. Visit the official site for chat and service details.

Contact: 988

https://988lifeline.org/get-help/

Temporary foster & rehoming

Dogs on Deployment - United States

Temporary pet boarding connections for eligible military members and veterans during service-related commitments.

Before you go: Apply early. Matching depends on volunteers; pet owners remain responsible for veterinary and other agreed care costs.

Contact: Use the official website

https://www.dogsondeployment.org/hero-pet-boarding-network/

Operation Foster - formerly PACT - United States

Temporary pet foster arrangements for military service commitments and medical treatment.

Before you go: Apply early; review pet/behavior/time requirements. Owners cover pet expenses. This is temporary care, not permanent rehoming.

Contact: Use the official website

https://operationfoster.org/apply-for-foster-care/

Guardian Angels for Soldier’s Pet - United States

Military/veteran pet foster program for qualifying situations.

Before you go: Review current criteria, volunteer availability, transport, and care-cost responsibilities before making plans.

Contact: Use the official website

https://gafsp.org/programs/foster-home-program/

Placer SPCA - pet surrender guidance - Placer County

Discuss options to keep a pet or arrange an owner-surrender appointment.

Before you go: Placer residency, space, appointment, fees, and assessment requirements apply. Do not arrive expecting guaranteed intake.

Contact: 916-782-7722

https://placerspca.org/surrendering-your-pet/

Peace of Mind Dog Rescue - senior guardians - Central Coast only

Guardian-surrender and support pathways focused on senior dogs and senior guardians.

Before you go: Primarily Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties; not a local Placer service. Intake and assistance depend on eligibility and capacity.

Contact: 831-718-9122

https://www.peaceofminddogrescue.org/helpplacingdog

Placer SPCA SOS - boarding, deposits & veterinary hardship - Placer County

Possible one-time assistance with boarding, rental pet deposits, or unforeseen veterinary needs.

Before you go: Apply through the SOS program. Funding, eligibility, and approval time apply; this is not a guaranteed emergency response.

Contact: 916-872-6170 | sos@placerspca.org

https://placerspca.org/financial-assistance/

Veterinary care & aid

Placer SPCA - community veterinary care - Placer County

Wellness and other veterinary services, including care options for eligible residents needing financial assistance.

Before you go: Appointments and program guidelines apply. Ask for current costs and the assistance application; this is not an emergency hospital.

Contact: 916-782-7815

https://placerspca.org/community-vet-clinic/

Foresthill Veterinary Clinic - Foresthill

Local veterinary clinic for routine care.

Before you go: Call to confirm current location, opening days, species treated, and new-patient availability. The clinic website lists limited opening days.

Contact: 530-367-3777

https://foresthillvet.wordpress.com/

South Auburn Veterinary Hospital - Auburn

Routine, preventive, dental, medical, and surgical veterinary care.

Before you go: Call for an appointment, estimates, and urgent-care instructions; not represented as low-cost or continuously open.

Contact: 530-823-6310
307 Sacramento Street, Auburn, CA 95603

https://southauburnvets.com/about-us/location-hours/

Animal Medical Center - Auburn

General veterinary care and instructions for urgent concerns during business hours.

Before you go: Call for availability and an estimate. This listing is not a guarantee of low-cost or 24-hour care.

Contact: 530-823-5166
1525 Grass Valley Highway, Auburn, CA 95603

https://thatsmyvet.com/

Bowman Veterinary Hospital - Auburn

Wellness, diagnostic, dental, and surgical services for pets.

Before you go: Ask about current appointments, services, and estimates. Fees and individual clinician credentials should be checked directly.

Contact: 530-823-6306
100 Old Airport Road, Auburn, CA 95603

https://www.bowmanvet.com/

VCA Loomis Basin - emergency care - Loomis / regional emergency

Hospital advertises 24-hour emergency veterinary care.

Before you go: Call before arrival when possible. Ask about current capacity, directions, and payment arrangements; treatment funding is not guaranteed.

Contact: 916-652-5816
3901 Sierra College Boulevard, Loomis, CA 95650

https://vcahospitals.com/loomis-basin/specialty/departments/emergency-critical-care

California Veterinary Medical Board - California

Official consumer information and veterinarian/premises license lookup.

Before you go: Check current license status and public disclosures. Directory inclusion is not a disciplinary-record clearance or quality guarantee.

Contact: Use the official website

https://vmb.ca.gov/consumers/index.shtml

Mercer Veterinary Clinic - Sacramento

Free dog/cat veterinary services for people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.

Before you go: Advance online appointment request required; wait for confirmation. Clinics have capacity limits and are not an emergency service.

Contact: Use the official website
Loaves & Fishes campus, 1351 N C Street, Sacramento, CA 95811

https://www.mercerclinic.com/locations-appointments

Feeding Pets of the Homeless - United States

Pet-food resource map and an application for possible emergency veterinary assistance for unhoused pet owners.

Before you go: Applications are reviewed during stated weekday hours. Do not delay urgent veterinary care while waiting for a funding decision.

Contact: Use the official website

https://petsofthehomeless.org/get-help/

RedRover - urgent-care grants - United States

Possible financial help for urgent veterinary needs during economic hardship.

Before you go: Apply through the provider and check current criteria. Grants and approval are not guaranteed.

Contact: Use the official website

https://redrover.org/get-help/

Pet Poison Helpline - United States

24-hour telephone poison consultation for animals.

Before you go: A consultation fee applies. Contact an emergency veterinarian for immediate care; follow professional instructions.

Contact: 855-764-7661

https://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/

Directory limits

72 listings include multiple programs from some providers. This is a curated information directory, not a guarantee of service quality, a partnership, or placement. Confidential shelter

addresses are not listed. Official-source review is not phone verification. Search/filter the current website: 1lovedogrescue.org/resources/