

## YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND AWAITS

Are you ready to share your heart and home with a new pet? Connect with the City of Tallahassee's Animal Service Center. The ASC has a variety of traditional and unique pets just waiting for adoption. Besides dogs, cats and rabbits, you'll also occasionally find fish, birds, rodents, livestock and reptiles. New adoptees are received every day.

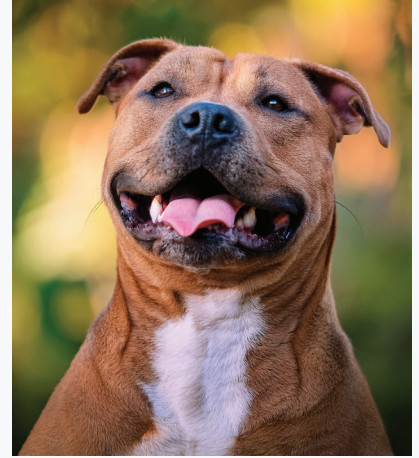
To get started on your adoption journey, add the ASC webpage to your "favorites" list and check it often. Find the perfect match by viewing the online kennel, which is updated hourly.

If you find an animal you'd like to meet in person, download and complete an adoption questionnaire. You will be contacted within one business day, and once approved, you'll receive an appointment to meet the animal you've selected. Dog adopters are encouraged to bring young members of the household to meet the new pet. If you already have a dog at home, it's also a great idea to include him or her in the meet-and-greet visit. Appointments are scheduled for 30 minutes.

In most cases, once you know it's a match, you can take your spayed/neutered companion home on the same day, along with several perks, including:

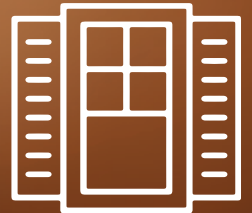
- A collar and personalized identification tag
- A bag of pet food
- Up-to-date vaccinations, microchip and medical care record
- Information about animal care and behavior and what to expect from your new pet

Follow the ASC on Facebook and Instagram and share if you care. Spreading the word helps more people learn about awesome animals. Learn more at [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).



### Sustainability Tip

Windows can be a significant source of energy waste. Window shades, shutters and awnings can provide an extra layer of insulation between your home and external temperatures year-round.



## CAPITOL CABIN COMES TO LIFE



In honor of the City of Tallahassee's bicentennial this year, the community has championed building a replica of Florida's First Capitol: a log cabin that served as Florida's first legislative home. Spearheaded by Mayor Dailey, the First Florida Capitol log cabin replica will debut in Cascades Park this fall and be open to visitors through the spring of 2025.

Make plans now to join us on Sunday, November 10 at Cascades Park, for a full day of celebration and history at the Tallahassee Bicentennial Festival! Many exciting activities are planned, including a dedication of the 2024 First Florida Capitol replica. Visit [FirstFloridaCapitol.org](http://FirstFloridaCapitol.org) to learn how you can participate.

# NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month. This annual observance raises awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. There are many ways to prepare for disaster, from learning lifesaving skills like CPR to verifying that your insurance covers any hazards you may face. This month take practical safety steps to better protect your family, like identifying family meeting points, learning how to shut off your water service and updating important contact numbers. Learn more in our Step-by-Step Prep Guide at [Talgov.com/PREP](http://Talgov.com/PREP) or visit [ready.gov](http://ready.gov).

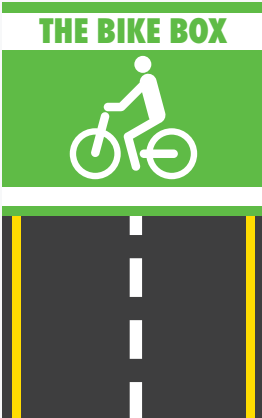


## CLEAN UP WITH CASH FOR TRASH



The City's twice-yearly Cash for Trash event returns on Saturday, Oct. 19. It will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the City's Community Beautification and Waste Management facility, located at 2727 Municipal Way. Citizens can dispose of large bulky items, household hazardous waste, automobile tires (4 per customer) and electronic items. As a thank you, participating City residential utility customers with an active garbage service account will receive a \$5 credit toward their utility bill. This event is not for commercial customers. Also, no household garbage, yard waste or construction/demolition debris will be accepted. Please bring your City utility bill with you. For more information, visit [Talgov.com/YOU](http://Talgov.com/YOU).

## CYCLE SAFER



While traveling around downtown Tallahassee, you may notice bright green squares near the crosswalk at some intersections. These are bike boxes. They are designed to create a safe location for cyclists and reduce bike and vehicle collisions. A driver's job is simple – stop behind the white line. Cyclists stop in the bike box, and pedestrians use the crosswalk. To learn more about bike boxes, visit [Talgov.com/Traffic](http://Talgov.com/Traffic).

### CITY SERVICES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

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## MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

Visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) for the current list of Tallahassee City Commission, Community Redevelopment Agency, Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency and Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency meetings and workshops. Call the Department of Communications at 850-891-8533 for more information and view the current meeting agendas online at [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).

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