

Animal Services News

August 17, 2016

SHELTER STATS YTD (Jan 1 – June 30)

- **Intake comparison of 2015 and 2016**
 - Total intakes are down by 1.36% (1450 v. 1430)
 - Total intakes for cats and dogs is down by 8% (1369 v. 1259)
- **Total comparisons of 2015 and 2016**
 - Live release rate increased by 22% (62 % v. 81%)
 - Euthanasia is down by 53% (422 v. 199)
- **Specific outcomes comparison for 2015 and 2016**
 - Adoptions decreased by 8% (670 v. 618)
 - Transfers increased by 444% (46 v. 250)
 - Returns increased by 27% (183 v. 233)
- **Monthly live release rates for 2016**
 - They have ranged from 86% to 131%
 - All but the month of June have been above 90%
 - July's rate was 97%

CLEAR THE SHELTERS

- **Animal Services adopted 70 animals as part of the first Triangle area Clear the Shelters event sponsored by NBC and the Humane Society of the United States**
- **As a result of WRAL's active involvement and extensive coverage, there was a lot of awareness, a high number of advance adoptions, and a very robust turnout**
- **The event went off without complications at OCAS and two staff (Andi Morgan and Jasmine Johnson) were an important part of the event steering committee**
- **There is already much excitement about the 2017 Clear the Shelters event and high hope of topping the 900-plus adoptions done this year.**

CONTINUING EFFORTS WITH COALITION TO UNCHAIN DOGS

- **Around 20 people attended the August 9 workshop about the Coalition to Unchain Dogs featuring Amanda Arrington and Lori Hensely**
- **Ms. Hensley will be meeting with individuals who may become involved with the Orange County Chapter of the Coalition**
- **The immediate goal is to ensure an adequate fence building capacity for individuals who are referred by Animal Services**
- **Other longer term goals were discussed on the basis of the work being done by the Coalition in Durham County including**
 - Promoting spaying and neutering for dogs (and cats, too)
 - Assisting with fees for animal recoveries and rental deposits
 - Assisting with shelter and medical care

ODDS & ENDS

- **Discussion is underway with members of the Orange County Arts Commission about public art for the Animal Services Center**

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- *One possibility is a piece near the adoption entrance*
- *Another possibility is a piece in front toward the east end of the property*
- *Moving Sit and Stay to a more prominent place has also been discussed.*
- **Radio communication by Animal Control is going live this week**
 - *Not only daytime dispatching but after-hour contact with Communications*
 - *Assures officer safety and more effective and efficient service*
 - *Longer run goals include becoming part of an interoperable county radio system*
- **Animal Services emergency generator**
 - *Part of the approved CIP budget*
 - *Expected installation is late winter or early spring*

STAFFING & STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- **Vacancies**
 - *Drew Brinkley resigned his position effective August 5 to become the first Director of Guilford County Animal Services*
 - *We will review this position prior to recruiting and we are also in the process of reclassifying a veterinary health care position as a “lead” position*
 - *We have two new permanent Animal Care Technicians (Tiani Schifano and Corey Parker); a new seasonal Animal Technician (Casey O’Neal); and a new Animal Control Officer (Joseph Schwartz)*
- **Training and Development**
 - *Amanda Arrington, Pets for Life Director, HSUS, Lori Hensley, Director of Coalition to Unchain Dogs, and Lieutenant Tim Deck of Durham Animal Services provided a staff workshop on new trends in animal service and animal welfare*
 - *Recently, our Training & Lead Animal Control Officer and another officer attended Sheltering 201 for Animal Control Officers offered by the North Carolina Animal Federation*
 - *All staff continue to be engaged in a process of team building and staff and organizational development (FISH Philosophy)*

CURRENT & COMING EVENTS

- *We had a flash Black Cat Adoption Special today (Wednesday, August 17)*
- *Our annual Back to School Adoption Special is running for the month of August*
- *Our 12th Annual Dog Swim, cosponsored with Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation, is scheduled for Saturday, September 10th (time tbd)*
- *Our next low cost Microchip & Rabies Vaccination Clinic will be held from 3 to 5 pm, Thursday, August 18 at the Animal Services Center*