

Animal Services News

February 17, 2016

SELECT SHELTERING STATS

- **January adoptions totaled only 92 but the live release rate was 95 percent**
 - **53 cats, 34 dogs and 5 animals of other kinds were adopted**
 - **18 animals were transferred to rescue groups for final placement**
 - **Winter weather was a factor in in our overall adoptions**
- **A snapshot of 2015 statistics (an agenda item for the March ASAB meeting)**
 - **Adoptions totaled 1,593 pets (the second highest in our history) and the live release rate was over 80 percent.**
 - **Admissions numbered 2,967 (the second consecutive year they have been under 3000).**
 - **A reduction of ~25% in the number of animal euthanized (n=842) when compared to the average of the 5 preceding years**

2016 RABIES COMPENDIUM

- **Significant changes are made in the forthcoming 2016 Compendium of Rabies on the basis of recent scientific research**
 - **Animals that have a documented past rabies vaccination, even if it is expired, will be able to receive a booster vaccination instead of being euthanized or quarantined;**
 - **Animals that have never been vaccinated or do not have a documented vaccine will be required to be euthanized or quarantined, but the quarantine time has been reduced to four (4) months instead of the previous requirement of six (6).**
- **Effective immediately, and in coordination with Orange County's Health Director, we are changing our protocols and requirements for pets exposed to rabies**
- **We are communicating these changes to area (specifically, Orange County) veterinary clinics as well as changing our outreach and educational materials to reflect these significant changes.**
- **Attached is a recent providing more detailed information the recommendations and the underlying research.**

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Our veterinary health care staff and consulting veterinarian are helping care for the animals seized by the ASPCA from the Haven-Friends for Life in Hoke county**
 - **Presently, they are scheduled for day deployments to care for the animals**
 - **Dr. Sheppard is helping to create a surgical schedule and anesthetic protocols for spays and neuters (once they become possible to do).**

- **Health Care Technicians may continue to be deployed on a daily basis once the spay and neuter and dental procedures commence**
- **Upcoming implementation effective March 1 of Unified Animal Ordinance (UAO)**
 - **The Chapel Hill Town Council will consider approving the UAO on February 22**
 - **Staff training is underway and internal changes are being identified and implemented.**
 - **A media advisory has been issued and more information will be forthcoming**
 - **Some parts of the plan for managing pet overpopulation become effective as components of the UAO including**
 - **A differential recovery rate for reproductive and sterilized animals**
 - **A refundable sterilization deposit for animals redeemed 3 or more times**
 - **A microchip requirement for all recovered stray animals**
- **Internships for an animal sheltering assistant and veterinary health care assistant are being created and advertised at the NCSU School of Veterinary Medicine and other educational institutions in the area.**

COMMUNITY SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAM

- **The BOCC adopted a resolution declaring February 23, 2016, as Spay Neuter Day in Orange County at its meeting last night**
- **Twenty six (26) dogs and cats are scheduled for a Spay Neuter event we are doing on February 24 on site and coordination with Spay Neuter Assistance Patrol—North Carolina**
- **Our annual report for 2015 is now available and posted on line and shows**
 - **390 cats and dog were spayed and neutered on the basis of the partnership between Animal Services and AnimalKind and Spay Neuter Assistance Patrol—North Carolina.**
 - **All but seven (7) belonged to clients of the Department of Social Service (DSS)**
 - **Targeted spay and neuter continues to help reduce the number of admissions, from an annual average of 3323 for the period 2010-2014 and 4315 for the period 2005-2009.**
 - **Challenges remain in stabilizing and increasing the number of targeted spays and neuters and recruiting households that qualify because income is less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level.**
- **The income loss from reimbursement may be up to as much as \$12,000 and additional funds will thus be requested as part of the FY2016-2017 to sustain the program**