# Animal Services News

*June 17, 2015*

*RABIES*

- *Holding at 4 year-to-date (3 raccoons and 1 bat)*
- *One hundred and twenty five (125) animals were vaccinated at Saturday's low- cost clinic*
  - *63 dogs and 62 cats were vaccinated*
- *Year-to-date we've had 6 low-cost clinics and administered 474 rabies vaccinations*
  - *270 dogs and 204 cats have been vaccinated*
- *Eight (8) more low-cost clinics are scheduled for the rest of 2015*

*ANIMAL SERVICES BUDGET*

- *Approved as recommended by the department and the Manager to the Board of County Commissioners*
- *All proposed fee changes have been approved (see attached)*

*MISCELLANEOUS*

- *Unified Animal Ordinance*
  - *The ordinance will return to Carrboro's town board in early September*
  - *Subject to Carrboro's approval, we will return to the commissioners as soon as possible*
- *Dog Play/Exercise Area*
  - *Waiting on issuance of building permit, which has already been approved*
  - *Contractor mobilization should occur fairly immediately and project time is quite short*
- *Friends of Orange County Animal Services Donation*
  - *For billboards communicating about free-roaming cats ($1,000)*
  - *For another set of adoption special banners ($1,000)*

*COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS*

- *Staff met with AnimalKind staff to review the redemption of spay/neuter vouchers*
  - *AnimalKind will be following up with clients and on vouchers going forward*
- *Staff met with residents from the Rogers Eubanks Neighborhood Association to discuss animal services*
- *Animal Services staff will be providing instruction about animal care, animal safety and pet owner responsibility as part of the upcoming Roger's Road Summer Camp*

*STAFFING*

- *A new Veterinary Health Care Manager will begin on June 29.*
- *A new Animal Care Technician will begin on July 1.*
- *A selection process is underway for an Animal Control Officer position due to a resignation so that the person could pursue a different career path.*

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# Manager's Recommended Fee Schedule - FY 2015-16

| Department/Program | Description | Current Fee | Manager's Recommended Fee Schedule for FY 2015-16 * | Last Revision |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Animal Services* | | | | |
| Administration | Pet Tax-Sterilized Cats and Dogs | $10.00 | | 2010 |
| | Pet Tax-Non Sterilized Cats and Dogs | $30.00 | | 2010 |
| | Pet Tax-Dogs and Cats under 6 months of age | $10.00 | | 2012 |
| | Pet Tax-Late Fee | $5.00 | | 2012 |
| | Pet Tax-Sterilized Waiver for Seniors | $0.00 | | 2012 |
| | Pet Tax-Sterilized Waiver for Citizens Receiving Public Assistance (19) | N/A | $0.00 | New |
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| Animal Control | *Civil Penalties/Fines* | | | |
| | failure to vaccinate | $200.00 | | 2008 |
| | failure to license | $200.00 | | 2008 |
| | public nuisance violations | $50,100,200,300,400.00 | | 2008 |
| | mistreatment | $200.00 | | 2008 |
| | failure to wear rabies tag | $50.00 | | 2011 |
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| | Kennel Permits | $50.00 | | 2007 |
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| Animal Shelter | *Adoption Fees* | | | |
| | Cat Adoption Fees | $95.00 | | 2011 |
| | Kitten Adoption Fees (5 mo. and under) | $95.00 | | 2011 |
| | Multiple Cat Adoption-Peak Season (20) | $50.00 | $0.00 | 2011 |
| | Special Event Cat Adoption Fee (21) | $50.00 | $0.00 - $95.00 | 2011 |
| | Senior Citizen Cat Adoption Fee | $25.00 | | 2012 |
| | Dog Adoption Fee | $115.00 | | 2011 |
| | Puppy Adoption Fee (5 mo. and under) | $115.00 | | 2011 |
| | Special Event Dog Adoption Fee (21) | $60.00 | $0.00 - $115.00 | 2011 |
| | Senior Citizen Dog Adoption Fee | $30.00 | | 2012 |
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| | Veterinary Exam | $50.00 | | 2012 |
| | Care of Medical Condition | $20.00-$60.00 | | 2012 |
| | Daily Medication Administration | $5.00 | | 2012 |
| | Replacement of Rabies Tag/Certificate | $3.00 | | 2012 |
| | Boarding Fee for stray animals | $10.00/day | | 2007 |
| | Protective Custody Board Fee (22) | N/A | $0.00 | New |
| | Protective Custody Shelter Redemption Fee (23) | N/A | $0.00 | New |
| | Boarding Fee for Euthanized Quarantine Animals (24) | N/A | $0.00 | New |
| | Bite Quarantines | $15.00 per day | | 2012 |
| | Rabies Shots (shelter) | $10.00 | | 2007 |
| | Rabies Shots (low-cost clinics) | $10.00 | | 2010 |
| | Daily Board-cruelty/seizure/court hold | $15.00 | | 2012 |
| | Small and Other Animals | Varies on Type of Animal ($5 to $250) | | 2011 |
| | Placement Partner Sterilization | $30.00 neuter, $60.00 spay | | 2009 |
| | Owner surrender for euthanasia | $50.00 | | 2010 |
| | Large animal trailer transport | $35.00 | | 2010 |
| | Field Surrenders | $15.00 | | 2010 |
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| | Shelter Redemption fee | $10, $50, $100, $200 | | 2007 |
| | Out of County Animal Surrender Fee | $50.00 | | 2009 |
| | Elective Microchip Fee | $25 per Microchip | | 2012 |
| | Sale of Goods - Cat Carriers | $5.00 | | 2014 |
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* Any fee changes will be included in this column;
a blank beside each fee means there is no fee change in FY 2015-16

## 2015-16 Manager Recommended Fee Schedule
## Footnotes

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| **(15)** This proposed fee is to fine any worker for work or use being conducted without obtaining the proper permit other than the above listed fire protection permitting. |
| **(16)** The public school system does not have a designation of fee enforcement on the approved 1996 fire inspection rates. I am proposing to include a category under the fee scale called Public Educational (biannual) and Orange County Facilities (annual) that currently includes Business, Storage, Foster Care, Residential and Private Educational facilities. The initial inspection charge is $185.00, reinspection $50.00 and a third inspection fee of $400.00. The fees for Orange County facilites would be exempt and only apply for re-inspections that result in recurring violations. |
| **(18)** The current revenues collected from user fees do not cover the cost of operating the system |
| **(19)** Allows citizens receiving public assistance to apply for an annual waiver to the pet tax for sterilized animals. Subject to written guidelines approved by the Animal Services Director |
| **(20)** Reduction of the fee to adopt two or more cats during peak season (April - October). Applicable when first cat is adopted at full price; additional cats will be adopted at reduced fee. Offers incentive to adopt multiple cats at a time when shelter population is at its fullest. Any loss of adoption fees will be offset by increased number of positive outcomes and related reduction in the costs of housing cats for additional days, potentially lessens the number of animals that are euthanized. |
| **(21)** Provides flexibility to set adoption fees during special events to offer incentive to adopt animals. Allows for greater degree of creativity and innovation to generate public interest and market events. Any loss of adoption fees will be offset by increased number of positive outcomes and related reduction in the costs of housing animals for additional days, potentially lessens the number of animals that are euthanized. |
| **(22)** Establishes a boarding fee for an animal impounded as a result of a situation outside of the owner's control and not as a result of Animal Control violations. Subject to written guidelines approved by Animal Services Director. |
| **(23)** Establishes a shelter redemption fee for an animal impounded as a result of a situation outside of the owner's control and not as a result of Animal Control violations. Subject to written guidelines approved by Animal Services Director. |
| **(24)** Establishes a boarding fee for animals impounded as a result of a bite or rabies exposure when the animal must be euthanized by Animal Services at the end of the quarantine period. |
| **(25)** To reach full cost recovery and decrease dependency on county general funds. |
| (26) ADA Code Oral Health Evaluation for patient under 3 years and counseling with primary caregiver. Increase fee to the 70th percentile on which all other Dental Health Fees are based |
| **(27)** New 2015 ADA Code - reapplication of sealant. Code not previously in existence |
| **(28)** To be consistent with other services such as MNT and Primary Care. |
| **(29)** Increase to Medicaid full reimbursable rate. |
| **(30)** To fund the cost of recycling programs and a portion of the solid waste convenience centers. Replaces the old tiered fee structure previously levied in FY 2011/12. |