

Animal Services News
August 20, 2014

Spotlighting

- *Onslow County staff toured the Animal Services Center in late July (they were excited about their take-ways!).*
- *We received a \$13,000 donation through the OC Community Giving Fund to construct the dog play/exercise area originally envisioned as part of the Animal Services Center.*
- *A donated car sold for \$1,200 which is being dedicated to the Community Spay & Neuter Fund.*

Rabies

- *YTD we've had 18 laboratory confirmed rabies cases—12 raccoons, 4 foxes, 2 bats and 1 skunk.*
- *YTD we've conducted more than 100 rabies exposure investigations. Tests are only done when there is a human exposure and/or when there is an exposure to an unvaccinated animal.*
- *A total of 251 animals (105 cats and 146 dogs) were vaccinated at the 3 rabies vaccination clinics held in July and August (and 8 animals received microchips at the last clinic).*
- *Staff is considering a regularly scheduled session on livestock and rabies with Carol Woodlief, DVM, Regional Veterinarian, NC Ag Department, given that the one in late July was so good.*
- *World Rabies Day is September 28, 2014 and we are hoping to coordinate with the Health Department in a broad outreach effort.*

Animal Control & Protection Cases

- *We gained control of 24 dogs (including 11 newborns and 8 puppies) that were seized due to neglect through a recent court action. Criminal charges are pending.*
- *Another case involves civil actions to obtain control of 1 of 5 dogs seized as a result of neglect (as the other 4 dogs were surrendered). Criminal charges are pending for two defendants.*
- *Other court actions concern care, custody and/or control of large numbers of animals (30 plus in one case, and 75 plus in another), a challenging as well as demanding area of action for several reasons*
- *We also have numerous pending criminal cases (most of which concern public health and safety and/or animal cruelty and neglect).*

Assorted Updates

- *AnimalKind has a new Executive Director, Martin Banning, with whom Sarah Fallin, our Program Coordinator, and I recently met. We will continue to communicate with Mr. Banning about our needs and partnerships and shared opportunities.*
- *Three positions have been filled (2 Animal Care Technicians and 1 Health Care Technician) but there are still 3 vacancies (2 Animal Control Officers and 1 Animal Care Technician)*
- *Staff attended the recent Cat Symposium (sponsored by HSUS) and Rabies and Other Zoonotic Diseases: Their Control and Prevention (sponsored by the Environmental Health State of Practice Committee).*
- *There is still no commercial dog breeding legislation and the governor's proposal to move Animal Welfare from Ag to DPS did not survive the budget process.*