

## Animal Service News

**August 21, 2013**

### **CHAPEL HILL & CARRBORO FLOOD**

- *Animal Services role in emergency operations in Chapel Hill and Carrboro included*
  - *Being at the table in the Emergency Operations Center*
  - *Transporting animals from the Red Cross Shelter to the Animal Services Center*
  - *Coordinating other field service responses and animal impoundments*
- *Networking with others (Red Cross, ES, DSS, etc.) for outreach related to animal recovery*
- *A total of eighteen (18) animals were impounded (6 dogs, 2 cats, 3 chickens and 7 birds)*
  - *~50% were sheltered for several weeks and then recovered*
  - *~25% were surrendered and transferred to a placement partner*
  - *~25% were unclaimed and made available for adoption, transfer*

### **STAFFING**

- *Recruitment and selection for one (1) Animal Control Officers is underway*
- *Recruitment and selection for one (1) Animal Care Technician is underway*
- *Assistant Program Coordinator recruitment should occur by early September*
- *New Veterinary Health Care Manager, Josh Fisher, has completed department orientation; he is now involved in county training for new supervisors (among other things)*

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- *Animal Services is now partnering with the Kidzu Children's Museum in Chapel Hill*
  - *Animal Arts for children at Kidzu each Saturday in August*
  - *Ongoing mutually beneficial programming and outreach*
- *Fellows from the NC Kenan-Flagler Business School Nonprofit Board Fellows Program*
  - *Request received and application completed by Animal Services*
  - *Whether there are two fellows will be decided by late September*
  - *If there are fellows, they will work with the ASAB as well as staff.*
- *Rabies Control and Prevention*
  - *Nine (9) confirmed cases year to date (4 raccoons, 2 bats, 2 goats, and 1 fox)*
  - *Recent South Carolina bat rabies death and response*

### **VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES FOR ASAB MEMBERS**

- *There are now five (5) Animal Services Advisory Board Members who are also OCAS volunteers*
  - *Recognize that his or her roles as advisor and volunteer are entirely separate*
  - *Recognize that s/he has no special standing as a volunteer, i.e., s/he is subject to the same policies and procedures and management relations as all other volunteers*
  - *Recognize that it is s/he must meet the highest standards in their role as a volunteer*
- *Sarah Fallin is coordinating with other county staff to determine whether the volunteer status of ASAB members should be a policy subject, etc.*

**THE CONUNDRUM OF OPERATIONS & GOVERNANCE**

- There are real tensions between operations (and administration) and governance in conjunction with advisory boards.
- Trade-offs may occur and there may be a swinging pendulum:
  - Priority of governance (in the extreme, regardless of operational impacts).
  - Priority of operations (in the extreme, at the expense of citizen involvement)
- It is good to reflect on tensions and trade-offs with recent changes in the Board of County Commissioners and the impending appointment of a new county manager
- There is a need for balance; it should be the shared goal of the ASAB and Animal Services staff!