

Animal Service News

May 15, 2013

OPEN HOUSE (4th Annual)

- *Saturday, June 1, 2013 from 12:00-4:00 p.m.*
- *Hot dogs, cupcakes, popcorn, face painting, scavenger hunt, potbellied pig , kissing booth, cat adoption special and more*
- *We rely on ASAB for support – attend, donate, and volunteer*

COMMUNITY SPAY/NEUTER

- *Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) agreement is in place*
- *First direct mailing by zipcode is upcoming*
- *Income eligibility criteria will be raised effective July 1, 2013*
 - *They will be less than 300 percent of the poverty level*
 - *They will match NC Spay/Neuter Reimbursement Program*

KITTEN SEASON

- *It has commenced (for better or worse)*
- *Drives seasonal upswing in intake and animal population*
 - *Daily animal count is now between 120 and 130*
 - *Even in April, it was mostly under 100*
 - *Last June, it was over 150*
- *June is Adopt a Cat Month*

STAFFING

- *Four new office assistants hired and (partially) trained (hurrah!)*
- *Recruitment and selection for 2 new Animal Control Officers is underway*
- *Shelter Manager Position*
 - *Redefined as a Veterinary Health Care Manager*
 - *Advertised nationally*
 - *Interviews in the coming weeks*

ASSORTED

- *Manager's Recommended Budget*
 - *Recommended department budget with one qualification*
- *Hosting "Sheltering 101," a North Carolina Animal Federation training seminar*
- *Commercial Puppy Breeding Bill (crossed over from House to Senate)*

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