

**Animal Control Department/Animal Ark  
142 Rafters Lane  
Warrenton, NC 27589**

## **2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR REPORT**

The Animal Control Department spent a good part of the year being under staffed. As of July of this year, the department is once again fully staffed.

The Animal Control department saw a slight decrease in citizen complaints this fiscal year compared to last year, 1096 calls this year compared to 1230 calls in 2015-2016. The department saw no significant increase in services for either the city of Warrenton or town of Norlina since services were implemented in the fall of 2016.

Bites to humans increased slightly from 25 last fiscal year to 31 this year. This increase seems to be due to more people spending more time outside having more contact with animals in the community. There was only one confirmed rabid animal, a bob-cat, that did not have any human contact and animal contract involved dogs that were up to date on their vaccinations. Approximately 838 rabies vaccinations were given during the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

This year saw an 8% decrease in animal intake from last year. Surrender animals continue to be an issue especially cats and kittens. This continues to be an issue year after year due to failure to spay/neuter. There is only one option for low cost spay/neuter that is located in the southern end of the county and no options for low cost veterinary services. The shelter also saw an increase in elderly and terminally ill animal surrenders for euthanasia due to citizens not being able to afford conventional veterinary practices.

Adoptions continue to remain low despite our use of adoption websites and social media. Only 30% of the 670 animals that left were adopted, the remaining 80% were taken by rescue organizations. We currently work with over 130 federally incorporated rescue groups that take animals on a regular basis. Adoption events are difficult to host due to a lack of reliable volunteers to help.

Redemptions are still low for dogs and nonexistent for cats. Posting the animals on our Facebook page has helped with dog redemption but almost all the stray cats impounded were feral. Very few animals in Warren County are microchipped or wear identification on their collars.

The building and equipment had no major issues except for the hot water heater that needed to be replaced, otherwise just repairs due to normal wear and tear. A storage building was purchased to help free up the visiting room from donations and will hold the donations that are currently being stored in the attic.

### **ANIMAL FACILITATION 2016-2017**

	<u>STRAY SURRENDER TOTAL</u>			<u>ADOPTED RECLAIMED EUTHANIZED DIED TOTAL</u>				
<b>DOGS</b>	350	323	673	483	64	122	4	673
<b>CATS</b>	135	267	402	187	0	205	4	396
<b>OTHER SPECIES</b>	4							
<b>TOTALS</b>	489	590	1075	670	64	327	8	1072

### **ANIMAL FACILITATION 2015-2016**

	<u>STRAY SURRENDER TOTAL</u>			<u>ADOPTED RECLAIMED EUTHANIZED DIED TOTAL</u>				
<b>DOGS</b>	375	397	772	513	50	188	10	761
<b>CATS</b>	222	383	605	220	35	316	12	583
<b>TOTALS</b>	597	780	1377	733	85	504	22	1344

Submitted by Dani Bowen, Animal Control Director