

What the Proposed County Animal *Control* Ordinance Does or Doesn't Do:

- Defines individuals and nonprofits as kennels and makes them subject to inspection if they have more than 8 but less than 20 animals at a physical holding site (Class I) or if they have 20 or more animals at a physical holding site (Class II).
- Exempts the county shelter from standards of care they establish for everyone else.
- Doesn't go far enough in defining cruel acts.
- Doesn't specify what factors must be considered when declaring an animal "dangerous" and fails to specify use of a recognized behavior assessment tool to be applied outside the shelter environment.
- Doesn't include on the Dangerous Animals Appeals Board (DAAB) who knows anything about animal behavior (except the vet). Doesn't include anyone from local animal welfare organizations.
- Doesn't specify any operating procedures for the DAAB and includes nothing on the owner's right to appeal the Board's decision.
- Requires people to notify AC of any stray animal that comes to their house and prohibits them from feeding or sheltering it. This would apparently extend to rescues taking in strays.
- Prohibits individuals (and presumably rescues) from adopting out a stray or abandoned animal without notifying AC.
- Establishes an "Animal Control Advisory Board" to advise the Commissioners on county shelter operations, yet the membership includes no one who would be dealing with the shelter or who would know anything about its operations.
- Continues to require cats to wear rabies tags. NC state law specifically allows local authorities to exempt cats. Many cats will not wear collars and those that will often lose the tags because for safety they wear breakaway collars. AC has in the past used this to round up community cats and kill them.
- Changes the holding period for impounded animals from 5 days to 72 hours.
- Makes it impossible for animal rescues (except for FFA which has a physical building) to pull animals from the shelter because it requires them to be inspected by the NC Dept of Ag, which does not inspect foster based rescues.
- Requires rescues desiring to pull an animal from the shelter (assuming that was possible) to sign an adoption contract. Presumably that would include an adoption fee. No other county does this. And rescues are not paying adoption fees when they will have to pay for neutering, vaccinations and any other medical treatment needed.
- Requires cat colonies to be registered with AC. No one will do this because they round them up and kill them.
- Reflects a complete lack of knowledge about community cats and how to manage colonies in order to stabilize them and control the population.

- Does nothing to work with rescues to save animals' lives; both its tone and approach toward local rescue organizations are very negative.
- It's not about life saving or helping animals; it's about punishment and negative actions.