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## **Dog Costume Contest To Raise Animal Cruelty Awareness, Funds for Injured Animals**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC– The third annual “Howl-O-Ween” pet costume contest will be held Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Parking Lot 5 off Hull Road on the Fayetteville Technical Community College campus.

The event supports the Cumberland County Animal Control Injured Animal Stabilization Fund and Safe Havens Supervised Visitation Center.

The registration fee is \$12 for the first dog and \$8 for additional dogs. To pre-register, please email Kelsi Durrence at [kels926@hotmail.com](mailto:kels926@hotmail.com) or call (910) 475-3227.

The costume contest will also include bobbing for weenies and a most talented dog contest. In addition to raising funds, the event will raise awareness in the community regarding the link between domestic violence and animal cruelty.

Supported strictly by donations from the community, the Injured Animal Stabilization Fund allows Animal Control to perform medical procedures on animals they would otherwise have to euthanize. The fund provides life-saving medical care so the animals can be adopted. In the past, Animal Control has used the fund to cover the cost of surgeries for injured animals. Last year’s Howl-O-Ween event raised \$2,023 for the fund.

The Safe Havens Supervised Visitation Center assists parents in maintaining contact with their children while the adults are separating, going through a divorce or other family transition. The center also assists the court system by providing supervised visitation and safe exchange services when the court feels that it is in the best interest of both children and parents.

“I want to request as many people as possible come to our ‘Howl-O-Ween’ fest to assist us with building the Injured Animal Stabilization fund so we can continue to save lives of the puppies and kittens injured and frightened with no one to care for them,” said Dr. John Lauby, director of Cumberland County Animal Control.

To see pictures and profiles of animals up for adoption at the Animal Shelter, go online to [http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/animal\\_control.aspx](http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/animal_control.aspx) and click on the “Pet Adoption Page” link. Animal Control is at 4704 Corporation Dr. in Fayetteville. The phone number is (910) 321-6852.

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