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Animal Services Alerts Public about Wild Dog Packs

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County Animal Services is battling at least seven wild dog packs roaming in Fayetteville and parts of Cumberland County.

“We have a serious problem with packs of aggressive dogs running in the city and county, and we need to be proactive to protect our citizens from these wild animals,” said Animal Services Director Dr. John Lauby, a veterinarian.

The dogs have proven very difficult to capture, and Lauby has called for additional night patrols by Animal Services Enforcement Officers between the hours of 3 a.m. and 5 a.m., the time when the animals move.

“Trapping won’t work on these packs as they are very wary. Often we can’t get close enough to dart the dogs with tranquilizers, and when we do, the sedation doesn’t work fast enough to capture them before they go in the brush where we cannot track them,” Lauby said.

When wild pack dogs are captured, they are taken back to the Animal Services Shelter to be euthanized since they are not adoptable. Shooting the animals in the field is a drastic measure that may eventually become necessary as a solution to this critical public safety issue, Lauby said.

“These dogs are dangerous to other animals and people. They attack and bite. They are not social animals because they have never had human interaction,” he said.

Animal Services has received reports of rabbits, cats, and other small animals being killed in their yards by wild dogs. Wild dog packs have been sighted and reported in the following areas:

- Old Wilmington Road to Campbell Avenue and Cool Spring Street

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- Commerce Street to Bradford Avenue and Hay Street
- Raeford Road corridor, near Fairway Drive; off Willborough Avenue; near Berkshire Road; and South McPherson Church Road
- Raeford Road at Wildwood and Aftonshire Drives
- Lamon, Moore and Hillsboro Streets
- Shaw Road and Holland Street
- Mike and Johnson Streets

If you see a pack of wild dogs, please call Animal Services at 321-6852. After 5 p.m. and on weekends or holidays, call the Sheriff's Office at 323-1500 or your local police department.

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