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Animal Services Increases Adoption and Rescue Rate

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – The Cumberland County Animal Services Department has released new statistics showing an increase in adoptions and rescues, and a decrease in the number of strays picked up and euthanized.

Between 2009 and 2010, the number of animals sent to rescues from the Animal Services shelter increased by 73 percent, and the adoption rate increased by 60 percent.

“We have seen a tremendous increase in our rescue and adoption rates,” said Animal Services Director Dr. John Lauby, who assumed control of the department just seven months ago. “Our goal is to place all of our adoptable pets with families as quickly as possible and reduce the amount of time they are kept in our county shelter. Fortunately, this increase in adoptions and rescues has also led to a decrease in the number of animals needing to be euthanized.”

The number of stray animals picked up by the Animal Services department decreased by 13 percent last year, and the number of animals needing to be euthanized was down 19 percent.

For those interested in adopting an animal from the shelter, adoption hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The shelter is located at 4704 Corporation Dr.

For more information, please visit the Animal Services Department section of the county’s Web site, www.co.cumberland.nc.us, or call 321-6852.

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