

About Us

Edgecombe County Animal Services is a Division of the Edgecombe County Sheriff's Office. The purpose of Animal Services is to enforce all Edgecombe County and North Carolina laws and ordinances relating to dogs, cats and other domestic animals.

Some services provided include:

- ◆ Animal welfare checks
- ◆ Rabies vaccine clinics for dogs and cats
- ◆ Investigate animal cruelty complaints
- ◆ Pick up unwanted or stray dogs and cats
- ◆ Set live traps for dogs and cats

Rescue Groups

Rescue organizations are crucial in helping us find homes for animals and we welcome new rescue groups! Please ask us how to become an approved rescue partner!

Spay and Neuter

By spaying or neutering your pet, you'll help control the pet homelessness crisis, which results in millions of healthy dogs and cats being euthanized in the United States each year simply because there aren't enough homes to go around. Contact us for information on programs that may be able to help!

Benefits include:

- ◆ Reduces unwanted kittens and puppies
- ◆ Less desire to roam which makes them less likely to be injured or killed by another animal or automobile
- ◆ Decreases aggressive behavior
- ◆ Reduces risk of multiple types of cancer
- ◆ Reduces or eliminates risk of spraying or marking
- ◆ Spaying or neutering will not cause your pet to become overweight
- ◆ Helps your pet live a longer and healthier life

Edgecombe County Animal Services

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Animal Shelter
2909 North Main Street
Tarboro, NC 27886
252-641-4112

EDGECOMBE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

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EDGECOMBE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Cleveland "Clee" Atkinson, Jr.
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FAQs

Q: I found a dog or cat. What should I do?

A: All found animals **must** be reported to the appropriate agency:

- Edgecombe County (252) 641-7911
- Town of Tarboro (252) 641-4271
- City of Rocky Mount (252) 972-1390
- Any found animal must be kept by the finder for 72 hours after reporting the found animal to animal control
- Post pictures on social media of found animal and area found
- Take the animal to a veterinarian's office to be scanned for a microchip
- **DO NOT** take the animal outside of the county where it was found without contacting animal services

Q: I have concerns about wildlife on my property or I found injured wildlife. Who can help me?

A: Contact NC Wildlife at 866.318.2401

Q: What vaccines are required for domestic animals?

A: Rabies vaccination is required by NC state law for dogs, cats and ferrets 4 months of age and older. This vaccine can only be given by a veterinarian or by a state certified rabies vaccinator. There are several rabies vaccine clinics in the county each year. Failure to vaccinate may result in a fine of \$100 per animal.

FAQs Continued

Q: I am concerned about an animal's living conditions and/or mistreatment. How do I help?

A: Request a welfare check by the appropriate agency:

- Edgecombe County (252) 641-7911
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Q: Is there currently a law against a dog being on a chain?

A: No, but there are certain things required. Any chained animal must have fresh food, fresh water, shade and proper shelter. Any chain/tether must be at least 8 feet in length.

Q: Is there a leash law in Edgecombe County?

A: No, but there is an ordinance that states that your dog may not be off your property and become a nuisance. There **IS** a leash law in the Tarboro city limits.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

-Mahatma Gandhi

Adoptions

If you're looking for a new best friend, you've come to the right place! Adding a new pet to your home is a big decision. Here are a few questions to think about before you adopt:

- Can I properly care for a pet financially?
- Is everyone in my household in agreement about a new pet?
- Are there any restrictions on having a pet where I live?

After considering the physical and financial needs of adopting a new pet, come visit us at the shelter and see if we have what you're looking for! Our adoption fee is \$40.00 which includes a one year rabies vaccine.

****All animals adopted from the Edgecombe County Animal Shelter **MUST** be spayed or neutered. Information on available programs will be provided at the time of adoption.**

