

Attention Edgecombe County Animal Owners!

There are new ordinances in Edgecombe County that may affect you! Some of these changes are listed below. All changes are available at https://www.edgecombecountync.gov/departments/sheriff/animal_control.php. Hard copies are available at the Edgecombe County Animal Shelter and at the County Manager's Office in the Edgecombe County Administration Building.

- Updated shelter/housing requirements: What you are currently using for any outside animals may not be acceptable! Please review the updated definition and requirement in section 4-33.
- Adequate bedding: Bedding is now required for outside animals in certain circumstances. See definition and requirement in section 4-33.
- Shade requirements: All outside animals **MUST** have shade even if they are outside for only part of the day (see section 4-33).
- Adequate water: Your animal's water source must be secured so that it cannot be knocked over by the animal and large enough to provide adequate water for an entire day (see section 4-33).
- Restraint standards: What you are currently using to restrain your animals may not be acceptable! These standards apply even if your animal is restrained outside for only part of the day. Please review the updated definition and requirement in section 4-33.
- REMINDER! All dogs, cats and ferrets over 4 months of age **MUST** be vaccinated against rabies! **THIS CANNOT BE PURCHASED AT A STORE! IT MUST BE GIVEN BY A LICENSED VETERINARIAN OR A STATE CERTIFIED RABIES VACCINATOR!** There are multiple clinics held annually by Animal Services and at the veterinary offices in Tarboro that offer discounted rabies vaccines! This schedule can be found online at https://www.edgecombecountync.gov/departments/sheriff/animal_control.php.

