



# OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY: ANIMAL CONTROL

Be Focused, Performance Driven.

## ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

## PEOPLE FOCUSED. PERFORMANCE DRIVEN.

### Mission Statement

To improve animal and human well-being through education, prevention, and enforcement programs and humane animal care and control services for the citizens and animals of Leon County.

### Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights

#### Quality of Life

- Provided essential public safety services through animal bite investigations, aggressive animal intervention, education programs and through enforcement of the Animal Ordinance.
- Provided community outreach and neighborhood sweeps in order to put residents in touch with local animal organizations to assist with animal related needs.

## PROTECTING LEON COUNTY'S ANIMALS & CITIZENS



*Bite Prevention Class*

- In order to continuously provide safety and well-being of both citizens and domestic animals, Animal Control staff has:
  - » Provided Bite Prevention Classes to elementary school students throughout the county school district.
  - » Educated residents about responsible pet care, animal safety, bite prevention and related matters by participating in outreach events such as public safety fairs, Greenway Day, Bags for Wags, and community pet adoption events.
  - » Educated pet owners about requirements of the Leon County Animal Ordinance and provided loaner dog houses so owners did not give up their pet for the lack of proper care and shelter.
  - » Provided identification tags and collars to ensure lost pets were returned home.

- » Conducted proactive door-to-door neighborhood sweeps with community partners in high volume service call areas. The main focus of the operation being outreach, education and resource provision.
- » Facilitated the Capital Area Animal Network to provide an open forum format bringing together various animal welfare groups in the capital region.
- » Actively participated on Tallahassee-Leon Animal Service Center Advisory Committee. Continued to implement strategies that allow Animal Control Officers to return animals to their owners, eliminating the need to take animals to the shelter.
- » Animal Control staff distributed low-cost spay and neuter vouchers provided by community stakeholders in an effort to impact animal overpopulation.
- Animal control staff is committed to serving the community and decreasing the number of animal bites. During the year, staff:
  - » Fielded over 7,200 phone calls resulting in over 3,300 service requests and over 4,200 Animal Control Officer activities.
  - » Responded to over 510 service requests.
  - » Investigated over 46 dangerous or aggressive animal complaints.



### Did You Know

Leon County Animal Control handed out over 100 leashes and engraved and distributed over 100 animal identification tags to local pet owners in order to encourage responsible pet ownership and to return loose pets to owners and decrease the number of animals going to our local shelter.

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