



# Lumpkin County Animal Shelter

Eddy Harris, Manger

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To: County Manager, Stan Kelley  
Cc: Community and Employee Services, Alicia Davis

From: Shelter Manger, Eddy Harris

Re: 2017 Annual Report

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FY-2017 has come to a close and another year has begun. I look back with pride on everything the Shelter has accomplished over the past years. Once again, staff, along with the Friends of the LCASA Board, wish to thank the Board of Commissioners, County Manager Kelley, our partners, volunteers, and donors for working hard to keep the Shelter open and available to all of the neglected, abused, and surrendered animals in Lumpkin County.

As a small department, finances and our limited facility space continue to be the two most critical and inflexible areas of operation. Once again, 2017 has been a successful year for everyone. Our affiliation with Friends of the LCASA has provided us the opportunity to meet the ever-increasing demands for our services by the community. Due to the unwavering dedication from Friends of the LCASA, staff, and volunteers, our Shelter has had another successful year allowing us to adopt out many homeless, neglected, and unwanted dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens.

The abandonment of sick animals, mainly cats, in our county continues to be problematic. Unfortunately, to maintain a healthy and disease-free environment at the Shelter, a large portion of these sick animals must be euthanized upon intake to avoid the spread of disease to the health animals in the Shelter.

### **Shelter Operations/Animal Intake and Adoptions**

Our affiliation with the Petango and Pet Finder networks, two national organizations designed to work with shelters for animal rescue, is very helpful in placing animals. Their Internet websites, along with Facebook, are complimentary to the county's efforts and have increased our profile from a local to a national one.

Animal Outcome by Intake Year End 2017 , **See Attachment A**

### **Funding**

Funding to support our Shelter operations is obtained from a number of sources. The primary source is from Lumpkin County's general budget. Other sources include donations and Grants award to shelter by the Georgia Department of Agriculture and local support, as well from our Friends group.

### **Outreach Programs/Accomplishments**

Our community outreach programs continue to be an important element of our local service. Our Friends group helped coordinate the highly successful Atlanta Spay & Neuter Mobile Bus Program. The discount programs make it less costly for someone with limited financial resources to have their pet, or a feral cat, spayed or neutered. In turn, this program helps the county by controlling unwanted animal births.

My deepest appreciation and gratitude goes to all the County Commissioners, the County Manager, Friends Board members, our dedicated staff and volunteers, donors, and event sponsors. Without their support and combined efforts, our Shelter would not have been able to continue to serve the citizens of Lumpkin County by addressing the issues associated with domestic pets in need within our community.

### **FY-2017 Accomplishments**

- Took over Animal Control from the Sheriff's Office
- Once again received Georgia Department of Agriculture Grant
- Received free food donations for animals
- Atlanta Spay/Neuter bus
- Reduced intake by 50 animals
- Gave rabies shots
- Built cage holder in wash area which helps with both staff and animal safety