



# Lumpkin County Animal Shelter

## 2020 Annual Report

2020 was a challenging year for the Animal Shelter and its staff, as it has been for us all. I believe the way we have met these challenges and replaced them with many accomplishments has shown that our team is truly ready for the future and anything we may face. We have made many beneficial changes which will continue to benefit both the citizens and animals of our great county while allowing our staff to meet these challenges safely. This year's successes have allowed us to match and often exceeded those of 2019. We applied and were awarded a \$7,000.00 Spay Neuter grant. We applied and were accepted into a pet food donation program with Atlanta Humane society which secured a food supply to the shelter at no cost. We are forming many new relationships and strengthened old ones, cut euthanasia rates again, maintained our high adoption rate, increased our rate of return to owners, and animal transfers. All these efforts allowed our shelter to maintain a strong community involvement as well as a superior reputation. As a team we will continue to pushing forward with improvements and new Ideas.

We continue to enjoy a superior working relationship with both the Sheriff's Office and the courts system, which continues to profit the county as a whole. We will continue to work as a team, streamlining the citation and code enforcement processes, insuring a consistent and fair fee structure and reporting method. These improved relationships have also earned trust and understanding for the quality of our work and investigations. We have also, over the past year, formed many new relationships with rescue groups, humane societies and area veterinarians, allowing us to continue increasing our transfer rates and decrease our euthanasia rates. In addition, we have made important changes to our county code of ordinance which has given us a greater ability to serve our citizens and ensure compliance in regards to owner responsibilities and livestock issues. We will continue building on these successes in 2021.

Below is a summary of the years' statistics and attached PDF reports.

### 2020 Numbers

1.) Intakes	958
2.) Adoptions	439
3.) Return to owner	118
4.) Transfer out	121
5.) Died on intake	1
6.) Euthanasia	281
7.) Medical Exams	1822

## Cases

8.) Bite/scratch cases	86
9.) abandonment	4
10.)City Marshal assist	5
11.)DNR assist	1
12.)Cruelty/ Neglect cases	28
13.)Department of Agriculture assist	1
14.)Enforcement	280
15.)LCSO Assist	7
16.)Animal Seizure	2
17.)Stray	106
18.)Transport Assist	13
19.)UNG PD assist	1
20.)Wildlife assist	6
21.)Information	16

Total: 556

## Case activities

22.)Animal running at large case activities	657
23.)Abandonment	9
24.)Pick up stray	94
25.)Department of Agriculture	1
26.)LCSO Assist Activities	13
27.)Food/water/shelter Investigation Activities	101
28.)Bite to person activities	148
29.)Bite to animal activities	68
30.)Information	42
31.)Public assist	16
32.)UNG assist	2
33.)City Marshal assist	6
34.)Wildlife assist	13

Total: 1,170

## Violation / Citations

35.)Abandonment	1
36.)Cruelty/neglect	2
37.)Failure to maintain control	2
38.)Failure to provide Medical	1
39.)Citations for no current rabies vaccination	25
40.)Citations for running at large	45

Total: 76

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## **Goals and Objectives for 2021**

- 1.) Continue to decrease euthanasia numbers by forming new partnerships with rescue groups, humane societies, and local veterinarians while strengthening existing relationships.
- 2.) Continue to advance the training and education of our staff.
- 3.) Complete the FEMA Animal Annex to our county's emergency Management Plan.
- 4.) Complete construction of quarantine build-on to main kennel, and roof replacement to main building and main kennel.
- 5.) Continue to develop staff's ability to uphold our core values.
- 6.) Fix drainage issues under the shelter building.