

City of Hampton
Animal Control
Administrative Guidelines

Title: Mission of Animal Control Services	Guideline Number: A-100
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Purpose:

To assist Animal Control staff to understand how our mission relates to the City's mission of:
To Make Hampton the Most Livable City in Virginia.

Policy:

A. Animal Control

To provide professional basic animal control services, 15 hours per day 365 days per year and emergency animal control services, 24 hours per day 365 days per year. These services include collecting stray animals, rescuing sick or injured animals and removing deceased animals from city streets. In addition to enforcing animal laws and ordinances: animal control addresses wildlife issues and concerns; investigates animal abuse and neglect; educates and provides information to 100% of the citizens regarding the duties and responsibilities of animal ownership and effectively resolves animal conflicts.

B. Position of Animal Control Officer

Animal Control Officer and Deputy Animal Control Officer are established under Title 3.2 of the Code of Virginia, Chapter 65 Comprehensive Animal Care § 3.2-6555, "who shall have the power to enforce this chapter, all ordinances enacted pursuant to this chapter and all laws for the protection of domestic animals".

C. Humane Treatment

The humane care and handling of all animals is the foundation of Hampton Animal Control. It is the responsibility of each officer to maintain the dignity of animals during capture, restraint, transport, housing and/or euthanasia and to use the minimal amount of force necessary without risk to personal or public safety. Every animal deserves the most humane treatment and it is the officer's responsibility to relieve the suffering of animals. Inhumane treatment, cruelty and/or abuse of animals in any form will not be tolerated.

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