

Remember...

Animal Control is here to serve and assist animals and residents in our community. We can provide advice and assistance on numerous topics so please don't hesitate to contact us. In addition, animal control can speak at school and civic functions on topics such as dog bite prevention, animal cruelty, nuisance animals and much more!

Helpful information

Johnston County Animal Services—lost and found pets as well as pet adoptions and low cost rabies vaccinations. (919) 934-8474

SNAP—Spay Neuter Assistance Program—a mobile clinic that provides low cost spay/neuter and veterinary services.

www.snap-nc.org

Animal Control

**Questions , Concerns?
Call 919-359-8702
For emergencies such as animal
bites or immediate
assistance, dial
911**

Town of Archer Lodge Animal Control



Frequently Asked Questions

**Phone: (919) 359-8702
Or
911 for emergencies**

Animal Control FAQ's

What is Animal Control

It sounds pretty straight forward, but animal control is much more than being the "dog catcher". The Town of Archer Lodge contracts with The Town of Clayton to provide basic animal control services.

Some of the duties of your animal control officer include:

- Picking up stray and/or lost animals.
- Handling calls in regard to animal cruelty and performing animal welfare checks.
- Insuring that animals are vaccinated against rabies, as required by state law.
- Educating and assisting the public with spay/neuter assistance to help curb pet overpopulation.
- Trapping and removing nuisance animals
- Educating and assisting citizens with wildlife issues.
- Speaking with school and civic groups in regard to issues like dog bite prevention.

AND SO MUCH MORE!

Rabies

State law requires that all dogs, cats and ferrets be vaccinated for rabies. Dogs must wear a collar with rabies tag at all times. Owners should make sure to keep the rabies certificate provided by your vet in a safe place. If animal control or law enforcement asks to see proof of rabies vaccination, a tag is not sufficient proof. The certificate has information about your pet as well as the date and place the vaccine was given, and the name of the veterinarian that administered the vaccine. Not only is it the law, but an animal with a tag on has a better chance of getting home if he/she gets lost! The tag number can be entered into a database, and help get your pet returned to you quickly.

Leash Law

Johnston County has a county wide leash law, as does the Town of Archer Lodge city limits. It is unlawful for an owner to permit his dog to run at large. A dog owner must keep his dog in a secure enclosure, or dog must be accompanied by a person who has the dog firmly restrained. Keeping your animal on your property shows respect to your neighbors and helps insure that your animal is supervised and safe. Roaming animals can get injured or injure others. They also can create a nuisance by defecating on other resident's property.

Feral Cats

Feral cats can be a dangerous problem and a nuisance. Not only do they cause a problem with pet overpopulation. Feral cats can spread diseases such as rabies to your pets and potentially to you! Animal Control can humanely trap and remove them.

Humane shelter and adequate care required for animals

Owners of animals must provide humane shelter from heat, cold, rain, wind and snow. . Animals must be provided food, water and shelter at all times. Shelter is defined as a doghouse with adequate room to accommodate the animal. Also, owners must provide shade either natural or artificial to allow animals protection from direct sunlight.

All animals must be given opportunity for daily exercise. Owners must also provide adequate veterinary care as needed to prevent Periodic cleaning of areas and enclosures is also required to maintain sanitation and comfort of the animals. Tethering or chaining of animals is prohibited inside the Town of Archer Lodge.

Animal Bites

State law requires that animal bites must be reported to animal control. Animals that have bitten and are not vaccinated for rabies, must be quarantined at the county animal shelter. If you or your child has been bitten, you must contact 911 to ensure the animal can be properly quarantined.

Animal Surrenders

If you wish to surrender an animal that is owned, you must do so at the Johnston County Animal Shelter. (919)934-8474