

ABANDONMENT OF ANIMALS POLICY

North Carolina General Statute 90-187.7.

Abandonment of animals; notice to owner; relief from liability for disposal; "abandoned" defined.

- (a) Any animal placed in the custody of a licensed veterinarian for treatment, boarding or other care, which shall be unclaimed by its owner or his agent for a period of more than 10 days after written notice by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner or his agent at his last known address, shall be deemed to be abandoned and may be turned over to the nearest humane society, or dog pound or disposed of as such custodian may deem proper.
- (b) The giving of notice to the owner, or the agent of the owner, of such animal by the licensed veterinarian, as provided in subsection (a) of this section, shall relieve the licensed veterinarian and any custodian to whom such animal may be given of any further liability for disposal.
- (c) For the purpose of the Article the term "abandoned" shall mean to forsake entirely, or to neglect or refuse to provide or perform the legal obligations for care and support of an animal by its owner, or his agent. Such abandonment shall constitute the relinquishment of all rights and claims by the owner to such animal.

It is the policy of this shelter that the above statute will be followed and any animal that is not removed from the shelter once it is announced the shelter is closing will be treated as abandoned.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS POLICY, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT AND AGREE TO ABIDE IT.

Signature

Witness Signature

Date _____