

**Lee County, NC to Consider New Animal Control Ordinance on 12/6/10  
Changes Needed!**

There are TWO parts to this story. Please read BOTH.

**A. RESPONSE BY AKC:**

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The Lee County Board of Commissioners will be discussing a proposed animal control ordinance at their meeting this Monday, December 6th. While much of the proposal is focused on measures to protect the public from dangerous animals and prevent the spread of rabies, there are some sections of the proposal which are problematic. We encourage local responsible dog owners to work with the commissioners to amend the measure to remove or modify the provisions that are unfair to responsible owners and breeders.

**Lee County Board of Commissioners Meeting Details:**

Date: Monday, December 6th

Time: 10:00 am

Location: 106 Hillcrest Drive

Sanford, NC 27330

Provisions of the ordinance include the following:

1. Required sterilization of a dog on a second impoundment - The AKC believes that requiring that a dog be sterilized on a second impoundment is not reasonable. The violations may occur years apart and not be indicative of an irresponsible dog owner. Even responsible owners can have an animal escape due to a mistake by a meter reader, gardener, or friend leaving a gate open. If the intent is to address those owners who habitually allow their dogs to run at-large, a designated time frame for the impoundments to occur should be specified. The AKC does support the proposed graduated fines for owners whose dogs are impounded.
2. Requirement that a dog be microchipped on a first impoundment .A special permit requirement for anyone who owns more than thirty (30) combined dogs and cats - The fee will be at least \$200, although the Lee County Board of Health will determine the exact fee. It is unclear what the requirements or process will be to obtain this special permit. AKC also believes that whenever possible, fees should be specified in the code rather than set by non-elected officials outside the legislative process.
3. Minimum size requirements for any enclosure, pen or fenced in area, although dogs are not required to be kept in enclosures. An enclosure for one dog must be 100 square feet with sides at least 6-feet high. If the enclosure is utilized for more than one dog, it must be 100 square feet plus an additional square foot for each pound of the dogs' total weight that exceeds 100 pounds. It is unclear exactly who this provision is aimed at, and what the basis is for the space formula. The AKC believes that dogs should be provided adequate area to stand up, turn around and lie down as well as time and space to exercise as is appropriate for the dog's breed. We oppose arbitrary engineering standards that are not based on respected animal husbandry practices.
4. Established standards for tethered dogs. The draft of this measure can be seen on the county website: <http://www.leecountync.gov/> and click on [Proposed Lee County Animal Services Ordinance November, 2010](#)

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**B. RESPONSE via NCVAW List Serv Participant:**

As you can see, Lee County is trying to do what's best for our animals! However, as usual, our enemies are trying to keep this from happening. All of us need to make phone calls to the Lee county commissioners listed (OR EMAIL) and educate them as to exactly "who" these people are (breeders, hunters, and anyone who chances to monetarily gain from NO LAWS).

Remind them of the devastating issue we (and people from all across the U.S.) had to help clean up several years ago with the Robert & Barbara Woodley hoarding/breeding case! This case went all through the legal system & cost literally thousands & thousands of dollars! In the end, her conviction was UPHOLD! We never want this to happen again in our state! It remains a blight on our states' reputation!

CLICK HERE: <http://www.pet-abuse.com/cases/3120/NC/US/>  
AND HERE: <http://www.pet-abuse.com/cases/4377/NC/US/>

IF THESE DON'T CONVINCEN YOU, JUST "GOOGLE" ROBERT & BARBARA WOODLEY!

Source: NCVAW (NC Voters for Animal Welfare)