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The Winchester Police Department Animal Intake Policy is guided by the Code of Virginia Title 3.2 Agriculture Animal Care and Food; Chapter 65 Comprehensive Animal Care. Winchester Animal Control Officers are trained under code section 3.2-6556 requirements. Animal Control Officers recognize the need for possible intake dictated by Chapter 65 of the Code of Virginia regarding animal neglect, cruelty, abandonment, animal bite cases, animal seizures cases, and injury. In addition to Virginia Code, Winchester Police Department Animal Control Officers are guided by internal policy General Order 2-62; Animal Control.

Any animal seized, found stray, or quarantined will be held according to Mutual Aid Agreement with our local SPCA.

Sergeant Chaz Niang