

Mecklenburg County, Virginia Animal Intake Policy

Intake of Stray Dogs

1. Call comes in to 911 Dispatch, County Office, or Animal Control Officer.
2. Animal Control Officer picks up dog.
3. Complainant signs call sheet.
4. Animal Control Officer fills out custody sheet.
5. Animal Control Officer puts dog in shelter for 12 days if it has a collar and 7 days if it does not have a collar.
6. After hold time is up, if the dog is adoptable, Animal Control tries to adopt the dog out or find a rescue shelter to take the dog.
7. After hold time is up, if the dog is not an adoptable or if the Animal Control Officer cannot find someone to adopt the dog or a rescue shelter to take the dog, the Animal Control Officer transports the dog to a veterinarian to be euthanized.

Intake of Dogs due to owner surrender

1. Call comes in to 911 Dispatch, County Office, or Animal Control Officer.
2. Animal Control Officer picks up dog.
3. Animal Control Officer fills out custody sheet.
4. Owner signs custody sheet.
5. Dog is put in shelter for 4 days.
6. After hold time is up, if the dog is adoptable, Animal Control tries to adopt the dog out or find a rescue shelter to take the dog.
7. After hold time is up, if the dog is not an adoptable or if the Animal Control Officer cannot find someone to adopt the dog or a rescue shelter to take the dog, the Animal Control Officer transports the dog to a veterinarian to be euthanized.

NOTE: Animal Control Officers do not pick up cats, stray or owner surrender, except in the case of a bite or injured cat.