

**Halifax County Animal Control**

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 Standard Operating Guidelines

Subject: Holding Periods

Effective: April 25, 2017

Division: Animal Control

Purpose:

 To establish procedures for the intake of animals at the Halifax County Animal Control Facility

Policy:

Halifax County Animal Control will maintain a Public Animal Shelter and accept the following animals and complete records in accordance with Virginia State Code 3.2-6557

1. Dog(s) and cat(s) that do or do not have a collar or any other form of identification that have been captured running at large
2. Dog(s) and cat(s) that are brought to the Halifax County Animal Control Shelter by Halifax County residents who have captured animals on their property
3. Companion animals surrendered by the owner who resides in Halifax County
4. Dog(s) and cat(s) that are required to be held for a quarantine period because of an attack on a human in Halifax County
5. Injured or sick companion animals found in Halifax County after a visit from the overseeing Veterinarian
6. Any companion animal that is seized for a court case involving animal fighting, cruelty, neglect, or abandonment
7. Dog(s) awaiting a Dangerous Dog Hearing when owners are not thought to be responsible enough to confine the dog(s)
8. Any dog(s) awaiting a vicious dog hearing