2-54 7. IMPOUNDING OF STRAY DOGS, DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE OR DOGS THAT ARE OR HAVE BEEN ABUSED

 PURPOSE: To establish procedure to maintain an animal population in the County

 that is properly cared for by means of medical care, food, and water, and is not a nuisance in the community.

A dog or cat will be taken into the ACO Shelter only if the following does not apply:

1. No animal shall be picked up from its owner if the owner is taking proper

 care of the animal.

b. No animal shall be picked up from its owner because it is no longer wanted, without prior authorization from the supervisor. The owner must bring the animal to the ACO Shelter themselves, or find a willing individual to accept ownership of the animal.

c. No animal shall be picked up when it is reasonable to assume that the animal is owned and currently on the property of its owner.

Animals may be picked up that:

1. Do not have proper identification or has proper identification and its owner cannot be located.
2. Is caught in a trap set for the purpose of catching nuisance animals.
3. Is an obvious stray animal and/or its health is in question.
4. Is an animal that has been abandoned pursuant to #3.2-6504 of State Law
5. The Animal Control Officer feels it is in need of assistance (this need must also fall within State and County Law requirements).

Upon an animal being impounded, that animal shall be taken to the designated holding area and all procedures concerning its care shall be followed.

All impounded animals shall be examined for tags, licenses, tattoos and/or microchips, all possible care shall be taken to determine the animal’s owner and to return the animal to its owner.