



Chatham County Board of Commissioners  
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## **Chatham County to Assume Responsibility for Animal Control on July 1, 2016**

SAVANNAH, GA (May 23, 2016) – On July 1, 2016, Chatham County will assume responsibility for Animal Control. Chatham County is currently interviewing candidates for a professional Animal Control Director to lead the great team already in place. The new director will have a background in not only animal control but working with volunteer groups, such as rescue and animal welfare groups.

Chatham County's strategy will be to increase adoptions through greater collaboration with the Humane Society for Greater Savannah and the many rescue groups in our area. Animal Control, through the guidance of the County, will seek out best practices as it relates to the handling of animals and improving the housing of animals at the facility. Improvements will be made to the facility to make the process better for potential adopters.

Animal Control enforcement will be more responsive to the community in a timelier manner going forward. There will also be more education opportunities for the community to help with compliance in enforcement issues.

The Chatham County Commission has funded Animal Control 100% for many years. They are seeking to improve services to the community by providing the Animal Control team with additional education and training and the tools needed to serve the people and animals of the community.

Chatham County is pleased to welcome the wonderful staff of Animal Control to Team Chatham on July 1, 2016.