



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Animal Protection Unit - Activity and Enforcement Update

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Presentation of Animal Protection Unit calls for service in the year following changes to Albemarle County ordinance related to tethering of dogs

ITEM TYPE: Regular Information Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Walker, Lantz, Carr, Walls

PRESENTER (S): Lt. Terry Walls

LEGAL REVIEW: Not Required

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: Following the 2019 General Assembly's amendment of Virginia Code § 3.2-6500 to expand the definition of "Adequate shelter" to address the protection of animals during hot and cold weather, and to expand the definition of "Adequate space" to address tethering restrictions, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors amended County Code § 4-103 to incorporate those changes.

The Board of Supervisors directed staff to return with a follow-up report after one year of implementing the changes.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Quality Government Operations: Ensure county government's capacity to provide high quality services that achieves community priorities.

DISCUSSION: This presentation provides an overview of services provided by the Animal Protection Unit with specific emphasis on inquiries from the Board of Supervisors regarding the effectiveness of the County's "tethering" ordinance.

BUDGET IMPACT: No budget impact is anticipated.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board receive this report for information.

ATTACHMENTS: None