

What type of animal(s) do you own?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
No Animals	7.4%	54
Dog	75.8%	554
Cat	48.3%	353
Small Animal (hamster, guinea pig)	4.0%	29
Horse	3.7%	27
Farm Animals	1.9%	14
Other (please specify)	6.2%	45
<i>answered question</i>		731

How many pets live at your address?

(Asked of those who said they owned pets)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
One	19.5%	132
Two	26.0%	176
Three	18.9%	128
Four - Six	22.0%	149
Seven - Ten	7.5%	51
More than Ten	5.9%	40
<i>answered question</i>		676

Are all of your pets spayed or neutered?

(Asked of those who said they owned pets)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	91.3%	617
No, because I can't afford to have them altered	2.2%	15
Not Applicable	1.2%	8
No, I think it will adversely affect the health of my pet	0.4%	3
No, I don't think it's important to spay or neuter	0.1%	1
No, I am a licensed breeder	0.0%	0
No, another reason (please specify)	4.7%	32
<i>answered question</i>		676

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Have you ever used a service of Gwinnett Animal Control or the Animal Welfare Center? Choose all that apply.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I adopted an animal	34.5%	176
I reported a nuisance animal (barking, unleashed)	16.0%	115
I turned in a stray or lost animal	18.0%	129
I am part of a rescue group that works with Animal Control	13.0%	93
I reported a dead or injured animal	14.8%	106
I reported a case of animal cruelty	13.0%	93
I reclaimed a lost pet	2.6%	19
I turned in an animal I could no longer care for	1.7%	12
I have not used the services of Gwinnett Animal Control.	32.2%	231
Other (please specify)	11.2%	80
answered question		717

Overall, are you satisfied with Gwinnett Animal Control, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied it, or dissatisfied with it?

Asked of those who said they had used the services of Gwinnett Animal Control.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely satisfied	19.4%	93
Moderately satisfied	25.4%	122
Slightly satisfied	5.7%	28
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	16.7%	80
Slightly dissatisfied	9.8%	47
Moderately dissatisfied	8.3%	40
Extremely dissatisfied	14.6%	70
answered question		480

44.8% Moderately/Extremely Satisfied, 22.9% Moderately/Extremely Dissatisfied.

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Rank in order of importance the following Animal Control services:

Answer Options	Most Important	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	Least Important	Rating Average
Investigating animal cruelty cases	277	163	93	59	26	22	13	2	2.27
Providing animals for adoption	110	137	125	88	59	60	44	32	3.56
Collecting stray animals	57	107	115	123	108	64	57	24	4.00
Controlling and preventing rabies	93	71	83	95	104	103	69	37	4.25
Educating the public about proper animal care	57	86	102	92	81	74	87	76	4.53
Investigating nuisance animal cases	29	38	48	68	113	136	145	78	5.41
Controlling the population of feral (wild) cats in the county	22	34	59	83	105	110	126	116	5.49
Removing dead animals from the roadside	10	19	30	47	59	86	114	290	6.50
<i>answered question: 655</i>									
<i>skipped question: 76</i>									

Note: A lower rating average is more important than a higher one.

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Answer Options	Strongly agree	Moderately agree	Neither agree or disagree	Moderately disagree	Strongly disagree	Rating Average
The Animal Control department should work more closely with rescue groups in order to minimize euthanizations.	518	75	44	112	6	1.34
The Animal Welfare Center should provide more special events where pets could be adopted	436	124	71	15	9	1.53
The Animal Welfare Center should reduce the euthanasia of animals	455	94	67	27	12	1.55
The county should implement a trap/neuter/release program to reduce the number of feral cats	403	134	77	20	21	1.66
I would be willing to volunteer time at the Animal Welfare Center	173	173	223	34	51	2.42
The Animal Control Department responds properly to complaints about barking dogs and other noisy animals	72	101	405	44	33	2.79
<i>answered question:655</i>						
<i>skipped question: 76</i>						

Note: A lower rating average indicates more agreement.

If you lost your pet, how would you go about locating it?

Answer Options	First Choice	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth Choice	Rating Average
Post signs or pictures in the neighborhood	286	199	97	38	14	3	1.91
Visit the Animal Control Shelter to find the pet	229	201	130	45	26	6	2.15
Use social media to attempt to locate the pet	43	105	148	139	140	62	3.65
Look on a website advertising lost pets	14	49	138	220	176	40	3.97
Call an animal rescue group for assistance	19	57	105	168	227	61	4.11
Some other way (specify below)	46	26	19	27	54	465	5.22
Other (please specify)							
answered question: 637							
skipped question: 94							

Note: A lower rating average indicates an overall average higher choice for the option.

Rank the following possible things you would do if you encountered a stray cat or dog:

Answer Options	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice	Fourth Choice	Fifth Choice
Attempt to locate the owner yourself	435	104	54	28	7
Contact an animal rescue group to pick up the animal	40	282	211	78	17
Contact Animal Control to pick up the animal	75	148	177	139	78
Leave it alone and do nothing	38	37	87	199	267
Other (please specify below)	40	57	99	184	248
Specify your 'other' option.					
answered question: 628					
skipped question: 103					

If you wanted to adopt a pet, which of the following methods would you use to search?

Answer Options	First Choice	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh Choice	Rating Average
Visit a website showing adoptable pets	254	181	109	45	22	18	8	2.19
Visit the Animal Welfare Center to look at pets	212	189	132	62	22	12	8	2.31
Use Facebook or other social media to find a pet	52	97	110	117	98	95	68	4.05
Go somewhere else to look at pets	18	74	103	129	142	123	48	4.36
Read classified ads listing adoptable pets	19	45	96	127	154	118	78	4.60
Watch a television show about adoptable pets	2	17	54	116	147	197	104	5.19
Some other way (specify below)	70	34	33	41	52	74	323	5.30
Other (please specify)								
<i>answered question:637</i>								
<i>skipped question: 94</i>								

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Answer Options	Strongly disagree	Moderately disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Moderately agree	Strongly agree	Rating Average
The county should do more to inform the public about animals available for adoption	64	28	65	128	343	1.95
Animal breeders should be registered in order to sell or give away litters of pets	98	17	35	78	400	1.94
The county should pursue an aggressive spay/neuter program in order to reduce pet overpopulation.	82	24	38	118	366	1.95
All pets should be spayed/neutered	83	51	39	112	343	2.07
I would take online classes on proper pet care	94	64	195	139	136	2.75
All companion animals should be registered with the county	123	77	171	99	158	2.85
The county spends too much money on animal control programs	360	75	134	14	45	4.10
<i>answered question: 628</i>						
<i>skipped question: 103</i>						

Indicate your interest in participating in these possible volunteer opportunities to help animals in the county:

Answer Options	Would participate	Might participate	Unsure	Not likely to participate	Would not participate	Rating Average
Informing the public about dogs and cats available for adoption at the shelter	230	197	93	57	49	2.20
Working at the shelter assisting individuals interested in adopting pets	195	200	99	70	62	2.37
Acting as a volunteer educator to inform pet owners about proper animal care	165	182	124	90	65	2.53
Working at the shelter helping with animal care	168	183	121	81	73	2.53
Participating in a trap/neuter/release program to reduce the population of feral cats	148	133	108	108	129	2.90
answered question: 626						
skipped question: 105						

Which category below includes your age?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
17 or younger	0.2%	2
18-20	0.4%	3
21-29	5.6%	34
30-39	17.2%	105
40-49	30.0%	183
50-59	28.6%	175
60 or older	17.8%	109
answered question		611
skipped question		120

How much money did your household earn in 2011?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
\$0 - \$9,999	1.4%	8
\$10,000 - \$19,999	2.7%	15
\$20,000 - \$29,999	4.0%	22
\$30,000 - \$39,999	6.4%	35
\$40,000 - \$49,999	11.1%	61
\$50,000 - \$59,999	12.5%	69
\$60,000 - \$69,999	8.7%	48
\$70,000 - \$79,999	10.3%	57
\$80,000 - \$89,999	7.8%	43
\$90,000 - \$99,999	6.4%	35
\$100,000 or More	28.7%	158
<i>answered question</i>		551
<i>skipped question</i>		180

Are you White, Black or African-American, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific islander, or some other race?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
White	95.1%	565
Black or African-American	1.2%	7
Hispanic	0.8%	5
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.2%	1
Asian	0.5%	3
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.2%	1
From multiple races	2.0%	12
<i>answered question</i>		594
<i>skipped question</i>		137

What type of home do you live in?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Apartment or townhouse	6.7%	41
High density single family home (less than 1/3 acre)	11.8%	72
Medium density single family home (1/3 to 1/2 acre)	42.5%	259
Low density single family home (1/2 to 1 acre)	28.2%	172
Agricultural area (more than 1 acre)	9.0%	55
Other	1.8%	11
<i>answered question</i>		610
<i>skipped question</i>		121

Open Ended Responses to Animal Control Survey

What type of animal(s) do you own?

2 Ferrets

2 parakeets

2 parrots

3 cockatiels

Adopted a dog on Wednesday but rescue foundation took him this morning because he had advanced heart worms.

Aquarium fosh

bearded dragon

Beta Fish

Birds

birds and snake

Chicken

Chickens

Chickens

CHICKENS

cockatiels and fish

cockatoo, lizards

donkey

Ducks

Ferret

Ferrets

Fish

fish

fish

Foster dogs also

guinea pigs, fish

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I have two dogs, and I feed a small colony of feral cats.

Lizard, Toad

lizards

Parakeet

Parakeet, Betta fish, (two dogs, as well)

Parrot

Parrot

Parrot

Parrots (4)

pig, ducks, iguana

Pond Fish

Potbellied Pig

reptiles (bearded dragon)

Reptiles, licensed DNR wildlife rehabilitator: reptiles and small mammals

snake

snake, lizard and fish

Tarantula, Beta Fish

tortoise

turtle

Turtles

Are all of your pets spayed or neutered?

1 spayed, the 2nd will be spayed in 2012

8 of the pets are exotics like 4 birds and 4 guinea pigs but the others are spayed or neutered

All are except 1 who is not spayed for medical reasons.

All but one dog have been spayed/neutered.

All but two are neutered because I may breed a litter in the next few years

Because I show my dogs in AKC shows.

Cats, yes - Parrot, no

Dogs are, pony is gelded, mares are not

haven't had the time

husband does not want to cut off dogs balls; afraid it will hurt

I dog show.

I have show dogs

I have show dogs

Just adopted a 10+ from the shelter. Wasn't required to be spayed because of age. Vet unsure if she had been.

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My dogs are show dogs and must be intact

No

NO

no

Not mares but never breed them

One of our animal's is a police K-9 and not neutered

Other: My PETS are spayed and neutered, but the feral colony of cats are not... I can't catch them!

Plan to do soon. Was unsure whether I wanted to breed my Yorkie or not.

Pure Bred

Scheduled for March 2012

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second animal. is a bird.

She is only 3 months but have appointment with vet to have her spayed in April.

show

show dog

the girls are; the boys are not due to health reasons

Two cats and 1 guinea pig are, other guinea pig, lizard, and toad aren't - cannot reproduce

we don't neuter all since we want to replace those that die

Have you ever used a service of Gwinnett Animal Control or the Animal Welfare Center? Choose all that apply.

asked for help to catch wild coyotes in my neighborhood

attacked by a roaming pit bull/my dog also

attend meetings

Big dogs off leash

Brought a stray dog in to see if it was microchipped. Did not leave the dog.

Called to report a found pet

Called when a neighbors pitbull attacked my son

Contacted them about a lost pet. Did not reclaim there.

Contacted them for status update on pets at their shelter

Dog bitten by coyote in 2007

donated to

Family has adopted before

Had badly injured cat euthenized & disposed of

Helped a friend adopt a pet

Helped/Talked others into adopting, then went with them to the shelter to assist.

I adopted 2 dogs from Atlanta Pet Rescue

I am a supporter of rescue groups

I am part of a rescue group that would like to work with Gwinnett Animal Control, but it does not seem like the shelter is very rescue friendly at the moment.

I called to get information about stray cats in neighborhood

I called when I woke up to a baby possum in my bedroom

I complained when coyotes tried to attack me and my dog

I cross post animals that are posted at this shelter.

I cross-post animals to advertise their availablity and need to be rescued

I few years ago I was bitten in the face by a neighbor's cat. He was on my front porch. Animal control collected the cat and they put him down...had to test him for rabies. I ended up in th eemergency room with massive scratches and bites on myface...all the way through my face. Doctors had to profusely irrigate the lesions with betadine and I was placed on a very powerful antibiotic. This cat was not neuterd and he did not have his shots. It was a very bad scene as I felt bad for the cat and the cat's family as well as myself....

I had them check for a microchip in a dog we found

i have inquired about dogs for adoption but have not adopted yet

I have reported a visious dog and nothing was done about it

I have reported to the police dogs not on a leash

I have volunteered in the past.

I have volunteered with their training program.

I reported a dead animal in front of my house and Animal Control refused to remove it.

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I reported a dog attack on my personal pet. The attacker dog was unvaccinated, and AC did not take any action.

I reported a dog running loose that I couldn't catch

I reported a hazardous or wandering animal

I reported two lost animals.

I sometimes walk dogs at GA SPCA on Buford Hwy

I took a feral kitten to the shelter HUGE mistake

I train the dogs and work with the volunteers

I trapped raccoons that were coming too close to my home.

I tried to adopt a cat

I used to work with a rescue group and took dogs from animal control into our rescue

I volunteer at the Animal Shelter

I volunteer@ Atl Pet Rescue & Adoption off of 14th St downtown. I adopted two of our dogs from there.

I was interviewed by Gw Animal Control after being bitten.

I was looking for a cat of mine that got out and went missing.

I was part of a rescue group that works with Animal Control

I went there to see if one of my cats had been found when she got out of the house.

I went with a friend to adopt a dog

I work animal rescue

In the past I have been a foster home for Society of Humane Friends. Nowadays, I visit the shelter on a regular, sometimes weekly basis, and I let rescue groups know of adoptable dogs that still need rescue.

Sometimes I offer the rescues financial sponsorship to pull a specific dog if they are past their hold date.

In the future, I would like to volunteer some time to the shelter.

In the past I worked with a no-kill shelter that took cats and dogs from GAC.

It has been over 10 years.

I've asked AC to check on several animals in my neighborhood who aren't being treated properly.

I've called on more than one occasion when I spotted a loose animal that could be hit by a car. Once it was a horse and also a cow.

Looked for dog to adopt

Looked on web page

my family has adopted many pets through out the years from GAC to save lives. One time we did have to have them come pick up a stray we could not locate an owner for. We hated to do it, but had several of our own. I have called animal control in the past regarding injured animals alive in the roads. Even had to call the police one night to put down a suffering deer, animal control was not available.

notification of dogs in traffic

Pulled a dog via rescue grp for adoption for a friend

rented animal cage to trap nuisance cats

reported a cat bite

Reported a dog bite

Reported a kitten trapped in a storm drain

reported a stray dog on the highway

REPORTED A VICIOUS ANIMAL

reported Chickens in zip code 30047 Lanford Estates

reported coyote sighting in my backyard

Some of my friers and I tried, But turned us down to accept our these animals, feels like discriminated. saying no room , But went in side and found many room available, still refused to take. We are also tax payers of Gwinnet

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Squirrel in Den

They kill everything that comes in, why would I call or bring an animal there
they speak at my school for career day
tried to locate owner of lost dog
used the lost and found book- with no luck. Wish it had been on internet
Visited to look at available pets
volunteer
volunteer
Volunteer there
volunteered w/ C.L.A.S.S. training program
Went with a friend to adopt a dog.
When looking for a dog to adopt

If you wanted to adopt a pet, which of the following methods would you use to search?

Adopt an unwanted pet through a rescue group
Adopt from a no-kill shelter
Adopt from rescue groups
adopt from the Jail Dog program
Adopt through a rescue group that has pulled from animal control
adoptathons
adoptions at PetSmart / Pet Superstore, etc
Allow strays to eat with my cats.
Also go to PetSmart & Petco
An animal rescue center
Animals on display with rescue groups in local areas where people frequent such as stores and festivals.
any animal shelter
Ask a friend.
Ask around
ask around via email
ask at work or church
Ask for referral places from friends, co-workers
ask friends
ask friends
Ask friends
Ask friends
ask friends
Ask friends
ask friends
ask friends
ask friends
ask friends and family
Ask friends and neighbors
ask friends and neighbors about rescue groups
Ask friends if they know anyone looking for a new home for their pets.
Ask friends if they know of animals who need a home.
Ask friends if they know of any animals that need a home

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Ask friends if they know of available pets
ASPCA/Petco Adoption Days
Atlanta Pet Rescue/GASPCA/Gwinnett Animal Control & Pet Finders
Attend Animal Rescue Fairs
attend PetFest 2012 - pet adoption vendors
Breed Rescue
Breed rescue group (i.e. Atlanta Lab Rescue)
Breed rescue groups
Breed rescue groups
Breed Rescue websites
Breed specific rescue organizations
breeder
Bring animals to Seasonal Festivals for adoption
by word of mouth
call breed specific rescue groups
call rescue group
call rescue groups for adoptable pets
call rescue places
call vets office
Check out rescue groups
Check rescues
Check wiht friends
Check with animal rescue groups
check with friends who work with rescue groups
check with GSPCA or Humane Society
Check with local rescue groups I'm familiar with
check with local rescue organizations
check with my vet
Check with my vet
check with rescue groups
Check with Rescue Groups
check with rescue groups
Check with rescue organizations using web/social media/adoption events/etc
Consult rescue group for type of animal I'm looking for
Contact a breed specific rescue organization
Contact a breed-specific rescue group
Contact a known breed-specific rescue group
contact a rescue group
contact a rescue group by phone and/or email
contact a rescue organization
contact animal rescue groups
Contact Animal Rescue Groups
contact breed rescue groups
Contact breed rescue organization
Contact friends/acquaintances who are rescuers, go to rescue groups' adoption events
Contact humane societies or rescues
CONTACT OTHER PET OWNERS IN MY AGILITY GROUP
Contact rescue group for the breed I'm looking for

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contact rescue groups
contact rescue groups via their web sites for availability
Contact various rescue groups because I already know people involved with them
conyact rescue organizations
coworkers friends
Craigslist
don't have an answer. The survey has no N/A choice.
Don't know
Don't know
don't know
don't know
Don't know--Use Welfare Center website to find my dog
Don't need to find pets - they seem to find me.
family, friends
FB
Find a reputable breeder for a healthy, socialized pet
find a stray, as they are plentiful in my neighbor. animal control does not response to calls. usually they give a call back saying they are backed up. not what i want to here as a gwinnett co tax payer
find abandoned strays
found abandoned cat
Found our dog through Petfinder.com in 2011. Facebook is also a great resource.
Friend who had a puppy or kitty
Friends
Friends
FRIENDS
Friends and community
friends or family, word-of-mouth
friends who found pets without homes
Friends with found strays
friends/family
friends/neighbors
GA SPCA
get info from a friend
get one from someone I know
Go through a rescue group
Go through the Gwinnette humane society
Go to a no kill shelter
Go to a breeder and ask aout older animals.
go to a rescue group
go to a rescue group
Go to a rescure organization
Go to a specific breeder if looking for AKC animal
Go to an adoption event.
go to local non-profit shelter
Go to other animal shelters
Go to Pet Smart
Go to Petsmart/Petco to see the rescue dogs/cats
Go to special groups such as the Humane Soc.

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go to the GEORGIA SPCA in Suwanee

Go to vets office/ Ask friends

go to weekend adoption events at Petco, Petsmart, etc

google search for resuces

Greyhound rescue

Gwinnett Co AC is NOT the "Animal Welfare Center" - no matter what the three Akc'ers on that board think.

Gwinnett jail dog program

I always help animals that come into my yard -- sometimes keep them!

I am involved in dog sports so I get pets through my acquaintances.

I post on facebook, email, or otherwise tell everyone I know what I am looking for so they can be on the lookout for a match for us.

I probably would not adopt a pet, family has lots of pets and we just get the babies and spay or neuter them

I work with rescue groups and would foster/adopt through them

I would check with a breed specific rescue group

I would go to a breeder because I want a specific thing.

If I were looking for purebred, I would be doing Google search to find breeder, but I typically don't get purebreds

inquire at local dog daycare or consult my veterinarian

it would be hard to go to animal control and see all of the animals. too heartbreaking to look in their eyes and know their fate if not chosen. would be more likely to go visit if it were a no kill shelter.

leave a message at my vet's office

local rescue shelters

Local Vet Office where strays are dropped off

Make inquiries through my cat-loving customers at work

Many rescues have weekly adoptions at petsmarts and petco stores, in Lawrenceville, and at the Forum mall in Norcross. I go look at the dogs and puppies that need homes and foster homes. Sometimes I financially donate to vet care expeses or the work of the rescue. I would like to provide foster care to more pups in the future.

Maybe talk to friends to see who they have adopted from if applicable.

n/a

n/a

N/A

Neighborhood signs

Network with people I know involved in rescue groups.

Networking/referrals from vets

no kill rescue groups

No kill shelters

No other way,

Non governmental no-kill shelters less likely to be upsetting to visit

None

none

none

none

None - Petfinder/online first, in-person at shelters next

Non-Kill Rescue Groups

not sure

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online websites
other rescue groups
Ours have been strays who adopted US
Parking lot give away's
Partial to Leftover Pets (home based shelters). Have adopted from friends who lost their homes.
people you know
pet finders
pet food store
Pet Shop
pet smart adoptions
Petco and Petsmart adoptions
PetFinder website
petfinder.com
pets have a way of finding me
petsmart and rescue groups
PetSmart or Human Society Open Adoptions
PetSmart or the other pet store on adoption days
put notices up at the hospital I work at, alot of times there are people posting animals for adoption
random internet search for rescue groups in my area
Read flyers or notices posted at my vet's office.
referral to a rescue
Rehabilitate a ferrel
Reputable rescue group
Rescue group
Rescue Group
Rescue Group
Rescue group
Rescue Group
rescue group
rescue group
Rescue group adoption event
Rescue group that I've worked with in the past
Rescue Groups
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rescue groups
Rescue groups
Rescue groups
rescue groups saving them from Georgia's Euthanasia program
Rescue Groups, Friends
Rescue or no-kill shelter
rescue organizations
rescues

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rescues

Research pets from rescue groups and no-kill shelters

road side sign

search for an adoption event to attend

Seek out a reputable rescue group.

Seek out pet from rescue group

Shelter Rescue Groups

Shelters

Shelters or rescue groups

shopping center

Take in a feral kitten

Take in a friend's pet who could no longer care for it.

Take in a stray or abandoned animal I find on my own

take in a stray that I've found

Take in friendly strays

take in stray

talk to friends and relatives

Talk to neighbors

Talk to people at work about unwanted pets for adoption.

Talk to people I know in rescue

talk to people in my heiborhood that have puppies

talk with breeders

talk with friends

Tame Feral Cats...We have 4 that we tamed.

tell friends

Tell my agility and obedience contacts that I'm looking

tell people I was looking for one

The cat and dog I have now were both adopted from Petco adoption days. I prefer them because they could tell me a little about the animal and had taken good care of the animals.

the ones I have are just strays

This option on the survey does not make sense

this type of rating is not helpful

Through relationships

unknown

Use a breeder.

Use personal contacts in Rescue or breed groups

Use rescue groups

Vet

Vet clinica

vet offices

veterinarian clinics

Vets

vets office

Viisit Gwinnett Cty website

Visit a breeder I know who health tests their dogs and breeds only occasionally.

Visit a known rescue group holding weekend adoptions outside a pet store.

Visit a local pet store

visit a petsmart on weekends

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Visit a rescue that pulls animals from Gwinnett Co.
Visit local animal rescue groups
Visit local no-kill shelters
Visit pet adoptions outside local pet stores
Visit Petco or PetSmart
Visit PetsMart and other pet stores on adoption days - that is a lot like looking at websites showing adoptable pets, though
VISIT RESCUE GROUPS
Visit rescues
visit the GA SPCA
visit vets to see signs and available animals
Volunteer Rescue and Adoption Groups at Pet Stores
Word of mouth
word of mouth
Word of mouth
word of mouth
word of mouth
Word of mouth
word of mouth
word of mouth ask around
Word of mouth through friends
Word of mouth with friends
word of mouth, referral or recommendation
Work with a rescue or shelter to adopt
Work with a rescue to adopt a pet
Work with local rescue organizations
You have pretty much covered it....maybe ask friends if they know of an animal needing a home.

If you lost your pet, how would you go about locating it?

AC would be higher on the list, but the least amount of help from my experience
Ad in Newspaper
ad in paper
alert micro chip
alert my vet since my dogs rabies tag has their phone number
all Gwinnett Animal Control, GASPCA, Golden Rescue, friends/neighbors, etc,
All of the above
All of the above are important
All of the above plus use a pet detective/tracking dogs to help locate my pet if other methods have not had any result
also immediatley go door to door w/flyers,talk to people set up a reward when I immediatley noticed her missing. then post signs & photos send out neighborhood emails
animal communicator
Ask around
Ask for help from neighbors
Ask freinds & realatives to help me look
Ask friends to help look
Ask letter carrier and neighbors
ask neighbors

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ask neighbors
ask neighbors to keep an eye out
attend PetFest 2012 - post lost pet inform/microchip clinics
be out looking for the pet
Call & fax pictures to AC & local vets
call a rescue group
Call all surrounding vets
Call Animal control
call fax vets, clinics and shelters
call home again and report it missing, check area vets
Call local vets because my dog is microchipped, to see if they had my dog.
call local vet clinics
call local veterinarians
Call local vets - our dogs are chipped
Call local vets (microchip)
call local vets to have pet posted
call microchip company
call microchip company
call my Vet. my pet is tagged.
call neighbors
Call neighbors
Call our Vet, because our dogs are micro-chipped
call police and fire dept
call the vet
call vets (my pets are microchipped)
Call vets and animal control
canvas neighborhood and locale
check newspaper ads for lost pets
check with local vets
check with local vets
Check with local vets and animal hospitals. My dog is microchipped and all his info is up to date on his three tags on his collar. If he were missing, I would not rest till I found him. I would most try to ensure he did not die scared in a shelter or injured at a vet's office as that would be the biggest horror of my life.
Check with local vets to see if someone has brought the dog in.
check with neighbors
Check with neighbors
Check with vet
chip
classified ads/Craigslist
Constantly drive around looking and investigating
contact all local vets to see if pet was brought in
contact breed rescue group
Contact Home Again - Micro Chip - to alert rescuers in my area.
Contact Home Again and then Animal Shelter
Contact HomeAgain. My dog is registered with them..
Contact local vet
contact local vets

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Contact local vets
contact local vets
contact local vets
contact my vet and Home Again for electronic chip report
contact the microchip company
Contact vets in area as our dog is chipped
Contact Villiage Defense
craigslist
Don't know
don't know
Don't know
Don't lose the pet in the first place
Door to Door
Door-to-door
Double check contact info on micro chip registration
Drive around
drive around
drive around
Drive around and look
drive around and talk to people in the area
drive around area
Drive around calling for them; enlist neighbors to help
drive around daily
Drive around looking for my animal
drive around looking for my pet
drive around my neighborhood
Drive around myself
drive around the neighborhood several different times
drive around/post on subdivision website
Drive/walk around neighborhood
Driving in the area
dunno
Email through a network of lost animals
enlist friends to help look for pet
Flyer at vet clinics
get friends and family involved
get in car and go look
Get in my car and go look for the pet
get together a group of freinds to help search
go and look / canvas neighborhood
go door-to-door in the area where the pet was lost, contact the microchip company to alert them/ask
advice
Go look for it
go looking for my pet on foot.
go out and look for the pet
Go out and search for my pets!
go to my vet to follow up on my dog's microchip
Go to vets offices

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Have pet microchipped

He is micro-chipped. Call company and vet.

Hire a pet detective.

hoa email blast

Home Again Chip

Home Again Microchip service

HomeAgain Microchip Service

Humane soc.

I would also call local vets offices to ask them to keep an eye out for the animal. I might ask them if I could post a flier in the waiting room.

I would check animal control websites first, then go in person.

I would have my pet mirco-chipped which they provide at the shelter.

I would only do 1 and 2 but it made me choose the rest

I'd also canvas the area going door to door - if my pets were lost, I'd do anything to get them back.

I'd keep going back to the shelters

I'd post on our neighborhood yahoo group e-list and close by neighborhood email group lists.

If my dogs, they have chips and I would notify the companies who manufacture the chips

Is there another way?

knock on doors

Knock on doors in my neighborhood

knock on doors in the neighborhood

knock on doors, look for myself

List on websites for lost pets

Look around the neighborhood

look for it myself

look in the neighborhood

look myself

media post with large reward

micro chip

micro chip/id tag

microchip

microchip

Microchip

microchip your pet

my animal is chipped, so whatever I could with that

My dog is microchipped. Check with akc.

My dogs are chipped and there is an email alert system

My pets are micrchipped

My pets are microchipped. I'd contact the company first

n/a

n/a

n/a

na

NA

Neighborhood conversations/awareness

neighborhood email/newsletter

Networking

Newspaper Ad

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no other way
None
none
none
none
not sure
not sure
Notify AKC rescue- my dog is microchipped.
Now it's referred to as the "Animal Control Shelter" - lol too funny
Oliver alert
Oliver alert
On foot search of the neighborhood.
organize search groups
our dogs have chips
Our pets have always had the chip
personal search
Personally ask each neighbor to help
pets have microchips, check w/Home Again & vet
Physical search
Physical search
Physically go look for it.
place ads in local newspapers
Place ads online and in local paper
Place free ad in newspaper
post an ad on a lost/found website
Post flyers at local vets' offices
post flyers at vet's offices
pray!
Put notice in paper
put notice in the HOA newsletter
recruit others to help look for it and contact local veterinarians
Ride around and call for it, ask neighbors, etc.
ride around neighborhood
ride around the neighborhood
run a classified ad about my lost pet
Scour the neighborhoods looking for it!!
search
Search all over the area myself
search for it myself
search my area, calling pet's name/ask neighbors
search neighborhood.. contact police dept. emer. personnel to bolo
search on my own
Search party
Search personally for pet at different times of day
Search the area on foot
Search the area with tracking animals.
search the neighborhood
Send email msg. out to neighbors in my community

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Set a humane trap in the area
She is microchipped so I would contact the company
Talk to friends
Talk to neighbors
talk to neighbors
Tell neighbors
The dog I adopted from Leftover Pets is microchipped to them, so I call them first.
they usually find me
this type of rating is not helpful
Tracking tagged pets
unknown
Use local email groups (we have one sponsored by a local realtor which is very effective at helping owners find their missing pets. It gets the word out fast, and they update when they are found (or, sadly, if they are hit by a car).
USE MY PETS LOCATOR CHIP/IMPLANT COMPANY
use our microchip program
use the web site for CHIP implant
Using service from microchip
using there sense of smell.
Vet offices
Visit local vet clinics with flyers and pictures
Visit local vets and post pictures/signs
Visit the county website that shows lost animals
Walk around the area last seen
Walk or drive in nearby neighborhoods calling for her.
Walk the area
walk the location where they are lost.
Walk the neighborhood and interrelate with residents
word of mouth
Would ask around the neighborhood, go door to door.
Would post an alert for the microchip & call local vets
Write on my car window/post signs at grocery store

Rank the following possible things you would do if you encountered a stray cat or dog:

Adopt it
Adopt the cat or dog
Adopted the 5 cats that were dumped on my property.
advertise found animal ad
Advertise the pet with animal control and foster it until opwner located.
Again, I don't understand this option
anything other that leave it alone
ask around
Ask friends, family and neighbors
ask people that live in the area if it is theirs
Attempt to feed, help the animal
attempt to find a new owner for the pet

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befriend it and try to find a home for it
Bring it home and try to find a home for him or her
Bring the animal home.
bring to vet to scan for microchip
call 911
Call a friend.
call a rescue group - A Pet to BE
Call Berkeley Lake Patrol
call local vets offices
call the police since your hours seem to be 8-5
Call vet
call vet from dogs rabies tag if has one
Call vets office
can't think of an other
canvas the neighborhood
Care for animal until another better option is available
care for it temp. till a new owner can be found
care for pet until home found
Cats do not get lost. Dogs - do
CHECK DOG FOR TAGS/CHIP/TATOO
Check for possible injuries, contact local vets, place ad in paper, feed
check for tag
Check local vets for missing posters
check pet finders app
check to see if it has a collar and tag
check to see if it has a tag with owner's name
check to see if it has collar or microchip
Cintact vet to check for microchip
Circulate email msg. in my immediate community
consider keeping the animal
contact friends in animal rescue community
Contact homeowners in the neighborhood
contact local vet office
Contact my vet office
Contact my Vet.
contact vet
Depending on condition, would try to rescue it and take it to my vet
depending on the animal, I would foster until the owner is located
Determine if in fact it is a stray...subjective at best
determine if it is injured/ill/dangerous which would drive rest of actions
Dogs running loose should be the responsibility of everyone.
Don't know
Don't know
don't know
don't know
Drop off at Animal Hospital
email friends
Facebook

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facebook

Facebook or other social media

feed it

feed it

feed it

Feed it to make sure its ok

Feed it.

Find a home for it

find a home for it myself

find a home for it myself.

find a new home myself

Find it a home

first approach the animal slowly and try to see if it has tags or acts aggressive, then if it acts normal and friendly I would put it in a safe place and start researching any information on tags. Give it water.

foster for as long as possible

foster it until I could find it a home

Foster it until I found a home

Foster or adopt myself, if owner cannot be located

Foster Pet until owner was located

Foster the animal

Foster the animal myself until I found a good home

get friends to help

Get help from neighbors

Get it to safety

give animal water

give it shelter and food

Hang on to, check for microchip at vet, put ad in paper in hopes of finding owner

Have the dog scanned for a microchip, if no collar

Have vet scan animal for microchip

hoa email blast

Hold onto it/advertise

Hold the pet to see if anyone post notices

House the animal while posting signs.

I currently care for 7 feral cats by providing food. They keep the rat population down in the fields behind my house.

I do not have another option to recommend

I have 'fostered' animals while looking for their owners

I use Planned Parenthood to spay & neuter strays

I would avoid Animal Control due to inevitable euthanasia if owners not found

I would call the number on the tag, or in the case that it's just a rabies tag, I would call that vet. In the case where there is no collar, I would post a picture on my neighborhood facebook page to ask neighbors for help.

I would do anything I could to keep that animal out of a kill shelter. Even not reporting in. There has to be a middle ground with dogs especially.

I would do anything to avoid sending a dog to animal control because of euthanasia, but I realize that someone may have legitimately lost a pet and come looking for it at AC

I would keep it myself before turning in to a kill shelter.

I would look on PetFinder for lost animals.

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I would never call AC unless it was no kill

I would not want an animal going to a high kill shelter. I've seen the animals come out of them, and they aren't in very good shape...in terms of nutrition and health

I would only do 1 and 2

i would try to catch it myself and take it to see if it is micro chipped

I wsh animal control picked up cats without us having to 'catch' them first ourselves! We have a number that walk our neighborhood.

I'd certainly never call animal control- I know thru rescue that sending a dog/cat to animal control is sending it to an almost certain death.

If able, bring the pet to a Veterinarian

If can catch it, would bring it home and try to locate owner/ find it a home

If friendly ses it it wanted to play

If I can do so safely, catch it and take it off the streets (dog only)

If I cannot find an owner, I will vet the animal myself and foster it until I can find a home for it through an animal rescue group. In the past, I might have called animal control, but I could not do so now in good conscience, knowing that it is a kill shelter. I feel responsible for animals that I find.

If no home I would find it one. Which I just did for a cat.

If visciious contact the police

i'm not sure what my fourth choice would be, but the VERY last thing i would do is just leave the animal.

it depends on the circumstances and the shape of the animal

It highly depends on the dog and situation - each if different. If the dog were injured I would call animal control rather than risk getting bit, injured. But in the case of a happy friendly animal who has tags, I would call the owner. If the owner declined collecting their dog - I would try a no kill rescue before animal control. The death rate at animal control here in my home of Gwinnett County is horrifying. Please stop the killing.

It would totally depend on the situation, what kind of animal, what it was doing, etc.

It's AC's JOB to pick them up - and euth them if they aren't adopted.

keep

keep and find it a new home myself

Keep it

keep it

keep it

keep it

keep it

Keep it

keep it & try to find it a home

keep it if I couldn't find the owner

Keep the animal and post signs about a found pet

Keep the animal in my backyard while I post a photo and description to Oliver Alert (distributed on Facebook) and post to neighborhood email group e-lists.

Keep the animal until owner/new home is found.

Keep the animal until the owner is found or a new owner can be found.

keep the dog

Keep until I could find it a home myself

List a picture & ad on facebook/social media pages.

list the animal as lost and keep for period of time if possible

Look for "lost pet" signs and then bring animal to Animal Control if none found

Look for I'd tag

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look for signs posted by the owner
might be dangerous
n/a
n/a
n/a
N/A
N/A
NA
Network online and through friends
Neuter or Spay, vet animal myself and foster until adopted
none
none
None
None
none
not sure
notify local Vet to see if pet recognized or chipped
offer fresh water and food
pick it up and take it home (if it would come with me)
Pick it up myself and take it home
pick up animal and try to find owner
Place a newspaper ad and post flyers
Place lost & found ads on Facebook
place signs around my neighborhood with a picture of the lost animal
Possibly adopt the animal or give to relative or friend
Post "found dog" on social media sites
post a lost and found sign in neighborhood
Post ads on facebook, Craigslist, etc., and get the word out.
Post animal on social media site.
post flyers
Post flyers around the area & at vet offices & local rescues
Post flyers contact area vets
Post flyers in the neighborhood
Post found ads in media
Post info via email/facebook
Post it on Facebook and lost and found websites
post notice
post notices
post notifications in neighborhood and local vets
post on cl or petfinder
Post on Facebook
post on fb
Post on social media, send email to neighborhood, post signs
post on social media/websites
post on the Georgia Animal Protection Society Facebook page
Post photos in my neighborhood and take it to the vet to see if it has a chip.
Post sighting to craigslist/facebook
Post sign in the neighborhood

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Post signs
post signs
post signs and ad in the paper
post signs and look for lost pet notices
Post signs around the area saying "found animal"
Post signs in area
Post signs in the neighborhood
post signs in the neighborhood
put animal in garage with food and water an put up signs
put out food and water
put out signs
Put sign up in nearby neighborhoods
put up found animal posters
Put up found lost dog/cat signs
Put up posters
Put up posters/pictures in neighbourhood and pet stores
Rescue it myself.
Rescue myself
sadly, just drive by
scan for microchip at the vet
see if tagged or ear clipped
send out an email
signs
social media
SOCIAL MEDIA
social media & local homeowners association email
social media and my vet to scan for chip
Social media with pictures of animal
some animals that are loose in rural areas are near their homes and allowed to roam, I would not do something that might put an animal's life at risk, such as bringing them to an AC that was not No Kill. Others feel the same way, which makes ACs that kill less effective at reuniting animals--
sometimes take home and find owner or rehome
take animal to vet to scan for possible chip
take care of it until the owner is found
take it home
take it home
Take it home
Take it home
take it home
Take it home if possible before calling animal control
Take it home initially
take it home until I can find it a place to go
take it in and try to find w onwer
take it in , put up flyers, then try to get it adopted
Take it in and try to find a home for it.
Take it to a local vet to see if it has a micro chip / place signs up or a newspaper ad for the found animal
Take it to a vet
Take it to a vet ot see if it is microchipped

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take it to my sister-in-law's farm
Take it to Ptree Corners Animal Clinic and scan for chip to locate owner
take it to the shelter
take it to the vet
take it to the vet & consider keeping it
Take it to vet &ck for chip
Take Pet to Vet/Shelter/Animal Control to see if it has a microchip
Take picture and use social network
Take the animal home and keep it
take the animal in
Take the animal to get scanned
take the animal to the shelter
Take the dog to a vet
Take to local vet
Take to shelter or vet to scan for microchip
take to vet and see if there is a microchip
Take to vet for Chip read and notefy Home Again.
take to vet office for boarding/check up
Take to vet to check for microchip
Take to vet to check for microchip
Take to vet to have scanned for a microchip
Take to vet to see if a microchip if no tag
Take to Vet to see if it is chipped
take to vet to see if microchipped
Take to vet to see if microchipped
take to vet to see if microchipped
Take to vet who woud agree to adopt out
Talk to neighbors
trap
trap it
Trap it and fix it
Trap it and turn it in.
trap it myself
Trap it, neuter, release
Try to bring the pet into my home while looking for the owner.
Try to catch the animal
Try to catch the animal....I've done this...then try to find the owner. 1st I try to put it in a safe environment & off the streets
try to catch the pet
Try to feed it and take it in.
Try to find it a home through my network of friends and family
Try to find it a new home if the owner weren't located.
Try to find it a new home.
try to get animal to safety
Try to get it first
try to get somebody i know to adopt-using facebook/and contacts
Try to get the animal
try to pet it

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try to re-home

try to safely catch it

try to see if there is a collar (depends if it is friendly)

Try to take care of it until find other options.

Try to take it in and adopt it out myself.

unknown

unknown

unknown

unsure if animal is unfamiliar

use social media

Use social media to get the word out so pet can be reunited with owner

Use social media to tell about the animal.

VERY dependent on situational specifics

watch for the owner. see if roaming recurs

Would contact AC AND attempt to locate owner

Would NEVER call a "kill" facility to pick up an animal

Would use Facebook to cross-post throughout neighborhood, to pet stores, rescue orgs, etc.

Do you have any other comments, feedback or recommendations about the Animal Control Department or the Animal Welfare Center?

A foster program that DOES NOT include the requirement to get a 'rescue' group involved. A non-profit fostering auxiliary group could be formed to foster out adoptable non-purebred animals to volunteers on a temporary basis while homes are found for them using various social and written media. We did this in Dekalb County many years ago and it was very successful.

All od the above are worthy causes, but I dont have sufficient spare time, to be a GOOD Volunteer

Animal shelters should not be allowed in residential neighborhoods. The barking is a nuisance for noise and odor. Also, decreases the value of homes in the neighborhood. 15 dogs in a back yard is just way too many and Gwinnett County has no guidelines. As it is right now anyone can have 100 dogs at their residence and the neighbors have no say.

As a current volunteer at the animal shelter i want to share my observations. Mary Lou Respass is an invaluable resource to this county but more importantly to the animals. She donates many many hours off the clock meeting volunteers at the shelter. She uses her own personal money for the animals,staff, and volunteers on items to create a welcoming environment. She truly cares for each animal as if it were her own. Her position is challenging because of the balancing act to keep the many facets and issues of animal control and the public's opinion of those issues addressed to everyone's satisfaction. It would be a tremendous loss to our county if she were no longer at the shelter. The animals will be the first to feel the loss but will not have a voice to express it and I suspect they will have the most to lose. Lt Respass is responsible for getting the CLASS program implemented under Cathy Bruce. This program has been very successful. The volunteers are plenty and loyal to the purpose of this program. Much of that has to do with Lt Respass's hospitality and appreciation towarda the volunteers. The adoption rate of these dogs has sky rocketed. The program has helped these dogs have a better quality of life as they await adoption as they learn socialization skills and life skills. And as long as they are in the program

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participating they are not killed. Respass is always there helping along with doing all of her other duties. She even comes on Thursday nights on her own time (she does not charge the county overtime). She will meet volunteers any day or time to open shelter if they want to come walk or work on training techniques with the dogs. I am proud to know my tax dollars help to pay her salary because she does the job of at least 4 people plus she models volunteerism. Those dogs know her and wag and greet her like nobody else in that program. They love her because she loves them. I can say this because I see her in action every week while volunteering at the shelter. I challenge Anyone who has concerns to take 2 hours every week and volunteer inside the shelter under Respass and it would not be long before my observations noted above become observations of many.

DO NOT KILL ANIMALS. DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO FIND THEM GOOD HOMES.

Don't make people feel guilty about calling to report a stray animal by telling them you will likely put the animal down!

I already volunteer with a rescue/TNR group, so I don't have a lot of time to help with the Gwinnett shelter. But I am very interested in learning more.

I believe that education about spaying and neutering is very important and social media is a very powerful tool to get pets adopted. I understand there is a need for euthanasia due to the numbers of homeless pets, but we should work to try to prevent it if possible. I wish I had time to volunteer, but I do work at an animal hospital that offers a discount spay/neuter program.

I believe that the opportunity to reduce the number of strays will continue as long as enforcement is pushed. The county should try to begin more of an agreement to house the ASPCA or other humane groups to offer spay and neuter services throughout the month. The current vaccine clinics are working and the word is getting out. I feel that animal control should have the power to enforce anyone listing a stray or other animal for adoption to have the animal spayed or neutered and microchipped.

I heard about this welfare initiative on the news one morning on the way to work and I applaud your efforts to educate the public and believe this initiative/effort is a step in the right direction for ultimately reducing the amount of problem animals. My suggestion would be to have info available in English/Spanish/Vietnamese (and/or other languages). I believe that there is a correlation between low socio-economic conditions and abuse. One suggestion would be to work with groups for people who have/breed dogs to be "cool" without having the resources to properly care for them. I read about a program where they're teaching kids/people that it's not cool to mistreat or not spay/neuter animals.

I live too far away from the shelter. I already volunteer with other organizations that offer these services.

I really like that they work with rescue groups to keep from euthanizing animals. Not sure this falls here, but I think it is a great program that dogs are getting trained by prisoners so they are better companions/pets.

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I think it is wonderful that we are looking at this situation for the sake of the animals. I would like to be involved in so many ways, just scared of getting too attached and end up with a yard full!! I could 'nt stand to know if one got put down. Put would love to be involoved in any other resources. I think Gwinnett county could hit the tops in the country for a wonderful animal control care organization. Lets do it!!

I think someone (county or otherwise) should do an education campaign to help people understand that feeding the feral cats and doing nothing else is not good for the cats or their neighbors. I would like to see a set of articles explaining these types of topics (leash laws, general good manners for cleaning up after your dog, etc.) that neighborhood homeowners associations could add to their newsletters. (a newsletter article officially from the county would have weight that an article from a neighbor doesn't) Some of my neighbors tried to get help with our local feral cats but they weren't able to get any help from the county.... not sure why there wasn't help available but it seems like helping with the cats is an appropriate service to provide. (our biggest neighborhood animal issues are the feral cats and people leaving their dog poop in neighbor's yards - also people thinking it is ok to walk with their dog half-way up their neighbor's front lawn to let them poop in the middle of the yard instead of staying between the sidewalk and the road.)

I think the shelter needs to have someone running it that is not a Police Officer. The shelter also needs someone one can be a adoption counsler to adoptive parents on what dog/cat is right for their particular family.

I think there is room for improvements and oppportunity for special events to increase financial support

I would like programs for TNR for ferals and wish the ACC had more space/less euthanization rates. I also want animals hit on roadsides not left forever like garbage (which I see constantly)

I would strongly recommend taking a good long look at your survey. You will not get any valid data from the way these topics were presented. Your very first section mixed tasks that are unique to Animal Control with tasks that are unique to Animal Welfare and asked your respondents to rank them in order of importance. Your second section asked respondents to agree or disagree with statements in such a way that it was impossible to give an accurate answer. If I strongly disagree that more needs to be done to increase the number of events at which animals are available for adoption, am I disagreeing with the practice of having animals available for adoption at events, OR am I disagreeing that more needs to be done because I feel that the Center is doing a good job at this time? Why is participating in a weekly training session working with dogs eligible for adoption not listed as one of your volunteer positions? The mental stimulation and training the dogs receive through this program provides a direct link to better, more successful adoptions.

In my 7 yrs with rescue and pulling, Gwinnett has always been seen as a well run facility. The public is very misled by the media on what is actually involved, therefore, has a negative opinion. The public does not understand/recognize, that if they were more responsible as owners, Animal Control would not be so overwhelmed across the country.

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In view of some untimely euthanizing of family pets who had been at the Shelter only a short time, I strongly feel the Animal Welfare Center should be MUCH more careful in following the proper time tables and procedures that govern handling of the unfortunate animals that are there. Additionally, the high cost of adopting an animal from the shelter prevents many adoptions. There should be some type of alternative to allow lower income but good people to adopt from the shelter - perhaps even by volunteering at the shelter for a specified number of hours.

In your first ranking of order it was very difficult as so many of those are sooo important. Stray pick up, adoptions and investigations are vital. I have pretty much volunteered at shelters. I do TNR and Gwinnett officers SUCK at compassion and education on TNR. I also think that there should be an animal tax - let the taxpayer pay for the euthanasia of unwanted animals and make them pay attention to the problem of not spaying and neutering. Also I think registering all pets is dangerous as it scares people from doing it because they are afraid of govt control. I do think every single animal needs to have a mandatory microchip with the breeder (accidental or on purpose) info so the breeder can pay for the incarceration or rescue of any of their offspring. The source is breeders (intentional or accidental) and irresponsible pet owners. They need to be brought forward as they are the source of the destruction of good animals.

It's not the county's job to care about animals. Don't take away people's money and they would take care of the problem themselves. Government bureaucrats cannot do anything right anyway.

Maybe you should try getting information in to the high schools. I know there are a lot of kids that need community service hours for the sports and other programs they are involved in.

My experience with the ACD/AWC has been a rough one. A dead dog was hit on the road. I called asking to have him removed. He was wearing a collar/tags. In the days after my call, the remains spread into the street. A sense of cruelty was left in my heart. I called again and they said they would pick it up. They never did.

no

PLEASE let's make Gwinnett a No-Kill Shelter and Sanctuary! Too many pets die because of ignorant humans!

Shadow, learn from and incorporate practices for animal rescue & rehabilitation of APRA. The coordination of medical care provided by the group with the help of local vets keeps many wonderful animals whom have been injured or neglected by no fault of their own is keeping thousands of deserving pets from being euthanized. They are a model for all rescue / animal control facilities to follow. Euthanasia should be illegal and only allowed under the most regulated of circumstances. Animal cruelty punishments should be swift & severe. Spay & neuter should be free to all so that we all become better stewards to these animals.

shelter is too far away for me to participate directly in the things listed but I have put myself in the Gwinnett Volunteer database for other options

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the county animal welfare should emphasize people's safety first.

the employee's should be more people friendly. just because you are gov, does not give you the right to be rude to the public. the rules for the shelter should be the same & not change just because you have the authority to change it. dogs in the shelter should be walked outside at least 1 time per day. you have the people from the jail & volunteers. the employee's seem to be the one's that benefit from the shelter & not the animals.

The last resort for me is to call the county for stray animals. I know they have to put down so many. Yes, I think spaying and neutering of Feral cats would help the unwanted population. I have one and luckily he was not released again. I also think education is key, people don't know how 'these animals can not survive when left alone. They just throw them out like trash. Like certain things are taught in school, this should be a subject that is covered in school. So many parents aren't teaching how to take care of animals and maybe if we learn as kids some compassion it will stay with them forever.

The training program has benefited the dogs adopted, Sunday adoption has been a real success

This survey is very poorly constructed and I will be interested to see the results and conclusions.

what is your policy on picking up strays?

When they are called they should respond, and not tell the caller to handle the problem themselves.

With increasing Hispanic and other segments of the population increasing, I wish the county would have a class instructing people on the proper and legal care for their pets. If a pet owner has been fined, class is mandatory like DUI class.

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"The county should pursue an aggressive spay/neuter program in order to reduce pet overpopulation." is not well defined. The County should encourage spay/neuter but I find the use of the word aggressive in this context frightening.

Abused animal commercials upset me and I turn them off. Puppy mills should be outlawed. No one should be personally breeding animals for profit. The government should limit the number of animals bred for pets. People should be screened to own an animal. I love dogs, but I feel I am not physically able to take care of one so I visit people that have pets.

Add more staff instead of volunteers!

Adoption process should be more thorough. Many animals would be better off euthanised than allowed to go to inappropriate homes.

AKC monitors reputable breeders. Please leave them alone. Please go after the back yard breeders, puppy mills and pet stores that sell dogs and cats. There are many dog related venues such as conformation shows, obedience and agility trials that Animal Welfare can set up an education booth for the bystanders. Can do adoption fairs at these venues.

All animals should be spayed/neutered unless owned by a licensed breeder. No exceptions!

all cats should be fixed. Too many running around. If there is a leash law that pertains to cats as well as dogs then it is not enforced at all. Also, when a person calls animal control to complain about a neighbors animal I have no problem giving my name and address BUT it should be for animal controls records and NOT given to the person who is being complained about. I recently called to complain about my neighbors animals and in the course of conversation found out that the person I was complaining about could ask who complained and animal control would tell them. This is a bad policy because people want to remain anonymous so as not to cause friction with your neighbors. I think we would have better animal control in our neighborhoods if complaints were anonymous to the person is being complained about.

All pets should be licensed by the county/state and only registered breeders should be allowed to have unneutered animals.

Already volunteer with nonprofit rescue group so no time to work w animal welfare center too. T Gwinnett task force much much needed effort. Bravo and thank you!

Also if you develop a program to get kids age 10-15 to volunteer at the shelter, would help the shelter and help kids understand what it takes to take care of pets.

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Although the Officers that come out to your home are fairly nice, The people at the Animal Control Center seem rude, lazy, unfriendly, and generally arrogant in their contact with the public. Also pickup of trapped stray cats needs to be resumed.

Am already volunteering elsewhere or would happily volunteer at Gwinnett. Gwinnett has some policies that make things difficult - not using national pet listings like Petfinder; requiring adopters to fill out paperwork & pay in person 1 day, pick up the dog the next; putting down dogs of certain "profiles" without affording rescues a chance to help them (pits, seniors, any health issues at all, owner surrenders). Being silent about which pets are adopted - the assumption is that most dogs are killed, leaving GCAS with a very negative public image. I was surprised at how small the new facility is, and that stray hold animals are held in the same area as adoptables.

An employee of mine has adopted two animals from your facility. He has been very pleased with them. Keep up the good work!

Animal Welfare Center is too far from my home in Peachtree Corners for me to consider volunteering. Instead, I work with a rescue group in my geographical area.

Animals have a right to be treated fairly, just like people.

Animals need to be better marketed for adoption, they should be given every possible opportunity to be adopted or pulled by a rescue group. It's not their fault that they're there, we are their only chance to survive. There needs to be an opportunity for better relationships with the shelter and the public and also between the shelter and rescue groups. We need this to be a no kill shelter and put emphasis on educating the public.

Arrange for low-cost spay/neuter and vaccination programs for ALL dogs and cats in County, not just those adopted from Shelter. The cost of caring for pets is considerable and a consideration in how well pets are taken care of.

As an animal rescuer, I have a strong desire to have the county do more to reduce the number of animals being euthanized. I know the county is trying to work with rescue groups, but we need to do more. Also, I would like to see pit bulls have more of a chance to be put out for adoption, because it is not fair to judge each and every one of these dogs to be a menace. I know animal control is overwhelmed at times, but work more closely with rescues and the public and maybe we can make a difference!

as i look at the animals at the shelter i notice that a large number of the dogs are the large ones, mostly pit bulls spay and neuter education must be done for those you are allowing them to reproduce and become unwanted.

At 83 years, I am unable to participate. My husband now deceased took our donated bedding, toys, etc., to the shelter but I don't drive much any more.

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Be more willing to let prospective adopters walk, handle an animal. Until a person has "hands on" with an animal they can't be sure if they want to adopt the animal. Presently staff/volunteers are reluctant to let a possible owner handle a dog or cat. "are you sure you want this dog because if not, we can't let you touch it or walk it" stated when looking for possible dog to adopt

current animal ordinance is not working, have been dealing with a barking dog over 6 months.

Do not kill healthy animals! Post them, give to rescue, transport, fill up empty cages.

Dog owners should be required to keep their dog under control (on a leash or fenced in) & owners should be cited for dogs which repetitively bark, day or night.

educate regarding leash laws--people let their dogs run around the neighborhood and antagonize my dog and me.

Education is the key for most animal related issues. Spay and neuter programs are a great idea. Unfortunately, until you get everyone educated the problem will continue to manifest itself. I think our county animal shelter is doing a great job. You have people in charge who love animals and go to great lengths to care for them and find homes for them. But you still are dealing with limited budgets and personnel and a public that does not want to recognize their part in the resolution. This shelter has come leaps and bounds in the past few years. Let some of the opponents work in the shelter a few days and see what the staff goes through as "public servants".

enforce laws about animal neglect and cruelty in a timely manner. thanks.

Expand the list of acceptable rescue groups that can help and pull animals from Gwinnett Animal Control facility

From what I've seen, you are caring people doing the best you can with what you have to work with.

Georgia should require all back yard breeders to have a breeding business license and they should also pay income tax. Some people are making \$10000 or more a year with indiscriminate breeding. Puppy mills should be outlawed. And the shelter needs to be more adoption and rescue friendly. The adoption procedure needs to be changed to facilitate more adoptions...most people do not have the option of going to AC DAILY to see if an animal is spoken for or not. I suggest having more than 1 person on an adoption list and/or online applications. The shelter used to have cards and a person puts their name and phone # on the list if there is a hold,. Some people who put holds on an animal do not respond...the second interested party should have the option of adopting before a "walk in". An online adoption application also could help "weed out" unsavory individuals who are adopting for cruel purposes. I would be willing to volunteer to help create a new adoption procedure. A trail never hurts and could be very successful. I know the AC wants to do better and the public should help. I wouldn't even mind a small tax that would go directly to animal control IF it were to cut down on euth and help the animals find good homes. My heart breaks for those who go over the rainbow bridge. Thank you.

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Get your Department out there. I have never in the 10 years I have lived in Gwinnett County ever heard of your department in any special way to bring it to the forefront of people's minds.

Great place to adopt a dog.

Gwinnett Animal Control does not work well with rescues. They should have a facebook page and more adoption events. I believe they kill animals just so the shelter is empty and clean. I understand that sometimes animals have to be put to sleep for space, but Gwinnett AC does not do enough to try to reduce the numbers. Hall County and Henry County AC's are good examples of places that really try to adopt out their animals.

Gwinnett County Animal Welfare Dept does an excellent job of trying to get dogs adopted. The staff works weekends taking dogs to events to get them shown and adopted. The facility is very clean and well run. There is always going to be some euthanasia when working with animals but the staff is very compassionate and caring. Not many other animal control facilities measure up to Gwinnett. I am glad they have the CLASS program and work with the Jail Dog program.

Gwinnett County refuses to work with rescue groups. That's a huge problem

Gwinnett kills so many animals and has one of the highest kill rates in GA.. PLEASE do something, ANYTHING it takes, to get this number down. I personally know many volunteers that are willing to help in Gwinnett, and there are step-by-step programs available on how to become a no-kill shelter. It is possible and Gwinnett could be a shining beacon example of what it means to be a compassionate shelter who cares for its animals.

Highly recommend that they let rescue groups pull dogs and cats so that they have a chance at being adopted.

How you can deal with some awful people about proper care of a pet is beyond me! You all do a job that for the most part is behind the scenes and this resident thanks the countless hours of dedication giving to the animals that our human population are to ignorant to care for! Do what you like, like what you do! Much thanks!

I love the current promotion you have going on right now through Valentine's Day. You could also offer discounts to different groups...some all of the time or you could target certain groups for certain months. Or a "reward" program for kids with good grades or something like that. The more advertising you have, the better, I think.

I already volunteer at the GASPCA shelter.

I am active with New Spirit 4 Aussie Rescue. I appreciate the cooperation the shelter gives Rescue groups. I feel the shelter manages to do a lot with the resources it has.

I am aware of what a difficult job it must be to work at A/C. I just hope that we can reduce the kill rate at GCAC. I would like to see breeders have to register---I have a neighbor who breeds mean chihuahuas

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who aren't even AKC and sells them for top dollar. This is hard to see when I know how many chis and other desirable breeds languish or die in shelters. I think GCAC needs to do a better job of getting the word out about available animals and what it takes to adopt them. They could take some lessons from the marketing approaches of some of the rescue groups, especially using social media.

I am curious as to the role of the County in addressing periodic concerns raised regarding the deer population along the Chattahoochee River and reports of Cyotes.

I am not in a position to help.

I am pleased to see that a volunteer group now regularly posts available animals at Gwinnett County AC on Facebook. I feel the more exposure these animals have, the better their chances of being adopted. Working with rescue groups also helps with adoptions.

I am thankful we have an Animal Control Dept. in Gwinnett County

I believe that if there are cages open for adoptable pets, the county should not euthanize them. I believe that animal behaviorists should be used to work with the animals to determine their adoptability. You can just put an animal in a cage and expect them to be friendly and submissive when they are most probably extremely stressed and frightened.

I believe that owners should take responsibility for their animals. The animals should not be allowed to run free, especially cats. The county should require that animals be chipped so that if they do get lost, they can be returned to their homes. Animal cruelty cases should be tried in courts and offenders should be harshly punished. I would love to volunteer but I cannot bear to see the animals in the shelter. I would like to help through contributions and/or helping with education programs.

I believe you are kind people who care about animal welfare, but my impression is that a stray or feral animal's life is in danger when it is taken to Animal Control. Many animals are simply scared but are deemed aggressive or uncontrollable when they are just scared (or were happy as ferals but now are terrified in cages). They are likely to be put down for this reason. The euthanasia rate is too high - more animals need a chance to have a happy life.

I called on the phone recently and the lady who answered could barely understand me. I had to repeat myself several times. Please make sure the person in charge of the phone can understand and speak english. I was told cats were not tested for feline leukemia prior to adoption. Why not? Do you test for rabies?

I DO AGREE WITH SPAY/NEUTER OF PETS THAT ARE NOT PEDIGREE AND THAT THE OWNERS ARE NOT WANTING GRANDKIDS. BUT I HAVE A PEDIGREE SHITZU WITH A CHAMPION SHOW/AGILITY BLOOD LINE THAT IS STUDED ONLY TO REGISTERED BREEDERS. I PAID A GREAT DEAL FOR HIM AND LOVE HIM DEARLY, HIS QUALITIES ONLY IMPROVE THE BLOOD LINE AND WOULD NOT AGREE THAT I SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO "FIX" HIM. I BELIEVE MORE ATTENTION SHOULD BE SPENT ON RESCUE/ADOPTION OF STRAYS. AS FAR AS FERAL CATS? HOW DOES THAT HELP US TO SPAY/NEUTER, RELEASE? THEY ARE STILL

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ROAMING WILD WITHOUT UPKEEP, AND DANGEROUS TO ANYONE WHO MAY ATTEMPT TO PET/PICK UP, ETC.

I do not think I would be good at being a shelter volunteer; I could not stand knowing that some would be euthanized. I would be more than happy to participate in owner education or breed specific classes, particularly for dogs that are labeled "vicious." I would also be willing to do home visits before adopting out some animals. Also, I think something needs to be done about breeders-there is too much supply and not enough demand for unwanted dogs, and breeders just complicate the problem. They should have to be licensed, and if unlicensed, heavy fines and penalties.

I do not live near enough to physically help at the shelter. I will continue to advertise animals available for adoption or rescue in hopes of finding them a forever home. I volunteer at my local shelter.

I do think we need to crack down on the Rabies transmissions here in Gwinnett. Recently, there have been numerous positives in our area. Registering animals would help with this problem, as would vaccine clinics at a reasonable cost. Feral cat population should be maintained and controlled with humane ways, such as TNR. Euthanasia is NOT an option. Gwinnett has spent very large amounts of (MY) money building a huge facility to house animals for adoption purposes. These facilities are often empty in favor of killing. THIS NEEDS TO END. I refuse to allow this to happen on MY tax dollars! An overhaul of protocol, and even staff, may be necessary. I will keep abreast of continuing changes, and will not allow anything short of success.

I donate and participate with a rescue group, but don't know that I could volunteer with a high kill shelter. You're on your own, but will lobby government to send my tax dollars to rescue orgs rather than a gov't shelter,

I don't believe that Animal Control should be under the Police department. Funding for animal welfare shouldn't be shared with funding for public safety officers. The Animal Control website should be kept up to date and I strongly believe that adoptable animals need to have more of a chance to be adopted before they are put to death by AC.

I don't think I have all the information to answer these questions the way you may have wanted them. I don't know what they Animal Control dept does. Maybe that's a problem. I have called one time about a stray dog I wanted picked up & they told me I had to capture it first before they would come out

I feel very strongly that all animals should be spayed/neutered until we find homes for all of the animals that are in shelters!

I feel that Gwinnett County Animal Control is too quick to ticket for livestock at large and they need to be more understanding that horses and cattle have the ability to break fencing and may get out before the owner realizes it and has an opportunity to make necessary repairs to the fencing. I may also be interested in training any equine the department may have that is waiting to be adopted.

I have been told that Gwinnett is very resistant about working with rescue organizations. This is ridiculous. There are too many resources to be ignored for any reason.

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I have contacted them before about a cat that was stray in my backyard who was acting funny. I thought he might have rabies and animal control seemed to "push" me towards handling the situation myself and threatened me by saying if they trapped him he would be euthanized. So I watched him and as it turned out he did not have rabies and I tamed him and had him checked for feline diseases and had him fixed and vaccinated then he came to live with me. Another time I was concerned about the dogs that live in the house behind me which were barking day and night and the AC officer told me to print out the Gwinnett County Noise Ordinance and put it in their mailbox. It seems like AC is reluctant to do their job sometimes.

I have found that Gwinnett Animal Control officers & employees show a real concern & love for animals.

I have had several occasions in which I have contacted Animal Control to report barking dogs. In one case I had to wait almost 8 months for the issue to be resolved in spite of following the County's rules to the letter in order to register my complaint. Eventually it required that I contact Mike Beaudreau to get any actions taken. Even then, the pet owner failed to appear in court once a summons was issued and I had to work with the Department of Code Enforcement to have her picked up for Failure to Appear. It is ridiculous that a resident of a county such as Gwinnett should have to be put through so much to have nuisance animal complaints dealt with. I am extremely dissatisfied with the way Animal Control operates when it comes to taking action against animal owners who do not abide by the County Codes pertaining to their animals!

I have reported dogs being neglected or tethered in their yards in the past in some questionable areas and do NOT like that in order to make that report, that the people you are reporting will have access to your name & home address. I think this should be kept anonymous. It's hard enough to move people to action as it is, without them having to run the risk of retribution as well. You can report other things anonymously in Gwinnett so not sure why animal cruelty and/or neglect should be any different.

I have sometimes not been allowed to anonymously report nuisance dogs or chained dogs. All crimes should be able to be reported anonymously.

I have witnessed dogs running loose in George Pierce Park and chasing deer. There should be an effort to educate the public of the perils of allowing dogs to chase the deer.

I hope that you are not using heart stick methods for euthanasia.

I like that fact that the Second Chance Dog program at the jail has been started. I think this is an excellent program and I hope it stays. It is a win for the inmates as well as the animals they train.

I live too far from the shelter to help on site. I would however write articles about the shelter and its programs.

i love the idea of tray neuter release i hope this becomes a reality.

I recently became a volunteer after looking at the website and having interest in a particular dog. I found the people and services at Animal Welfare to be wonderful with a positive attitude from the moment I

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stepped through the door. My volunteering has helped me work through the recent loss of my dog as well.

I strongly disagree with any laws restricting which breeds are acceptable. Specifically, not all pit bulls are aggressive. Mine are very gentle, but some cities don't allow them, which is basically racist.

I think companion dogs should be registered in order to ensure that they have current rabies shots. The fees should be higher for dogs not spayed or neutered. Fees collected could then be used to improve animal control services.

I think education is a main key in keeping the stray population down. Making affordable spay-neuter available and getting the word out about it.

I think Gwinnett Animal Control does an excellent job and commend them for putting animal safety first while still being fair to animal owners.

I think Gwinnett Animal Control should allow their officers to pick up a dog that is running loose. I have been told that citizens have to contain the dog before AC will be dispatched. That's just stupid. If They are afraid of the dog, people are not going to (And SHOULDN'T) try to catch it! Also, I once called about kitten crying in the sewer drain. And even though there was a huge storm coming and the kittens would have been swept away by the water, the response I received was "That is NOT AC's job". REALLY?? That's really sad. Really sad.

I think I would be hesitant to volunteer because I would be afraid of getting to know the animals and the find out that they were euthanized. If you are working towards turning the shelter into a "no kill" shelter, I would be much more likely to jump in and help.

I think it is very important that Gwinnett AC work with all reputable rescue organizations who would like to help alleviate the burden at the GAC shelter. This is not currently happening.

I think that dogs and cats should be licensed annually. Proof of rabies should be required to purchase the license. The annual fee could be reduced for pets that are spayed or neutered. Fees would be used for Animal Welfare and Animal Control. The license tag would help in returning lost pets to their owners because owners' information would be in their file.

I think the county needs to do more to educate the public about what happens to animals picked up by AC and share the truth about euthanization rates, hold times, etc. The shelter needs longer hours to accommodate working families, so they don't have to chose between locating their pet and keeping their job!

I understand your lack of funds and resources; I am appalled Gwinnet police do not respond to nuisance animal situations. Animal Control should not be tasked with this responsibility; however, Animal Control does not respond properly to nuisance animals, in fact there is no response at all. To some extent the archaic county laws keep you from be able to properly respond to these calls. Serious changes to the laws and the response to these calls need to be implemented.

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I volunteer at a no kill shelter at the present time. I would not want to volunteer at animal control as long as they are euthanizing pets.

I will never take an animal to any government Animal Control Department or Center.

I work full time and my health is suffering at this time. Other than that, and if I were younger I would probably volunteer in some capacity.

I would be interested in volunteering except that the shelter is over 30 minutes from my house. I currently volunteer at another rescue so I don't know that I have enough time to volunteer at 2 animal welfare groups. I might be able to help with off site adoptions that are closer to my home.

I would help if I still lived in the county. I'm from Gwinnett but no longer live there. Thank you!

I would like to see all cat owners be required to keep their cats indoors or else leashed, just as dogs must be. Instead of trap and release for feral cats, trap and euthanize.

I would like to volunteer but I am 87 years old and don't have much energy.

I would like to volunteer but the Animal Center is so far away from where I live.

I would love to help save more animals by sharing any & all information on my social media groups and with my friends/family.

I would love to volunteer but find it heartbreaking knowing that the animals are euthanized. That is why I volunteer with a german shepherd rescue who doesn't euthanize. (although I know there are no other choices at a county level).

I would not like to volunteer at the shelter because they put so many animals to sleep. I could not stand that. I would have nightmares.

If a cat is ear tipped. It is either part of a colony or been adopted by rescue group. Scan it. Furkids adopts out ex ferals who are ear tipped. TNT ferals. Have someone work with scared cats . If someone calls about lost pet, do not put on hold and make up any old answer. Intake should have a record if the animal came in spayed, neutered with collar or tags even if acting scared. I am missing a cat as well as a friend and she says she has no cooperation when she visits shelter to look at cats and the woman seems put out she has to take her to where the so called aggressive cats are being held.

If your pet dies, what should you do with the body?

I'm ashamed of Gwt. animal control. We've volunteered to do your Facebook page to get animals adopted. You lied and said it was against county policy. sheriff Conway is a county employee and it works for him. You don't even try. Your employees are rude and obnoxious to potential adopters. You spend my tax dollars against people who spend their last dime to care for their pets. Animal are abused and you do nothing to make this a felony, thus no deterrent to stop is made. Fill your shelter with people who truly love these animals and will do whatever it takes to get them homes and keep them

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safe. Instead you employ and head your department with people who hate animals so it will be easier to put them down. Leave the cocky attitude and humble yourselves. Go learn from Dekalb what animal welfare really means.

I'm concerned about animal control's policy of euthanizing cats classified as feral within 24 hrs of intake. I feel this may be against the 3 day hold ordinance and can cause many shy, scared pets to be euthanized unnecessarily.

Improve the adoption rules. Friend tried to adopt kitten from Gwinnett Shelter, but was not allowed to have several kittens with her teen daughter to see which she may bond with. Really really crazy when the objective is to find good home. She adopted later that day from private shelter where she could actually come in contact with kittens. Also the glass cages are really not friendly and don't allow and touch which would highly increase that changes of human pet bonding and adoption. Esp. the old cats. Also, all cats and kittens should be available for adoption 7 days a week and a few hours after work. I think they are only rotating or displaying a group at a time, but not sure about this.

In my dealings with the employees there they were very nice when I went there looking for my missing cat.

In my experience with animal control, they have done the best job given the resources available to them. This is a valuable service to the community.

It is probably best to humanely euthanize unwanted animals than to spend tax dollars carrying for them. The tax money should be used to help actual humans and not animals.

It would be really beneficial to the welfare of the animals in Gwinnett county if this shelter were willing to work more collaboratively with more rescue groups that are willing to help out. A rescue group should not be banned from pulling animals when they are willing to help out. I would really like to see this county put in place some spay/neuter policies and enforce them. There are way too many adoptable pets being euthanized at Gwinnett county animal control.

Just don't favor euthansia

Killing so many innocent animals is not acceptable. Why not work with rescue groups to try and find homes for them? Make it easier for these groups to access the dogs and cats! Help them!! Help these poor animals!

leash law should be enforced something needs to be done about cats being aloud to roam

Love trap/fix/release for feral cats! Would help! Working with private nonprofit rescues to care for and place animals is the best way to reduce costs and save lives.

Make sure whatever money you put into the Gwinnett County Animal Control program is worth it. Cops and firefighters are more important than animals and need to be first priority.

Maybe have a county vet or a vet student to give shots at a nominal fee at the shelter

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More focus on reuniting lost pets with owners.

more prosecution for cruelty cases

Most important: spay and neuter. Thank you for all you do for the animals and thank you for asking -

most of these ideas have alreadyt been proposed to the county

My dog was attacked by a neighbors vicious animal and required surgery. There are very few options available to insure this does not happen to my dog again or worse to a person. The neighbor still has the vicious dog.

My experiences with the animal control officers while turning in feral cats I have trapped has been 100% positive. I felt they were both professional and compassionate and that they were all a positive reflection upon our county government.

My only trepidation about Gwinnett ACD is that you do euthanize (what else CAN you do?) so I try to utilize no-kill shelters first when turning in healthy strays. When adopting, home-based sheltered pets (like Leftover Pets) show more of their natural behavior than crazy animals in cages. This is not a criticism, just my experience. Bless you for all you do.

My wife an I adopted our dog from your shelter in Lawrenceville and were delighted how clean and well kept the facility was. As someone who has a number of wild cats roaming my neighborhood in Duluth (Windsor Gate subdivision), I do wish that you either picked up cats or provided cat traps for 'rental' or use for us to catch them ourselves and turn in to you.

need county micro chipping service. barrow offers micro chipping for \$10 to anyone who walks in. Gwinnett does not last time i checked. i do rescue and need low cost chipping.

Need to be more rescue-friendly. Go the extra mile/make the extra effort to get an animal out(ex-a person coming to adopt at 3:20 being told no dogs can come out after 3:30 so it's too late). Provide more info/education to public at front window.

Need to be more severe on dogs that attack people or other animals

Need to make illegal the selling of animals at Flea Markets and other similar type venues. These people are just breeding dogs for sale and don't really care about the welfare of the animal. Their no better than puppy mills. That's one reason why there are so many Pit Bulls and small toy dogs on your website.....the people who buy them just want them for their kids...and when the kids don't take care of them, they just let them run wild. Go to the Commerce flea market on a weekend and you'll see what I mean.

Needs to make public aware of trap/neuter/release some citizens are already aware of this program and putting it in effect themselves

No.

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Not able to volunteer

Oh yep - get rid of the 3 Akc'ers - one being a registered lobbyist - that have infiltrated Gwinnett's Animal Control facility. Word is getting out about Gwinnett Co and Akc/breeders/lobbyists. Perhaps the media should be aware, too.

ok

Once I retire I would love to volunteer. Unable at this time however. Major concern was my dog was attacked by a loose pit bull and animal control never came. Then learned nothing they could do anyway except eventually give a ticket to owner. Terrified to walk my dog after that which had been a twice daily routine.

Our dog is a rescue dog (Clayton County ->Humane Society in Forsyth) so I am an advocate for rescue dog programs, although I have no experience with Gwinnett's program. I think that the adoption programs in metro Atlanta are already strong, and that any new focus for the department should be on other areas, specifically animal cruelty cases. I see too many dogs in this area who are tied out day on short chains, often in cold or otherwise dangerous weather. I would like to see more investigation and enforcement of these cases, and (of course) more active cruelty offenses.

Our government run shelters need to adopt the No Kill Philosophy, we should quit letting humans off the hook when they are so irresponsible about breeding and dumping pets. They should be fined if their dog or cat is not spayed or neutered. If they want to breed then they should have a license they must obtain and then they would be exempt from the fine. These funds would be used to pay for the policing of said policies and also for education of the laws pertaining to responsible pet care. Also to promote spay neuter programs and education on care and benefits of spay neuter. Taxpayers would most likely go along with the special tax to stop this insanity of killing healthy adoptable companion animals. Also the use of non violent prisoners to maintain shelters and train these animals so they are even more adoptable. This cuts cost for the county and adds value to the prisoners rehab and the animals rehab!

Our neighborhood has a lot of new people and most of them let their pets run loose. I would like to see the animal control people checking and patrolling the neighborhoods.

PetFest 2012 in Duluth is a great vehicle to inform the public - mini pet fest April 28 at Duluth's new dog park grand opening - Roger's Bridge. Regular PetFest 2012 Oct 7 at same location. Contact Duluth's Historic Strickland House for more details Please check out our website at www.duluthhistorical.org or contact, Judy Wilson, President Duluth Historical Society duluthhistorical@gmail.com

Pick up dangerous/aggressive unleashed animals, and aggressively punish the owner. If owner not known, eliminate the animal!

Please allow rescue groups to work with your shelter to save more animals!

Please consider doing more to promote adoptions within the shelter, through media (facebook, classes, flyers etc), and adoption events. Please consider educating the public as to spay and neuter.

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Please consider working more closely with rescues to get more pets adopted and lower the number of animals euthanized at Gwinnett County AC.

Please do more to reduce euthanasia of pets. Try to find owners and try to get pets home.

Please do whatever is necessary to make Gwinnett County Animal Control more rescue friendly. Also seem to need better breed determination techniques. Even though I love Pit Bulls, not everyone shares my feelings. So many at the shelter seem to be designated as pitties when there are clearly no pit characteristics at all. This can greatly diminish their chances at being adopted. Thank you for this survey! Hope it helps with improvements.

Please keep up the great work and keep on trying to develop Gwinnett's shelter into a NO KILL sanctuary/shelter. Tighten dog fighting and neutering laws! THANKS!

Please let no-kill rescue organizations actively help you rehome the animals. Working together we can reach the day when every adoptable animals has a loving home.

Please let these animals live! I know the conditions are not the best for an overpopulated shelter, but my two dogs were adopted from the shelter. It makes me shudder to know that they would have died in 5 days. With that said, thanks to all of you who help these precious, scared animals

PLEASE stop killing animals! Work with rescue groups!!!!

Please work with more rescue groups! We are ready, willing and able to get your dogs and cats into safe, responsible homes. Thank you!

Please work with rescue groups to help y'all handle dogs. I know it's not easy down there on the front line. Thank you for putting together this survey.

Please work with rescue groups. You have some beautiful animals and I've heard your facility is very nice and clean, which relates to healthy animals to rescue.

Pleased with the process and assistance when I adopted my pets.

Probably more than this space will hold. I think it should be separate from the police dept and be set up as a separate department with it's own budget. Never kill an animal if a rescue group or No Kill shelter is willing to save that animal. Never kill an owner surrender because of no proof of vaccination, instead make them available for adoption. Change shelter hours so it is open later on some evenings for people to adopt or reclaim their animals. Improve marketing efforts to adopt, using as many media sources as they can. Do away with the regressive application process for volunteering and make it more attractive for people to volunteer. Ensure that friendly, scared, shy, sick or injured dogs do not get wrongly executed due to flawed temperament testing. Do a better job of photographing and identifying breed for placing on web site and be more descriptive of the animal in order to attract adopters. THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX. Some of the questions in this survey require rating each answer when there were some I would not rate because I would not consider a particular answer but had to in order to continue.

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Reach out to rescue groups and the public to find homes for animals, utilize all of the cage space in the facility, give medical treatment to sick animals - not euthanize!

Require owners to spay and neuter and fine owners and use the money for preventing strays

Shelter population increases are as much a "surrender issue" as an "over breeding" issue. We need to teach people that a dog is a long term commitment not to be given up when no longer "cute" or convenient.

Shelters need to work with rescue groups better. They should have an open door policy. Isn't the goal to prevent the killing of innocent animals and find good homes for them? Need strict spay/neuter laws for irresponsible pet owners. We have to get a handle on this. The owner surrender rate and kill rates are high in the south. This tough economic time is hitting everyone hard. Shelters are all full and putting so many great animals down. Let's do the right thing.

Should allow rescue groups to pull adoptable animals

Since I visit the shelter on a regular basis, I know by sight the regular employees and some of the volunteers. They are always friendly and appear to be vested in the adoptions that happen. It would be great if adoptions could be their focus, as well as partnering with rescues that hold adoption events, or holding adoption events on site. Please help Gwinnett County Ga have spay neuter programs or laws so that we can move away from this culture of killing animals, and to a culture that is about responsible pet ownership. From those of us who care, I would like to say, Good job on the jail dog program and the training classes for some of the dogs - these are great programs and I hope they continue to grow. But still so many are dying, please lead the way to saving more lives. Your efforts in these matters can only make Gwinnett County a better place to live.

Social media and volunteers are free...why isn't the county doing more to stop being a high kill 'shelter'?

SPEND MORE MONEY WERE THE PROBLEM IS .SPAYING OR NUTERING DOGS AND CATS. COUNT THE NUMBER OF PETS INSIDE THE COUNTY VRS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WORKING TO CONTROL ITS POPULATION , TOO MANY ANIMALS TO LITTLE PEOPLE.

Spend more time and money on education. Take wild animals in need in as well for vet/shelter assistance before finding specialist care.

Strongly feel potential adoptive "parents" need to have a week with animal to make sure it will work out and if not the animal needs to be returned

Thank you for seeking public opinions. I believe the county does a good job with animal control, but there's always room for improvement ;-)

Thanks for doing this survey!

Thanks for your effort in finding solutions!

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The Animal Control Department should implement an online method of reporting nuisance animals, instances of animal cruelty and other concerns. Reports in the same neighborhood should warrant investigations.

The animal control shelter needs to be privatized. We spend too many tax dollars on it's upkeep.

The Animal Welfare Center should be a no kill shelter.

The cost of adoption is way to high. How many people would give \$200 for a dog at the shelter when you can go and get one from a breeder for the same price. To help adopt out animals, the price needs to be lower.

The county must become more rescue friendly and work harder at getting rescue groups to pull animals at the shelter as opposed to euthanasia. The shelter needs to require that all strays that are reclaimed must be spayed or neutered. The shelter needs to support and utilize social media and off site adoption events.

The County needs to have larger fines for dog owners who fail to properly leash, fence and quiet barking dogs. For example, we have people in our LakeForest Hamilton Mill neighborhood that have 2 German Shepards (guard dogs) that are not leashed nor fenced and they constantly charge dogs that are being walked on a leash. This is unacceptable and should carry a very large fine. Either an owner is responsible or they should be fined and have the animals seized.

The county really needs to do more to publicize animals for adoption. All the other shelters use facebook.

The dept closes at 4:00 during the week, which is not convenient for most people who work.

The director and almost all of the staff are incredibly good, caring people. However, the website photos and descriptions of available animals are awful; lots of room for improvement there.

The first time that we had a squirrel in our Den, we called animal control, and they removed it humanly, and for free. Most recently we called them to remove a second squirrel, and were told that they did not provide that service any more. Had we not removed the squirrel on our own, it would have cost us some \$350.00 to have a trapper do it. The loss of this valuable and cost saving county service is most disturbing to us personally.

The goal should be to eliminate euthanasia of adoptable pets and reduce as much as possible the birth of more kittens and puppies.

The people that work in this shelter lie and steal the dogs there. One day it is one story, the next day another story, the next day, the animal is missing.

The public should be made aware of how many animals are euthanized at animal control every month and every year. And our county leaders should take the pet overpopulation more seriously!

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The shelter is exceptionally clean and the website gives the animals a little exposure. The website is also good. It would help to have a little more info or notes about the animals. Rescue groups feel it's more difficult to rescue animals here. I don't know why.

There are not enough patrol officers. They do great work but are spread too thin.

There needs to be more street patrol. I see so many animals chained to trees and with no shelter and food often.

there should be a leash law for cats

They do a great job. I would like to see a "no kill" shelter and would gladly participate as a volunteer. I cannot work there now as a volunteer because of animals being euthanized.

They need to take advantage of social media.

Train your employee to be nicer and not so RUDE!!!!!!!

Trapping then releasing cats back into the wild after spay/neuter endangers the public and makes the county liable for whatever the cats does after release.

Unfortunately I am disabled and could not do any of the above even though I would like to.

Value our animals enough to make finding them homes and education a priority. There is no excuse to be killing innocent lives. Other cities have no kill shelters. We should be setting an example.

Very excited about this new Task Force!

We have many stray animals, mostly dogs in our neighborhood. When we do call Animal Control we have very few success stories. Our neighborhood also has about 50 chickens roaming around. We just need help and the county is not providing us with any. We have reported 2 pit bulls roaming for a month now. One was captured after it attacked another pet in the neighborhood when police got involved. Please HELP..... Also, material and information need to be in Spanish to communicate with neighbors.

We need a leash law for cats.

We need an ordinance in Gwinnett County limiting the number of animals per property regardless of whether the property owner is rescuing animals or not. Fifteen dogs in one back yard is too many!

we should look at laws the northern states have regarding animals. they have much less problems with unwanted animals.

When I have had to call Animal Control it feels like they are pitting one neighbor against the other and causing a neighborhood feud and then problem just gets bigger. We have exhausted "speaking with the offending owners" before calling Animal Control and that is the last resort because we know that nothing will be done and now we have a feud on our hands as well.

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While animals are your primary concern and understandably so, one of the top priorities need to be the negative effect of animals on society by uninformed or recalcitrant animal owners thus helping keep animals safe and healthy in the long run.

Why are stray animals, who come in without records, given 5 days to find homes...yet owner surrenders without vet records are not given the same chance? Why aren't there STRONG relationships built with quality rescues outside of the state of GA, who then could come on a set day, once per week or once per month, or whatever to pick up a certain amount of animals to transport up North (once they are deemed safe obviously)? Why are more efforts not spent focusing on adoption events, which bring IN revenue...vs euthanasia spends money both in procedure and disposal, not to mention feeding dog beforehand, vs if it is out the door adopted. Why are the urgent dogs not posted for FREE in local newspapers daily? Why is Facebook not updated Daily with a dedicated marketing team?

wish gwinnett had a "leash" law for cats as well as dogs. They kill songbirds. Would support more money for no kill shelter and would help.

Work with rescue groups to pull adoptable animals from the system.

Years ago went to event at Petco to adopt from "rescue" group. They didn't seem interested in actually having pets placed. Got my first two dogs 15 years ago from Atlanta Humane Society. Got my most recent dog from the Gwinnett Animal Shelter. Will adopt from Animal Shelters in the future, but did not like the unwillingness to help or educate demonstrated by the rescue groups.

Yes - I have a neighbor I have reported several times who keeps 5 aggressive breed dogs on chains in his yard. He lost a pack a couple years ago from this type of abuse, and now has even more. Why doesn't animal control follow up on these calls to make sure he does the right thing? He NEVER does. I can't keep being the "bad guy" because I have to live next door to him, but it's awful. (Hint: Arden Oaks Place!) He works with them some on leashes, but they are never off leash or free. And if they were, they'd probably tear up my picket fence and come through and attack my little dogs or the feral cats I keep from starving to death. PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT HIM! (Arden Oaks Place! Robert Cruz!) PLEASE! He needs dog runs! A real fence! And NO CHAINS! PLEASE Save his dogs from the life they are living on a chain! PLEASE!

YOu guys need to NOT limit reputable rescues from adopting out the dogs/cats you have. There is absolutely no excuse for this (and no, I am NOT affiliated with any banned rescues, but the rescue world is a real grapevine and I find it deplorable, despicable, disgusting and wrong that you would ban one group from saving lives due to your policies and politics). You put down WAY too many animals without proper exposure- SHAME SHAME SHAME SHAME SHAME on you.

You should utilize the assistance of animal rescue groups as much as possible to minimize the number of pets that have to be euthanized.

You should work more closely with Local Rescue Groups willing to take these unwanted animals rather than euthanize them. There also needs to be better spay/neuter regulations.

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I have a feral cat problem and I've tried getting help. I took 1 of the kittens to the shelter and that was the biggest mistake in my life. I left a bloody mess. Neither the employee nor the director cared. I have a feral female that keeps having kittens. I would gladly get her and the kittens spayed/neutered but I can't afford the cost. I'm willing to pay something but I can't afford the entire cost of the rabies, distemper and everything else vets want to charge. I'm tired of seeing dead kittens lying in the road or starving to death. I try to take care of them as best I can but the county needs to do more to help. After the experience I had at the shelter I'm unlikely to volunteer or do anything there. People want to help and adopt but the charges are extreme. I would have adopted a cat a long time ago but the cost prohibits me from doing so.

I have witnessed issues with the feral cat population and would strongly urge the county to pursue some inexpensive options. I have a friend that is willing to capture the feral neighborhood cats to have them spayed/neutered but can't afford to have it done. He is a student. Also as GGC comes along we probably need to make students living in apts. aware of the long term commitment of pets - Athens has lots of issues with abandoned pets - wouldn't hurt to get the college kids up to a certain level of understanding on what a pet truly entails. I could not work at the shelter because I'm too tenderhearted and would want to take them all home. I admire those that have the strength to do so.

I love animals but if I volunteered at the shelter, I would bring too many of them home with me.

Somehow work on connecting the volunteer opportunities with the new Volunteer Gwinnett program or with local education programs - ie: both Gwinnett Tech AND PCOM have vet tech programs, find ways to collaborate.

Time to privatize

Wish I could volunteer, still have property but no longer reside there. As a tax payer, still engaged with issues on the City, County and State level.

Adopt more, train the staff on animal behavior so they don't label incorrectly. Hire more compassionate ACO.

adoption fees have to be affordable. if a person wants an animal and a breeder is cheaper they will go there. in this economy some people who need to make money breed animals for that purpose.

Better sanitation is needed to reduce the spread of infectious disease among the adoptable animals at the shelter. I lost an animal that I adopted from Gwinnett County Animal shelter to distemper. When I placed a call to let them know, I was forwarded to speak with Wayne Hill, He was a complete ass. The shelter should start with proper training and strict firing of those who cross contaminate pens with those of known sick animals. My experience has led me away from the shelter. I do not trust that they care for the animals properly.

Gwinnett County is the second largest county in the State of Georgia. Gwinnett County Animal Control has no TNR program and euthanizes most ferals who come into the facility. Gwinnett County Animal Control has failed to implement an official facebook page for the animals who desperately need

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adoption. The euthanasia rate for cats at Gwinnett County Animal Control is 80%. The dogs live on concrete floors with only a rubber mat. There are blankets at Gwinnett County Animal Control, but they don't allow the animals to have them.

I already work to help move animals through a network that works with this shelter and am also a feral kitten foster/socializer in CO.

I am not a resident of your state, so can't comment on certain questions. I tried to rescue a cat the shelter killed it after not answering several Emails on its available date.

I feel the shelter should be privatized, or at least removed from the control of the GCPD.

I had to go up to GCAC twice from Buckhead before I could bring my dog home I adopted from GCAC. There was no Vet on staff who could okay him to leave the shelter. The Vet was only on staff half a day. It took two mornings of driving up to GCAC from Buckhead before I could bring my dog home. I put 200 miles on my car doing this. You should be able to bring your dog home the day you adopt him.

I looked into volunteering at the shelter, but the application process was so long and involved that I decided not to. I know it's under the police department, but there should be an easier application for shelter work.

I think the new facility is great. I wish more education was done in the community at large and that it was required to have animals fixed in our county unless someone has a breeding permit. This would save so many lives!!!! I am glad the staff is more friendly to people visiting. The thing I notice the most is that people who find stray animals and won't turn them into AC don't allow owners to find them. The process for people who find strays and for people looking for lost pets I think needs to be improved. Also having a facebook page would help the shelter and a volunteer based website like athenspets.net would also generate adoptions. I am glad officer Hughes is on staff. I think she alone helps save so many lives by networking. Check out Georgia Center for Humane Education. Maybe they would be able to partner with GAC to educate the public.

I think the philosophy of this shelter needs to change and that pets should be given more of an opportunity for adoption. Part of this is developing a mission statement that benefits the animals and forming a true partnership with volunteers that are trying to save lives. It is a real shame that intake officers do not properly identify animal breeds and as a result a pet is labeled, Thus, affecting their chances for adoption. In addition, it is not reasonable that all owner surrenders are immediately euthanized and not given a chance for adoption. Additionally, it is incredibly unfair that some animals are killed immediately once hold time is up and do not have exposure for adoption any date past their hold. I believe that there should be a state registry of animals that are surrendered by owners. This registry would be a record of owners that surrender and therefore they would be ineligible from ever adopting a pet from any shelter in the state of GA because they have proven to be irresponsible pet owners. It is absolutely ridiculous that pets are euthanized when there are available runs. Although pods fill for particular sized dogs, Animals should be afforded temporary boarding in runs that may be larger than they require until one of their size opens up. The Valentine's adoption program was very successful

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and more of its kind should be made available. This is a large county and more advertising and exposure needs to be given to these pets. Creating a foster network would be a very effective tool in this county and would decrease kill rates. Instead of being a government facility that has little exposure, it should be a welcoming place and serve the community and the animals. This shelter euthanized nearly 5,000 animals in 2011, and this is not acceptable. Major changes need to happen NOW !o start saving lives..

I tried to adopt a dog from your agency about 5 years ago an had a horrible experience. This last week, I adopted a pup and had a wonderful experience with everyone I encountered! I love the new facility, new programs, new attitude! I wish all of the pups could be safe from euthanasia.... I would love to see more blankets and toys in their kennels. Love the jail program too!

I understand the shelters are full, but as I understand it, Gwinnett has VERY high kill shelters. They should be changed to NO-Kill shelters instead by using programs such as the adoption program Operation Second Chance between the Society of Humane Friends and the Gwinnett County Jail. I think it is a fabulous idea! Not only does it provide companionship and teach responsibility and discipline to the inmates, but it also trains and rehabilitates the dogs so they can be adopted! There should be more programs such as these and more opportunities to volunteer.

I understand this is a high kill shelter and the dogs don't get any exercise. There are many very low kill shelters that do give the dogs daily exercise that you could benchmark to get to the point where you are euthanizing only seriously ill or injured pets.

My experiences with GCAC have been terrific. The facility is the Hilton compared to most and the staff are compassionate and professional.

My experiences with the Gwinnett County Animal Shelter was frustrating...I feel they are too quick to euthanize without asking rescues for assistance on "unadoptable" animals. Many rescues are happy to take sick, old or injured animals. The shelter is also too restrictive in allowing rescues to come in and pull animals...this only hurts the animals. Many rescuers have told me they don't even "bother" with the Gwinnett shelter at this point because they are too difficult to work with. They need to be more rescue friendly.

Needs to provide information about wildlife too--injured and orphaned wild animals, etc.

Officers should be educated about OCOG. I was stopped for having a dog in my P/U and informed it was illegal. The dog was short chained so only the head could reach the side rail. TOTALLY legal!

PLEASE utilize outside support! I hope I am contacted to HELP these animals. This is the FIRST time I have seen a reamrk about PEOPLE WHO BREED TO SELL SHOULD REGISTER. Treat the CAUSE...not the symptom! Thank-you for sending me this survey.

Stop euthanizing so many dogs. Pass the word on and advertise them more. Also have nicer employees that are willing to help animals as well as get them adopted. Someone completely different than officer Hughes,who does not seem to care .

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The animals at the shelter need more exposure!! Petfinder, more postings on Facebook, adoption days outside of the shelter, etc. Too many animals are killed!!

The reason that I answered unsure on volunteering, is because I love animals and I would be prone to wanting to keep some of them. Time is my other factor.

The rescue coordinator for a/c needs to interact with ALL rescue groups equally and not have favorites. Many rescues will not pull from Gwinnett because they feel unwelcome from her.

There seems to be a lot of dead animals allowed to decay in the road until there is nothing left to pick up.

they need to concentrate more on adopting out pets. There are just too many animals unnecessarily killed in our county

Way too many animals are euthanized by Gwinnett County. It's heartbreaking.

We are grateful that last year Animal Control allowed some of us local trainers to come help work with the dogs to provide them with more walking and mental stimulation to help them become more adoptable.

WE KILL too many animals everyday. There has to be a better way !!!

Why are excellent, reputable rescue groups in Atlanta area banned from Gwinnett Animal Control, but are allowed to pull at all other local animal controls? RED FLAG

Work with rescue and quit killing thousands.