

FLUVANNA SPCA

Supporting Pawsitive Pet Partnership Since 1989



Provision of Pound Services

for the County of Fluvanna
by the Fluvanna SPCA

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Mission Statement

Fluvanna SPCA

Founded in 1987 and incorporated in 1989, the Fluvanna SPCA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to rescue homeless pets from neglect, abuse, and abandonment and to place them in good, loving homes.

Pound Services¹

- Shelter stray animals for a holding period of 5-10 days (pounds typically hold animals for 6-11 days since it is not practical to track exact hour of admission for each animal)
- Provide adequate food and water; adequate space based on species, sex, age, and size; and adequate exercise
- Provide shelter that is adequately sanitized and maintained according to State Vet regulations
- Provide proper care, transportation, and medical treatment to prevent suffering and disease transmission

¹ §3.2-6546 of the Code of Virginia

Pound Services - continued

- Shelter animals on court-ordered hold, for periods sometimes exceeding 30 days; participate in assessing the condition of abused or neglected animals and in providing evidence and testimony in court cases
- Make reasonable efforts to identify stray animals and to locate their owners
- Provide reasonable hours open to the public during weekdays and weekends
- Maintain written records on animals received and cared for at the FSPCA shelter
- Adopt to new owners any unclaimed animals, as appropriate

Estimated Costs to Provide Pound Services

According to the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) in 2001:

“The average cost of a local government providing animal care and control services [10 years ago was] approximately

\$4 to \$7 per capita

with the costs of sheltering services estimated to be around two-thirds² of the total cost.”

² Two-thirds of \$4 to \$7 = **\$2.68 to \$4.69 per capita**

FSPCA Compensation History

Only in the past 2 years has the FSPCA's compensation for pound services from the County reached the lower level of the cost range as estimated by the ICMA.³ Previous pound contracts have been based on inaccurate estimates of future costs and have required the FSPCA to use non-profit monies to subsidize actual pound costs.

Note that euthanasia rate does not correlate with funding.

Calendar Year	Total Animal Intakes	\$ from County	Euthanasia Rate	\$ per Animal	\$ per Capita
2010	807	\$77,934	8.5%	\$96.57	\$3.03
2009	852	\$73,800	19.2%	\$86.62	\$2.87
2008	1,066	\$60,000	22.7%	\$56.29	\$2.35
2007	1,031	\$48,000	14.5%	\$46.56	\$1.90
2006	970	\$48,000	18.4%	\$49.48	\$1.94
2005	779	\$36,000	7.6%	\$46.21	\$1.47
2004	851	\$24,000	4.9%	\$28.20	\$1.02

³ The Fluvanna SPCA has been providing pound services to the County since at least 1999.

Shelter Compensation Comparison - 2010

The FSPCA receives less funding for pound services per capita than several other nearby localities.

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Locality	Total Animal Intakes	\$\$ from Locality	% of Budget From Locality	Euthanasia Rate	\$ per Animal	\$ per Capita
Madison	628	⁴ \$146,687	100%	44%	\$233.58	\$11.02
Orange	1,803	\$310,612	79%	19%	\$172.28	\$9.28
Culpeper	⁵ 1,433	⁴ \$334,596	100%	14%	\$233.49	\$7.17
Louisa	1,804	\$237,564	100%	50%	\$131.69	\$7.17
Cville/Alb	-----	-----	-----	8.3%	-----	⁵ \$5.00
Buckingham	754	⁴ \$72,891	100%	92%	\$96.67	\$4.25
Fluvanna	807	\$77,934	38%	8.5%	\$96.57	\$3.03

⁴ \$82,230.50 subtracted from Madison budget, \$221,530 subtracted from Culpeper budget, and \$35,187 subtracted from Buckingham budget to account for enforcement costs since ACO and pound services are combined

⁵ Culpeper animal counts from 2009; Cville/Alb per capita rate from 2011

Proposed Compensation – 2011-2012

Many years of underfunded pound services and increasingly stringent State Vet regulations have left the FSPCA in a position where there are several facility deficiencies that have been repeatedly cited by the State Vet. Our request for \$25,000 in capital compensation during the 2011-2012 year would cover the immediate repairs needed to avoid \$1,000 per day in fines from the State Vet. The State Vet’s office has informed us that it intends to impose fines if these deficiencies are not remediated.

The FSPCA has not requested an increase to the monthly fee of \$6,600 during the 2011-2012 year.

2011-2012 Compensation Calculation	Approx. Monthly Amount	Approx. Annual Amount
Monthly fee at the current amount of \$6,600 • plus court-ordered hold boarding • plus capital compensation (\$25,000)	\$6,600.00 +board/capital	\$104,200 +board

Contract Year	Annual Animal Intakes (5-yr-avg)	\$ from County	\$ per Animal	\$ per Capita
2011-2012	945	\$104,200	\$110.26	\$4.06

Proposed Compensation – 2012-2013

The FSPCA has requested that the monthly fee be increased to \$8,563.67 during the second contract year and the capital compensation amount reduced to \$15,000. The monthly fee will now include compensation for court-ordered hold boarding expenses.

2012-2013 Compensation Calculation	Approx. Monthly Amount	Approx. Annual Amount
Monthly fee of \$8,563.67 • plus capital compensation (\$15,000)	\$8,563.67 +capital	\$117,764

Contract Year	Annual Animal Intakes (5-yr-avg)	\$ from County	\$ per Animal	\$ per Capita
2012-2013	945	\$117,764	\$124.62	\$4.58

Proposed Compensation – 2013-2014

The FSPCA has requested that the monthly fee be increased to \$10,704.58 during the third contract year. The monthly fee will now include compensation for court-ordered hold boarding and capital expenses to meet State Vet regulations.

2013-2014 Compensation Calculation	Monthly Amount	Annual Amount
Monthly fee of \$10,704.58	\$10,704.58	\$128,455

Contract Year	Annual Animal Intakes (5-yr-avg)	\$ from County	\$ per Animal	\$ per Capita
2013-2014	945	\$128,455	\$135.93	\$5.00

Closing

- The FSPCA is not asking for the County to fund a no-kill mission.
- The FSPCA is not asking for a 44% “raise” but rather an adjustment that aligns our compensation with a level closer to actual costs for providing pound services—a level still well below many other Virginia localities.
- The FSPCA wishes to provide Fluvanna with affordable, quality pound services to meet the County’s legal obligations and the public’s expectation for a humane animal shelter.