



CARA STRAY HANDOUT

CARA does not directly admit stray pets into its center for the following reasons:

1. Guardians who have lost their pets need a central location to find them, and that is their local municipal agency (animal control).
2. Under state law, stray animals must be held for a mandatory stray period in order to provide guardians adequate time to locate their lost pets. As a no-kill humane society, CARA must fully utilize all available shelter space to save as many lives as possible. This is best achieved by allowing animal control agencies to perform the function of impounding stray pets as is required of them by law.

If you find a stray animal, you have the following options:

1. Take the pet to animal control in the county or city where you found him. The majority of pet guardians will first contact animal control when looking for a lost pet.
2. Care for the pet at your home while you look for the owner yourself. If you take this route, be sure to:
 - a. Call the local animal control in the area where you found the pet and any neighboring animal controls if you are near another county/city. Let animal control know the description of the animal, the date and location where he was found and if he is wearing a collar or has any unusual markings that might make it easier to reunite him with the owner.
 - b. Have the animal scanned for a registered microchip by the animal control agency. If the pet is chipped, contact the microchip company and provide the chip number so that the company can trace the chip back to the pet's guardian.
 - c. Post flyers in the neighborhood and in very public locations. Place an ad in the paper and check other posted ads for lost pets who might match the description.
3. If you choose option 2 above, and the pet is not reclaimed by his guardian during the requisite stray period and you decide not to keep the pet, then you may contact our Admissions Department to help with finding him a new home. Our team can provide you with all the tools you'll need to successfully re-home the pet yourself so that he never has to enter a shelter. If you are unsuccessful in your re-homing efforts, you may make an appointment with our Admissions Department to assess whether we can admit the pet into our care for eventual adoption placement. Thank you for helping this animal in need!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Lee County Animal Control:	919-776-7446
Lee County Sherrifs Department:	919-718-4560
Harnett County Animal Control:	910-814-3926
Cumberland County Animal Control:	910-321-6852
Chatham County Animal Control:	919-542-7203