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## **County Animal Services Department Receives Grant for Pet Vaccines**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – Cumberland County Animal Services has received a \$33,720 grant from [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com) and The Animal Rescue Site to fund a kennel cough vaccine program.

The grant will allow Animal Services to vaccinate approximately 13,488 dogs in a one-year period.

“Animal Services is thrilled to receive this grant during these tough economic times. It will allow us to provide an in-house service that otherwise we would not be able to do,” said Scottie Harris, Animal Services Director.

“The hard work and dedication that went into researching and completing the application process was a diligent effort put forth by not only the Animal Services division, but also members of the Animal Services board. The Cumberland County Information Services Department assisted with the development of a new tracking program as part of the grant eligibility requirements.”

In notifying Animal Services about its grant, Liz Neuschatz, executive director of Petfinder.com Foundation, wrote: “Our belief is that by reducing the outbreak of *Bordetella bronchiseptica* (kennel cough) in animal shelters, we can reduce the number of homeless dogs euthanized for health reasons. We know that kennel cough is a treatable illness and protecting the dogs at intake can decrease the chances of it spreading through your facility.”

The Petfinder.com Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to ending euthanasia of adoptable pets. The grant is made possible because of The Animal Rescue Site and GreaterGood.org’s Gifts That Give More program. GreaterGood.org is an independent charitable organization devoted to addressing the health and well-being of people, animals and the planet.

For more information, visit the Animal Services Department section of the county’s Web site, [www.co.cumberland.nc.us](http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us), or call 321-6852.

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