## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## Animal Control Qualifies for State Licensing

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County's Animal Control Shelter has met all of the stringent qualifications required to be licensed by the State of North Carolina. The license was received today.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture mandated late last year that all animal shelters be licensed for operation under the auspices of the state.

Dr. John Lauby, the veterinarian affiliated with the Cumberland County Animal Control department, conducted inspections of all aspects of the shelter, including the sanitary condition of the facility, the functionality of the building, everything having an effect on the welfare of the animals.

The inspection was conducted on October 31, 2006. Animal control officials were informed immediately that the facility had passed the inspection and that licensing would be imminent.

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