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# ADOPTED

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON ANIMAL CONTROL

Many localities are either serviced by private, non-profit animal shelters or are transferring responsibility for their pounds to such groups. Unlike government-run shelters, non-profit shelters are often no-kill shelters and often have higher adoption rates than government-run shelters.

Virginia Animal Law 3.1-796.96 mandates that the governing body of each County shall maintain – or cause to be maintained – a pound in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

### RESOLVED

Given the pressing need to find taxpayer savings, and the success non-profits have long had in operating animal shelters, the Board of Supervisors should consider exploring a bid for private operation of the county animal shelter and/or licensing, or privatize them completely, as is allowed by Virginia law, with advice from the Animal Advisory Board on how to implement this.

- 1) Code of Virginia, relating to pounds (<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+3.1-796.96>)
- 2) A listing of just a few of the animal shelters in Virginia. Most of them are private non-profits, virtually all of which are no-kill shelters. Loudoun County's government-run shelter is a kill shelter. (<http://www.petfinder.com/pet.cgi?action=4>)
- 3) Several examples of just some of the private, non-profit shelters locally.
  - Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (<http://www.alexandriaanimals.org/~awla/main.cfm>)
  - SPCA of Northern Virginia (<http://www.spcanova.org/>)
  - Animal Welfare League of Arlington (<http://www.awla.org>)
  - The Feline Foundation of Greater Washington, Inc (<http://www.ffgw.org/>)
- 4) Information on Pet Data, Inc. One of several companies capable of handling animal licensing, more than 20 major cities, including Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, Kansas City and Sacramento, rely on Pet Data, Inc. for animal licensing services (<http://www.petdata.com/>)