



ANIMAL PROTECTION

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Presentation to the
Board of Supervisors
November 7, 2018

Principal Functions

- Responds to all calls for service related to domestic animals 365 days per year.
- Enforce all animal welfare ordinances of Goochland County and the State of Virginia.
- Prevent the spread of rabies to humans and domestic animals.



Principal Functions

- Maintain the Goochland Animal Shelter.
- Reunite lost animals with their owner(s).
- Find permanent homes for adoptable animals.

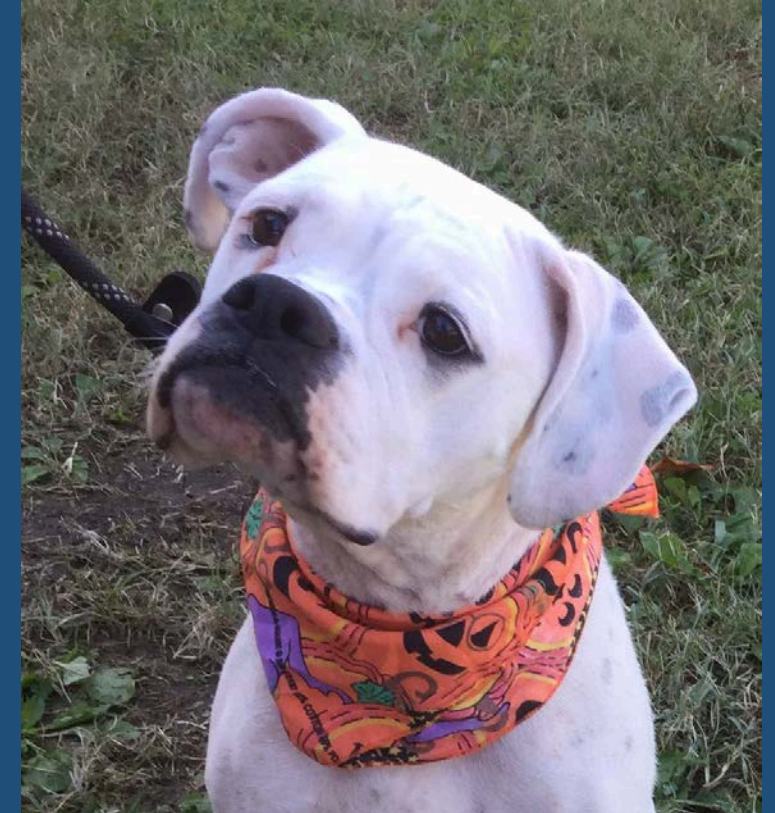


Animal Protection Goals & Objectives

- Continue to provide Public Safety services while striving to reduce response times.
- Continue to find forever homes for all adoptable animals entering the Animal Shelter.
- Continue to reduce the number of rabies incidents in domestic animals through education, law enforcement, and providing periodic low cost rabies clinics.
- New Animal Shelter & Adoption Center: Becoming operational in new facility Spring 2019.

Calls for Service

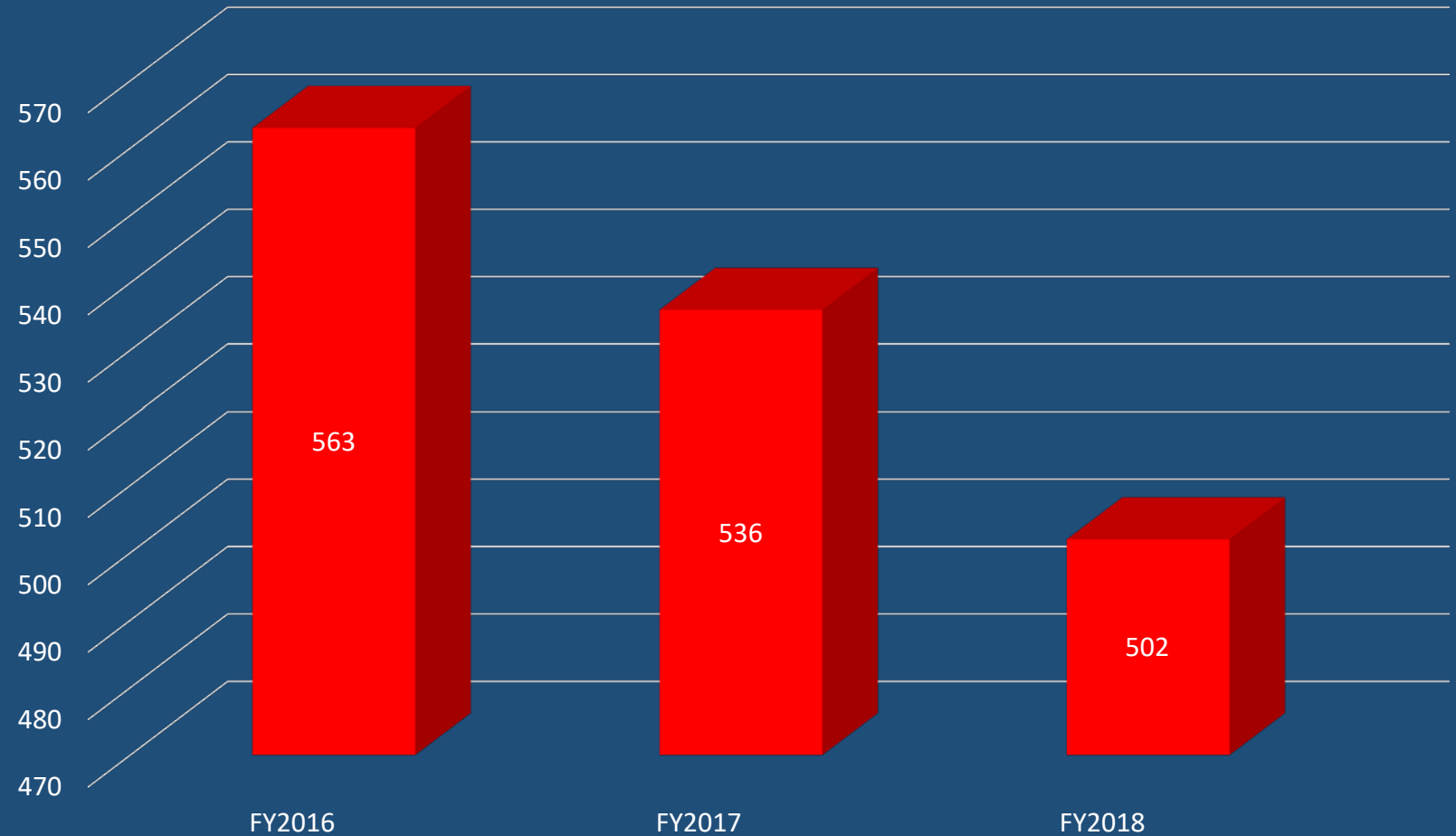
- FY2017 – 1,252 Calls for Service
 - 313 Calls for Service per Animal Protection Officer
- FY2018 – 1,421 Calls for Service
 - 284 Calls for Service per Animal Protection Officer
 - Additional 5th Officer hired in FY2018
 - 13.6% Increase in Calls for Service



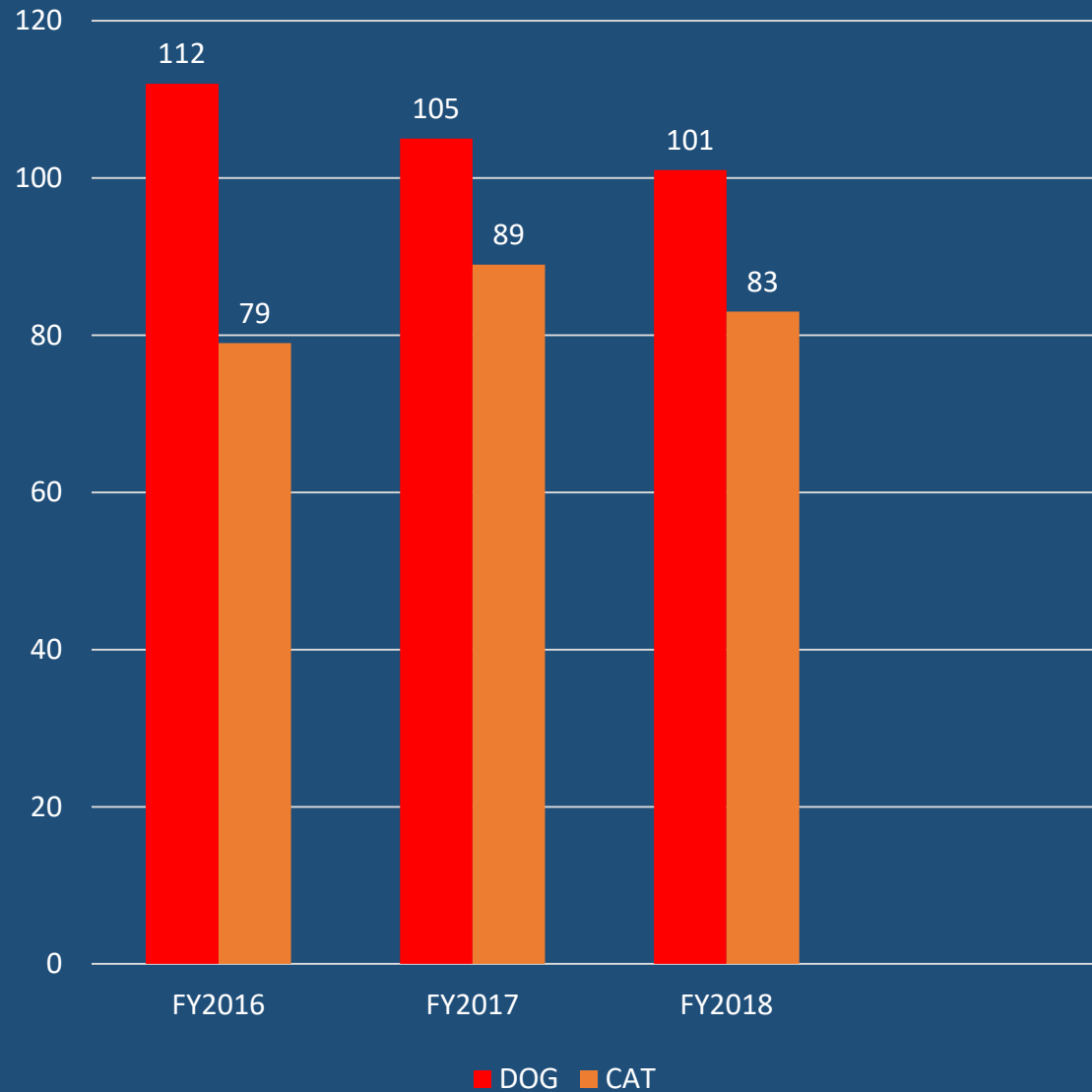
Animal Intake

	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
- Dogs	355	315	324
- Cats	208	221	178
- Total	563	536	502

* Education and enforcement efforts coupled with additional AP officers have created better awareness that animals should not be at large without identification.



Animal Adoptions



Adoption total #/percentage

- Dogs
- Cats
- Total

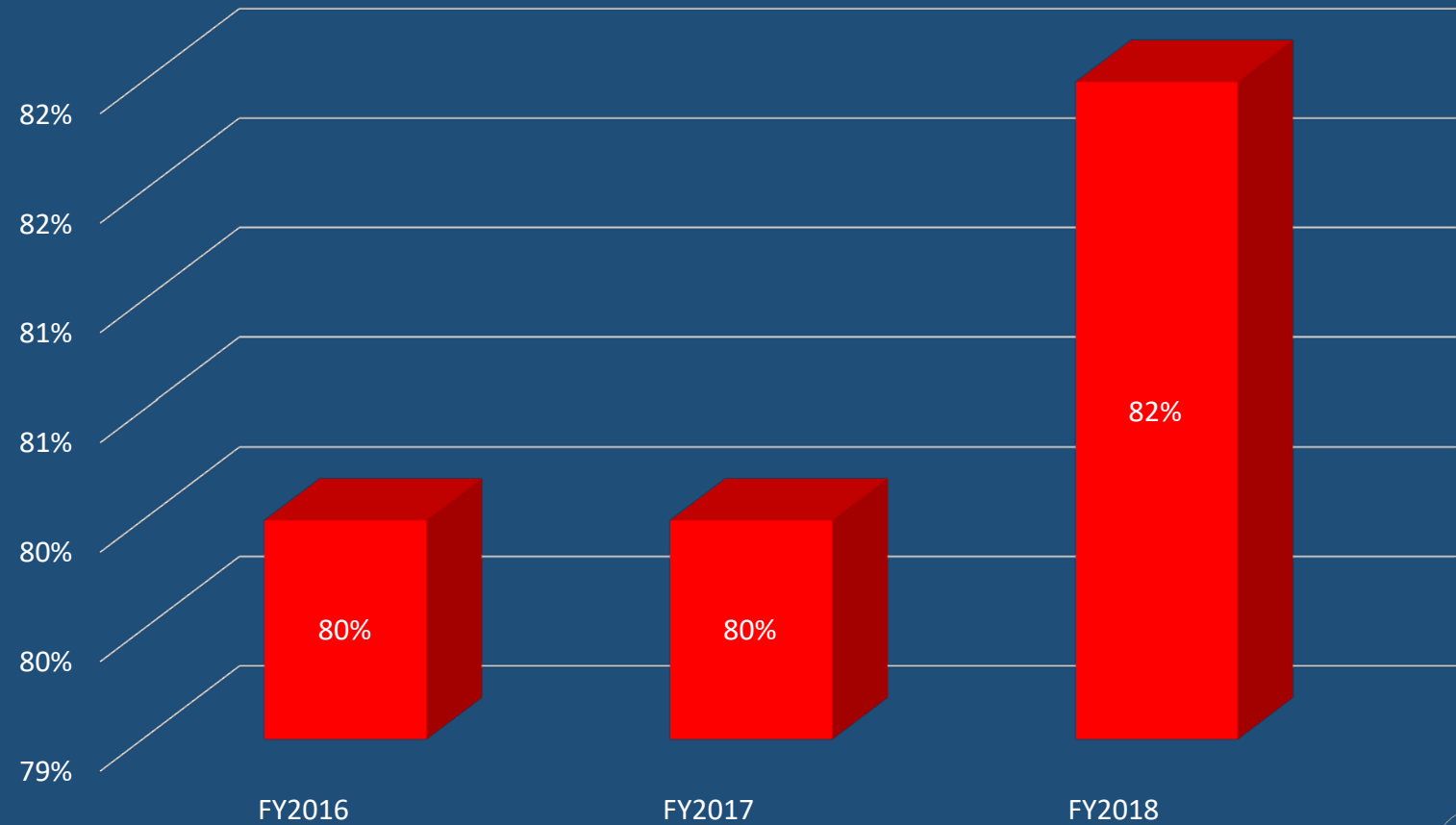
	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
- Dogs	112 / 32%	105 / 33%	101 / 31%
- Cats	79 / 38%	89 / 40%	83 / 47%
- Total	191 / 34%	194 / 36%	184 / 37%



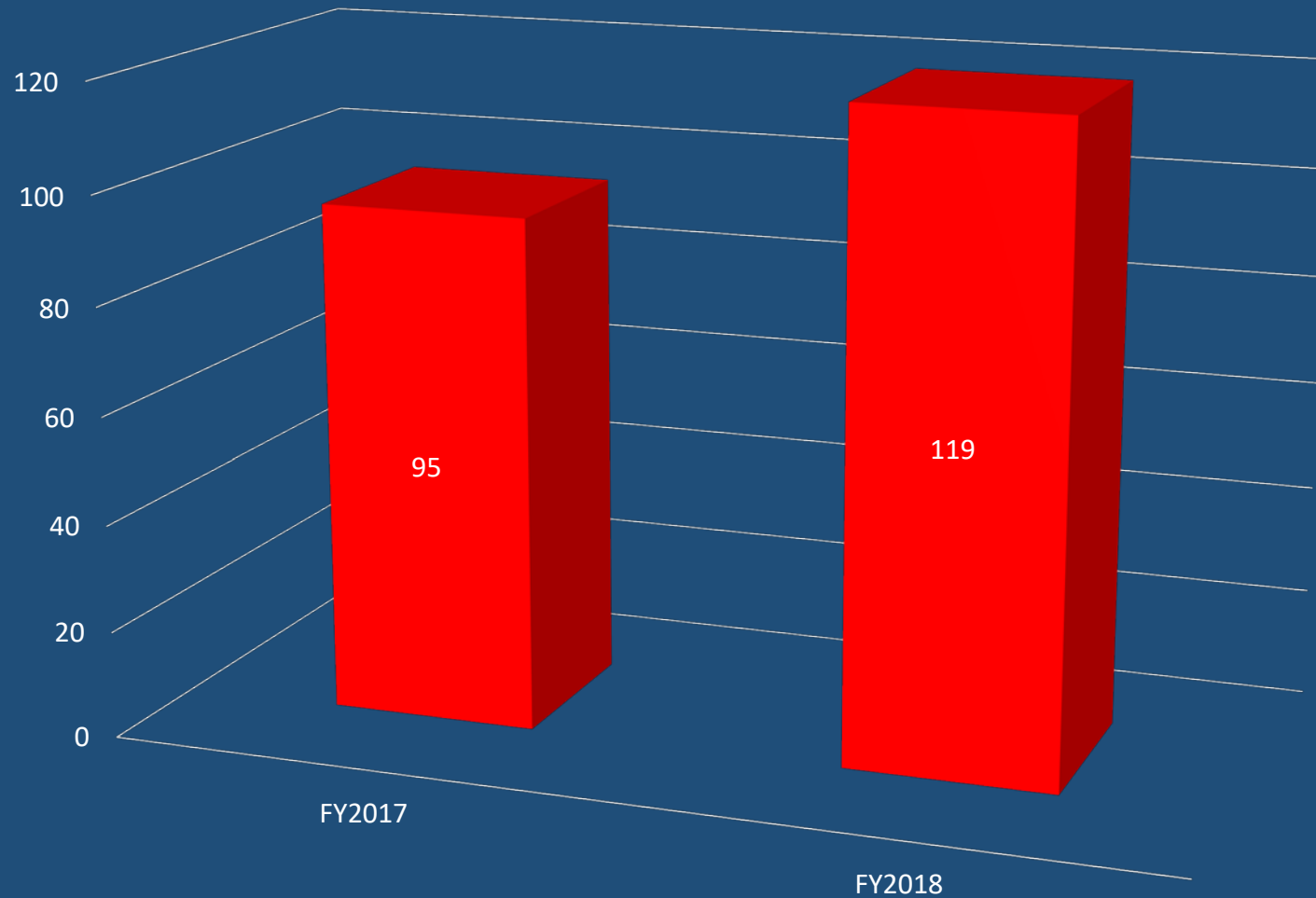
Save Rate Percentage

Save Rate Amount # / %

	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
- Dogs	333/94%	301/96%	303/94%
- Cats	117/56%	127/57%	113/63%
- Total	450/80%	428/80%	418/82%



Number of Notice to Comply Issued



Animal Protection Community Events

Discounted Rabies Clinics held each April and October

Calendar Year 2018 - 176 animals vaccinated



Adopter's Reunion Event

First Annual held in September 2018.



Animal Protection Wildlife Impacts

In Virginia, wildlife is protected/managed by
VDGIF and the US Dept of Fish and Wildlife.

Wildlife Conflict Hotline

1-855-571-9003

Or visit:

dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/nuisance

- Increased demand to respond to Wildlife calls
- Animal Protection will assist with any injured wild animal, by capturing and transporting to a wildlife rehabilitation facility
- Animal Protection will not trap/capture nuisance wildlife
 - Officers will respond to nuisance wildlife complaints to evaluate the property and provide information on mitigating potential conflicts
- Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries regulations do not allow Animal Protection Officers to relocate and release wildlife
- Animal Protection responds to any animal showing active symptoms of rabies, rather domestic animal or wildlife

Future Outlook



- With an increase in residential growth, there is an expected increase in domestic animal populations.
- Citizens have an increased expectation of compliance with and enforcement of local animal ordinances.
- Anticipated increase in animal intake at the new Animal Shelter with additional space and improved conditions.
- Staffing, coordinating, and operating the new Animal Shelter and Adoption Center will be challenging.



QUESTIONS?