

Letter from the Director

Dear Supporters,

It is official! As many of you may have heard, I retired from Pitt County Animal Services as of yesterday, June 30th. After 19 years with this department, it is bittersweet to be leaving but looking back at what we have accomplished together I could not be more proud.

Animal sheltering is not a one-person job, it takes a community. I have had the honor to lead an amazing team over the years, and to work with more incredible volunteers, advocates, and partners than I can count. Together we have elevated Pitt County to a higher level of service and we've become a local leader in this industry. I am retiring satisfied in where I have helped take our department, and I will watch eagerly to see where it can go. As a private citizen, I will continue to be a fierce advocate for safety and animal welfare.

I am so grateful for my time as Director of PCAS. I am leaving with a full heart and many, many life-long friends. I know that no matter what comes next for the shelter, with supporters like you PCAS will do great things!

With Gratitude,

Michele Whaley, Director *Retired*

3-3-3 Rule

Whenever you adopt or add a new dog to your home, remember the 3-3-3 Rule:

In the first 3 Days,

Your new furry friend may be overwhelmed, scared, or uncomfortable. They may test the boundaries of what is and is not permitted in this new place.



In the first 3 Weeks,

They begin to settle in, and realize this is not temporary. They will start to find a routine, and may display new behavior challenges as they feel more comfortable being themselves.



In the first 3 Months,

They start to build trust and a bond with their new family. They become comfortable in their routine and recognize your home as their forever home.



This is a guideline rule to help you understand how much time your new pet needs to adjust to their forever home. Every pet is different; the key is patience, and lots of love!

Welcome, Dr. Ellington!

Dr. John Ellington started with Spay Today helping provide low-cost spay/neuter services. He will also be working with our shelter to provide veterinary care to help PCAS save more lives and continue improving animal welfare in our community! Dr. Ellington loves fly fishing and is "the biggest Clemson fan you will ever meet."

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Ellington to the PCAS crew and to the Pitt County Community!



Pet Health & Wellness Tip

Hot summer days mean hot pavement! Take care of your pet's paws by walking them on grass whenever possible, and taking walks early or late to avoid the scorching sidewalks. If you notice your pet limping or walking strangely, take steps IMMEDIATELY to get your pet inside and check their paws and treat burns!

