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TO: Parties interested in annual spay/neuter report data

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SUBJECT: Spay/neuter report data

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Data collection for the calendar year 2007 is complete and summary information for dogs and cats only for the years 2001 through 2007 is presented below. It should be noted that this is self reported data based on the Spay Neuter law 19A-65:

Every county or city animal shelter, or animal shelter operated under contract with a county or city or otherwise in receipt of State or local funding shall prepare an annual report setting forth the numbers, by species, of animals received into the shelter, the number adopted out, the number returned to owner, and the number destroyed. The report shall also contain the total operating expenses of the shelter and the cost per animal handled.

Year	# Received	# Euthanized	% Euthanized	# Agencies Reporting
2001	293,258	226,363	77%	82
2002	339,562	263,883	78%	86
2003	281,330	218,385	78%	67
2004	284,402	219,311	77%	70
2005	319,901	243,656	76%	84
2006	288,984	214,091	74%	72
2007	308,957	218,350	71%	85

At the inception of this program a survey was conducted at which time it was determined that 104 animal shelters in North Carolina would be required to report based on the statute above. As you can see not all agencies report every year. Nonetheless, this data provides an approximation of the companion animal euthanasia rate at animal shelters in North Carolina. Additionally, annual total operating expenses are provided by those shelters that report. Below is a summary of animal shelter total operating expenses, by year.

Year	Total Operating Expenses
2001	\$ 42,040,745.88
2002	\$ 24,276,905.02
2003	\$ 21,444,310.12
2004	\$ 21,794,876.77
2005	\$ 28,040,727.42
2006	\$ 28,961,217.68
2007	\$ 34,612,749.93

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