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Receive the latest news on pet care, animal health breakthroughs, training tips, animal policy and ordinance changes, along with up to date information on animal advocacy.

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Our Board of Directors consists of animal professionals and people who own, show and/or responsibly breed dogs, cats, horses, birds, rabbits, livestock, and reptiles.

We educate the public about being a responsible owner, making the correct choice of a pet for their needs and lifestyle; having realistic expectations of the behavior and level of care required; finding resources for training to achieve a happy, healthy relationship with their pet.

We support the human-animal bond, and help pet owners enjoy having pets be part of their lives.

We educate professionals and the public on the difference between animal welfare and animal rights.

We develop educational materials for citizens, schools, veterinarians, pet supply stores, animal shelters, libraries, and training centers.

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**North Carolina
Responsible Animal
Owners Alliance**

**North Carolina's leading
voice for responsible animal
ownership and preservation
of the human-animal bond.**



Contact NCRAOA for educational materials, pet population studies, surveys, reports

ANIMAL WELFARE supports humane treatment and use of animals and believes that humans have a responsibility for their care. Animal Welfare includes responsible care of animals used by humans for service, research, food, education, those kept in zoos or sanctuaries, and especially those animals kept by pet owners.

Animal welfare is based on a principle of ownership of animals, a common sense approach that animals should be treated well and that animal cruelty is wrong.

Animal welfare sets standards and guidelines for animal use and management based on sound veterinary and animal husbandry research and practices.

Animal welfare and animal rights are NOT interchangeable terms.

Renting with Pets

A recent survey by Apartments.com found that more than 54 percent of respondents own a pet and that more than one-third of leasing respondents listed it as one of the reasons they selected their pet. However, there are ways to overcome landlords' reluctance to rent to you.

- Reports say behavior counts for a lot. Your best way to make sure you're a responsible pet owner is to make sure that the animals are well behaved.
- Owners of cats and small dogs - 20 percent or less as defined by the American Humane Club - will have an easier time finding a rental.
- If the pet is not small, demonstrate to the landlord that you take pride in owning your pet, follow good grooming practices, and maintain tables that control your pet.
- The owner can give a recommendation letter from their vet.
- If you've lived somewhere with this pet before, ask your previous landlord for an accommodation letter.
- Be willing to pay a little more or a security deposit.

Landlord's property manager, and community associations have legitimate concerns about renting property to people with pets. They may have had bad experiences in the past or are unsure how to deal with an unsatisfactory situation should it arise.

Pet owners can be required to provide conditions for pet ownership can be created, leaving as part of the lease. A simple questionnaire will provide information on such a decision. Contact NCRAOA for more.

- How long have you had your pet?
- Do you have a letter of approval from your veterinarian?
- Do you have any written reports from your veterinarian?
- How have your neighbors reacted to your pet?
- Do you have any written reports from your landlord for the damage?
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Proven strategies, landlords can reach solutions to renting to people with pets.

NCSD Clinical Trials - Cardiology

Does your dog have a heart murmur?

If so, he may be eligible for a new study of heart disease. We are seeking dogs with early heart disease to participate in a clinical trial to measure their quality of life. We will record their activity with a small device that is attached to their collar. Activity will be recorded before and during treatment with a new medication and heart disease.

Requirements: The study will require an outpatient appointment with the cardiology service at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Your dog will also wear the ultrasonic recording device for two weeks. The trial will run for two weeks after the procedure is started.

- Diagnostic: Study of a naturally heart disease in dogs that will measure activity level before and after treatment.
- Eligibility: Dogs will include all breeds and ages of dogs. Dogs should not be affected by mobility-limiting pain from osteoarthritis or other chronic conditions. Dogs should not be on non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication.
- Financial: Incentive: The study will pay \$100 towards the cost of evaluation by the cardiology service.
- This evaluation includes an exam with activity monitoring.
- This is contact: Andrea Thompson, DVM, andrea.thompson@vetmed.umn.edu or 953.513.0254

New on the NCRAOA Website

Visit our Multi-Media Center to view "Congratulations New 'B' Owners". The CD contains an introductory message in both PDF and the more formal display of our website.

A sample of the support documents included on the CD are:

- A new beginning in new dogs from an old dog owner's perspective
- Puppy raising checklist
- When do I start when I need help?
- How do I fight with my dog?
- How to pay your new vet or clinic
- Providing a safe environment for your dog

Building a relationship

Inside this package you will find several helpful information for your dog or cat - keys to success - for building a lasting relationship with your newly chosen companion.

Resources

Please be advised to check our website for the most up-to-date information. If you are unable to find the information you need, please contact us. We are extremely pleased that Henderson County Animal Services will be distributing our CD to adoptive owners of their pet adoptions. For more information contact petadoption@hcsas.com

NCRAOA Education is the Key

ANIMAL RIGHTS is a radical philosophy that calls for an end to all traditional uses of animals, such as use of animals for food or clothing. Animal rights agenda opposes hunting, trapping, fishing; zoos; rodeos; racing; use of animals in sports; use of animals in research or teaching; breeding domestic animals; and keeping them as pets.

Animal rightists believe animals have the right to pursue their life without human interference and exploitation. Today's urban society, whose main contact with animals is pets that they view as family members, creates a ready-made audience for animal rights activists.

The long-term goal of the animal rights movement is to end all use (exploitation) of animals. Groups such as HSUS work for reform as an interim measure while lobbying for laws to phase out or severely restrict most animal use.

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