

Pets on Death Row

Metro Atlanta animal shelters kill nearly 87,000 dogs and cats each year. Of the animals taken in, Cobb County shelters kill 44.7%, Gwinnett 51.3%, Fulton 52.1%, and Dekalb County 78.9%. Taxpayers spend over \$2,200,000 each year to support the Dekalb County facility.

We need mandatory spay and neuter laws. We don't have to re-invent the wheel - mandatory spay and neuter laws are in effect across the nation. For more information: www.instituteforanimalrightslaw.org/statute_mandatory_spay-neuter.htm, http://doglaw.hugpug.com/doglaw_014.html and http://www.flagpa.org/plannedpethood/county_dog_law.html. There are low cost spay and neuter programs available in Georgia: www.spaygeorgia.org and atlantapets.org. Fulton County offers vouchers for low income residents to spay and neuter their pets - www.fultonanimalservices.com/fixem.htm.

We need stronger laws against dog fighting. Recently, the Georgia Legislature failed to pass Senate Bill 229, which would have strengthened Georgia's laws against dog fighting. And just what part of their constituency were they pandering to when they failed to pass this bill? For more information, go to www.georgialpa.org.

Shut down puppy mills now. Katherine Culberson ran Hillview Kennels until her death in March. She left behind almost 200 small dogs - Maltese, Chihuahua, Yorkshire terriers, Pekingese, dachshunds and Pomeranians. Most of these dogs had severe health problems, including missing and infected eyes, tumors, hernias, ear infections and mites, and terrible teeth in all the adult dogs. Unbelievably, this so-called kennel had a state license to operate. A judge decided that the dogs were to be sold at an auction and many dogs ended up going to other puppy mills. Various rescue groups used donated money to buy as many dogs as possible. The web sites for some of the rescue groups are: www.hopehumane.org, www.atlantapetrescue.org, www.smalldoghumane.org, www.atlantapets.org and www.scmradoption.com.

darlene



Some of the lucky ones...

One of many motherless kittens that made their way to Lifeline Animal Project. One litter was found dumped

in front of a pet store.

A litter of seven two-week-old puppies was turned into Dekalb County Animal Services after the mother died;

they were brought to Lifeline Animal Project. Darlene bottle fed them; they are now eating mashed puppy chow.

These babies need permanent homes.

