

## Fort Bragg and Cumberland County

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Cumberland County, Fort Bragg partner for animal control on post

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FORT BRAGG, N.C. -- Cumberland County Animal Control will begin providing animal control services on Fort Bragg beginning March 1 under an intergovernmental support agreement signed by county commissioners and the Fort Bragg garrison commander.

Under the agreement, Fort Bragg will pay the county to respond to animal control dispatches within the portions of the post located in Cumberland County. Stray and surrendered animals from post will be taken to the county shelter at 4704 Corporation Drive in Fayetteville. The county will also quarantine animals from Fort Bragg as needed.

"This is another example of the great partnership we have with Cumberland County and the surrounding communities," said Justin Mitchell, Fort Bragg deputy garrison commander. "We appreciate the county's support to our Fort Bragg community as we team to ensure stray animals are cared for and placed up for adoption in licensed, reputable facilities."

Previously, Fort Bragg relied on volunteer support to operate the former Fort Bragg Animal Control and Adoption Facility until it closed last year. Since then, the Fort Bragg Veterinary Clinic has assisted with animal control in addition to their normal responsibilities, but does not have the manning to sustain the additional mission.

"We are looking forward to assisting Fort Bragg with its animal control services. This will be something new for all of us and it will be a work in progress as we undertake this new mission and new partnership," said Dr. John Lauby, Cumberland County Animal Control director.

For animal control services support on the installation, please contact Fort Bragg E-911 Center at 910-907-4814 or 910-907-4815.

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