

This calculation was calculated off the NC Demographer numbers of population for total residence in Pamlico County which is 12,521. The estimated cost of the Animal Control Services, which includes an estimate of paying a note on an animal control facility for 30 years, vehicles, Salaries, Benefits, Equipment, Facility Operation cost and Training cost for an estimate of \$450,000.00 per year. We divided the estimated cost of \$450,000.00 by the total county population of 12,521. This gave us the number \$35.94 per person. Rounded the number to \$36.00.

The County would cover the Unincorporated population per person at \$36.00. Total population in the unincorporated areas is $7425 \times \$36.00 = \$267,300.00$ for the Counties Contribution to the program.

We calculated each municipality as follows:

Municipality	Population	Contribution
Alliance	736	$736 \times \$36.00 = \$26,496.00$
Oriental	901	$901 \times \$36.00 = \$32,436.00$
Stonewall	216	$216 \times \$36.00 = \$25,524.00$
Pamlico County	7425	$7425 \times \$36.00 = \$267,300.00$
Mesic	146	$146 \times \$36.00 = \$5,256.00$
Minnesott Beach	580	$580 \times \$36.00 = \$20,880.00$
Arapahoe	424	$424 \times \$36.00 = \$15,264.00$
Bayboro	1135	$1135 \times \$36.00 = \$40,860.00$
Vandemere	249	$249 \times \$36.00 = \$8,964.00$
Total	12,521	$12,521 \times \$36.00 = \$450,756.00$

Pamlico Animal Control

Response Data

Pamlico County Animal Control Communications Data for Pamlico County:

Animal Control Incoming Telephone Calls	2420
Animal Control Outgoing Calls Telephone	4586
Animal Control Incoming Text Messages	3512
Animal Control Outgoing Text Messages	3332

These numbers do not include direct office calls

Pamlico County Animal Control Sheriff's Office Dispatch calls for Pamlico County 01/01/2020 – 08/31/2025:

Overall calls for Pamlico County to include Towns	1,161
County calls	572
Alliance Town Of	40
Arapahoe Town Of	76
Bayboro Town Of	77
Grantsboro Town Of	89
Mesic Town Of	14
Minnesott Beach Town Of	33
Oriental Town Of	197
Stonewall Town Of	29
Vandemere Town Of	34

Animal Control Office documented calls by reports for:

Town of Alliance Address

2024 – 2025	8 reports in town limits
2023-2024	7 reports in town limits
2022-2023	9 reports in town limits
2024-2025	2 reports in county

2023-2024	1 reports in county
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2022-2023	2 reports in county
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Town of Arapahoe Address

2024 – 2025	2 reports in town limits
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2023-2024	7 reports in town limits
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2022-2023	3 reports in town limits
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2024-2025	9 reports in county
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2023-2024	8 reports in county
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2022-2023	13 reports in county
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Town of Bayboro Address

2024 – 2025	12 reports in town limits
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2023-2024	15 reports in town limits
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2022-2023	18 reports in town limits
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2024-2025	15 reports in county
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2023-2024	18 reports in county
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2022-2023	38 reports in county
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Town of Grantsboro Address

2024 – 2025	24 reports in town limits
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2023-2024	17 reports in town limits
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2022-2023	23 reports in town limits
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2024-2025	19 reports in county
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2023-2024	18 reports in county
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2022-2023	15 reports in county
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Town of Mesic Address

No Data for the Town of Mesic

Town of Minnesott Beach Address

2024 – 2025	3 reports in town limits
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2023-2024	0 reports in town limits
2022-2023	3 reports in town limits
2024-2025	8 reports in county
2023-2024	15 reports in county
2022-2023	13 reports in county

Town of Oriental Address

2024 – 2025	18 reports in town limits
2023-2024	16 reports in town limits
2022-2023	21 reports in town limits
2024-2025	14 reports in county
2023-2024	16 reports in county
2022-2023	21 reports in county

Town of Stonewall Address

2024 – 2025	14 reports in town limits
2023-2024	4 reports in town limits
2022-2023	4 reports in town limits

No Data within the County from Stonewall

Town of Vandemere Address

2024 – 2025	5 reports in town limits
2023-2024	7 reports in town limits
2022-2023	No reports in town limits

No Data within the County from Vandemere

Animal Control calls received from May 21, 2025, to August 11, 2025:

Sheriff's Office

Animal Control total calls 39

County Address Calls	28
Alliance Address Calls	4
Arapahoe Address Calls	1
Bayboro Address Calls	3
Grantsboro Address Calls	2
Vandemere	1

Health Department

Animal control calls	5
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August 11, 2025 -August 21, 2025, Calls received

3 Dangerous Dog Investigation

7 Stray Dog Owner Unknown Calls

6 Cat Complainants

Response to Animal Control- opt in, or not?

I don't object to paying a fee/our fair share for animal control services (Oriental's call volume appears quite high)

I would suggest we consider a licensing fee for dog owners to reduce the burden on those who don't own dogs (we have always paid licensing fees for our dogs wherever we lived)

However emotional for some people, we will need to address the unleashed dog issue again. Leash laws exist to not only protect people but also the animals - it is just something responsible dog owners should understand

Lastly, can we see the County's Animal Control Policy and Procedures to understand what we would be agreeing to?

In my opinion we should absolutely support the county in their efforts to provide animal control services within town limits.

The associated requirement of enacting a leash law in town is long overdue. There are a multitude of reasons why this is the right thing to do. Health reasons, safety reasons, property issues... At the same time, there are no good reasons to allow this freedom from responsibility for one's pets to continue. "It's always been that way" isn't a good reason for much of anything.

When I first moved here, we found a dead fox in our yard. I called Animal Control and was told they would not do anything about it and suggested I bury the carcass. A neighbor took it out of town and buried it. It doesn't seem like a good idea to have people burying animal carcasses at their own discretion. Pamlico County needs to provide these and other types of services related to animals, and we should be supporting that. It seems like a fair trade to me.

Since we have no information on where the money for the present animal control program will be spent as well as several other questions regarding this program

Marjorie Spruill votes NO, Dallas Spruill votes No

Why is the county angling to replace one Animal Control Officer with an entirely new program and a new building? Increasing the cost for animal control in the county from one employee to \$450,000 per year is ridiculous.

It seems that the county is using the medical leave of one person to justify the startup of an entirely new animal control program. The population of the county has not increased significantly in the 15 years that we have lived here, I don't see the sudden need to spend money that the county doesn't have.

Diane, in favor of the town funding some of the requested funds for animal control. Thirty two thousand is a lot for the town to take on and think citizens should be asked to contribute the \$36 per house hold. Know some will refuse but if many do the town could look at funding the remaining balance. with most households having 2 - 4 people it would be around \$72 - \$144 per household. Do not think the Town can fund the \$32,000 on its own without participation in the funding from households.

My husband and I believe there Town should partner with the County to provide this needed service.

I may not quite understand...Pamlico County is covering \$36/person in unincorporated areas? We pay the same taxes as Pamlico County residents. With the limited understanding I have, I am not in favor of the town paying extra for Animal Control.

I would think animal control should be the counties responsibility since issues often cross borders of incorporated areas. Furthermore, why does the temporary loss of one employee create this issues? The

county should hire a contract employee for the duration of his medical leave, address his medical issues of the incumbent, or put employee on disability and move forward.

In general, given the information I have received, I am opposed to the county proposal for animal control based on the following:

1. Do not see a need to fund an animal control facility for a county the size of Pamlico.
2. Very expensive for Oriental. Based on the data provided Oriental would be paying between about a \$1000 to \$1600 per call out.
3. No information on how this would be paid for in Oriental. I would assume it would be tacked on to our current water bill which would probably be more than \$36 per person with a household of 2.
4. Researching animal control costs for small counties the estimated cost (\$450,000 per year) seems very high. For example Flagler County Florida has a budget of about \$420,000 and a population of over 10 times that of Pamlico county. Granted Flagler counties budget doesn't pay a note on an animal control facility.
5. Oriental could probably cut the calls to animal control drastically by instituting a leash law. Oriental should use no/low cost solutions before higher cost solutions.

I am open to review a more comprehensive budget proposal but until one exists I am opposed to the current proposal.

I think that Oriental should participate in the proposed county animal control program. It will certainly be cheaper to jump in now than to try to employ someone plus find local facilities later on. Berkley will be missed as there will be at least two people employed to do what he used to do.

As part-time residents in the village, we support the need for an animal control officer. Please keep us updated on how we can contribute.

Separately, can you ensure we are on the email distribution lists for the village?

We are at (other) home in Pennsylvania now and look forward to coming back later in September.

This is unnecessary and unwanted. In fifty years in oriental not once have my family or anyone we know in oriental needed animal control. The water bills are already too high, with the garbage and recycle charges. Not to mention that the garbage and recycling are almost never picked up on the day they are supposed to be picked up on. It's a hard no on animal control

I'm sorry about Berkeley. Both _____ and I would pay \$36. How do we go about doing that?

I would not object to being asked to contribute \$36. A few years ago I had to call on Berkeley to come and dispatch a diseased raccoon that was hanging around my house. If a similar occasion arose, I certainly would want to be able to call Animal Control for help.

I have no problem with the fee for animal control for the reasons outlined

I do have the problem caused by the past policies of the Veterinarian(s) Town or whomever thought it was a better idea to Spay and release rather than trying to find homes for homeless animals. I am sure this was done with good intentions.

But you have half of the people in town hating the cat problem, and the other half trying to care for them. They were not spayed and released with the intention of starving them I suppose?

I would have no problems contributing \$36 for animal control a year.

Yes. We need animal control in the county and I'm willing to be taxed to provide.

10 for, 7 against