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AGENDA  
GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE  
(Includes Public Safety Division)

Monday, March 6, 2017

4:00 p.m.

Executive Conference Room, Administration Building  
Beaufort County Government Robert Smalls Complex  
100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort

Governmental Committee Members:  
Gerald Dawson, Chairman  
Steve Fobes, Vice Chairman  
Mike Covert  
Brian Flewelling  
York Glover  
Jerry Stewart  
Roberts "Tabor" Vaux

Staff Liaison:  
Phil Foot, Assistant County Administrator  
Public Safety

1. CALL TO ORDER – 4:00 P.M.
2. PRESENTATION / MARINE CORPS AIR STATION BEAUFORT / 2017 AIR SHOW  
FEATURING THE "BLUE ANGELS" ([backup](#))
3. ANNUAL UPDATE / 2016 ANIMAL SERVICES ([backup](#))
4. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE  
F-35 AIRCRAFT TO THE UNITED STATES, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND BEAUFORT  
COUNTY AND TO ENCOURAGE CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR FULL  
FUNDING OF THE F-35 LIGHTNING II JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER PROGRAM ([backup](#))
5. CONSIDERATION OF REAPPOINTMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS  
A. Bluffton Township Fire District Board
6. ADJOURNMENT





2017  
MCAS Beaufort  
Air Show

# Situation



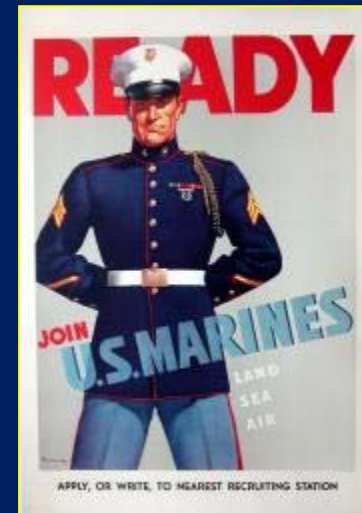
Marine Corps Station Beaufort is hosting the 2017 MCAS Beaufort Air Show aboard the installation from April 29-30.





# Mission

The Air Show is put together biannually to showcase the capabilities of MCAS Beaufort and Marine Aircraft Group 31 to the local community. Also it assists the Marine Corps' recruiting efforts.



# Execution



## FEATURED



The Air Show is conducted through the support of MCAS Beaufort, in coordination with MAG-31 units, performers, and vendors.





# Admin and Logistics

MCAS Beaufort provides its runways and facilities to the visiting performing squadrons, static displays and concession booths, etc.



# Command and Control



Air Show committee, command leadership and key personnel will be on the air station at designated points throughout the duration of the event.

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be activated upon a mishap or significant emergency.

# Points of Contact

- For questions or more information, contact information is below:
  - Air Show Director
    - 843-228-7361
  - Public Affairs Office
    - 843-228-7225
    - E-mail: [bfrt\\_jpao@usmc.mil](mailto:bfrt_jpao@usmc.mil)





# OPERATION REDUCE

“ DO NOT PITY A SHELTER DOG.  
ADOPT ONE. ”



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## 2016 YEARLY REPORT

# REDUCED OVERPOPULATION, EUTHANASIA, INTAKE, CRUELTY, AND COST

In fiscal year 2016, Beaufort County Animal Services :

- » Welcomed 3,276 animals through our doors - more than 9 animals per day
- » Celebrated a Live Release rate of 79%
- » Hilton Head Humane and BCAS have spayed and neutered over 4,000 animals in 2016
- » ASPCA “Keep pets in their homes” grant provided free spay/neuter to 78 pets and 130 pets were assisted.
- » The “Retention V. Apprehension” Program gave the community a sense of a fresh start for a new beginning.

Goals for Beaufort County Animal Services

- » Expand our services offering low cost spay/neuters, and microchips
- » Increase awareness of our Animal Service Officers and their willing to help.
- » Develop and implement aggressive TNR strategies
- » Expand the revenue sources to fund current and future operations.
- » Design and fund the new, state-of-the-art campus for Beaufort County

**LOWER ADMISSIONS + LOWER EUTHANASIA =  
TAX DOLLAR SAVINGS**

# REDUCED OUR INTAKE BY 34% IN 5 YEARS

## INTAKE DETAIL

OWNER SURRENDER	490
SEIZED / CUSTODY	1,538
STRAY	1,185
TRANSFERRED	35
WILDLIFE	5
RETURNED	23

## DOGS

OWNER SURRENDERED	269
SEIZED / CUSTODY	851
STRAY	250
RETURN	4
TRANSFERRED	24

## CATS

OWNER SURRENDERED	210
SEIZED / CUSTODY	654
STRAY	928
RETURN	14
TRANSFERRED	11

## SPECIES

CANINE	1,399
FELINE	1,826
HORSE	9
GUINEA PIG	8
GOATS	5
CHICKENS	9
BOA / PYTHON	2
OTHER	18

## INTAKE YEAR COMPARISONS

2011	4,983
2012	4,770
2013	4,524
2014	4,274
2015	3,271
2016	3,276

3,276  
INTAKE



# LIVE RELEASE 79% IN 2016

## LIVE RELEASE

ADOPTION	610
RELOCATED	1,428
RETURN TO OWNER	533

## DOGS

ADOPTION	110
RELOCATED	756
RETURN TO OWNER	372

## CATS

ADOPTION	470
RELOCATED	664
RETURN TO OWNER	157

## OTHER

ADOPTION	32
RELOCATED	13

## WHAT IS LIVE RELEASE?

ANIMALS WHO LEAVE THE SHELTER ALIVE THROUGH ADOPTION, RETURN TO OWNER, OR ARE RELOCATED TO ANOTHER ORGANIZATION FOR ADOPTION.

## LIVE RELEASE PERCENT

DOG	1,398	89%
CAT	1,817	45%
OTHER	53	89%

## LIVE RELEASE YEAR COMPARISONS

2011	33%
2012	54%
2013	66%
2014	73%
2015	72%
2016	79%

# 3,268

# LIVE RELEASE



# REDUCED OUR EUTHANASIA BY 45% IN 5 YEARS

## EUTHANIZED SPECIES

DOG	42	30%
PITBULLS	90	68%
TOTALS	132	9%
CATS	162	9%
FERALS	272	63%
TOTALS	434	24%

## OUR CRITICAL AREAS OF FOCUS TO CONTINUE REDUCING OUR EUTHANASIA

WE HAVE BEEN MOVING TOWARD BUILDING A NEW CAMPUS THAT  
WILL CREATE A MORE EFFICIENT, ENVIROMENTALLY SOUND AND  
HEALTHY FACILITY! IT COSTS LESS TO PREVENT THAN TO TREAT AND  
BOTTOM LINE THE NOISE, AIR EXCHANGE, AND DECAY OF THE  
CURRENT FACILITY IS PROHIBITING US TO EFFECTIVELY REDUCE! .

MICROCHIP, MICROCHIP, MICROCHIP

HIGH VOLUME- AFFORDABLE SPAY/NEUTER

TRAP NEUTER RETURN (TNR)

BITE PREVENTION EDUCATION

## EUTHANASIA REASON

\*See last page for details on the New Beaufort County Animal Services Campus

### DOGS

AGGRESSION / BEHAVIOR	113
ILLNESS / DYING	19
TOTALS	132

### CATS

AGGRESSION / FERAL	227
ILLNESS / DYING	207
TOTALS	434

## YEAR COMPARISONS

2011	3,120	62%
2012	1,750	37%
2013	1,228	27%
2014	1,046	23%
2015	731	21%
2016	566	17%



17%  
EUTHANASIA



# 897

## TRAP NEUTER RETURN



### TNR REPORTS

CASES 209

TRAPPING REQUEST  
(REMOVAL / DOESN'T WANT BACK) 186

TRAPPING REQUEST  
(TNR / DOES WANT BACK) 23

#### SHELTER FERAL NUMBERS

INTAKE 710

EUTHANIZED 272

TNR 438

### COUNTY WIDE TNR YEAR COMPARISONS

2011 672

2012 930

2013 995

2014 843

2015 774

2016 897

### THE BENEFITS INCLUDE:

TNR reduces shelter admissions and operating costs. Also, fewer community cats in shelters increases shelter adoption rates, as more cage space opens up for adoptable cats.

These programs create safer communities and promote public health by reducing the number of unvaccinated cats.

TNR programs improve the lives of free-roaming cats. When males are neutered, they are no longer compelled to maintain a large territory or fight over mates, and females are no longer forced to endure the physical and mental demands of giving birth and fending for their young.

Sterilizing community cats reduces or even eliminates the behaviors that can lead to nuisance complaints.

# IN ONE YEAR WE INCREASED TNR BY 123

# 3,335 SPAYED & NEUTERED



## SPAY & NEUTERS 2016

CANINES	1,291
DOMESTIC CATS	1,147
FERAL CATS	897

## TOTAL AMOUNT OF ANIMALS ALTERED IN BEAUFORT COUNTY

YEAR	TOTAL
2011	459
2012	875
2013	3,117
2014	3,147
2015	3,052
2016	3,335

- \* OVER 4,000 ANIMALS IN BEAUFORT COUNTY WERE SERVICED BY HILTON HEAD HUMANE'S SPAY NEUTER ANIMAL CLINIC IN 2016.
- \* HHHA HANDED OUT 149 VOUCHERS (107 WERE FOR PITBULLS)
- \* HHHA PROVIDED BCAS 270 FREE SPAY NEUTERS, VACCINES AND TESTING.
- \* HHHA PROVIDED 897 FREE TNR (TRAP NEUTER RETURN) WHICH INCLUDES SPAY/NEUTER, TESTING, VACCINES, AND EAR TIP.
- \* ASPCA "KEEP PETS IN THEIR HOMES" GRANT PROVIDED FREE SPAY NEUTER TO 78 PETS (53 DOGS AND 25 CATS)

*HILTON HEAD HUMANE ASSOCIATION AND  
BEAUFORT COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES HAVE  
INCREASED SPAYS AND NEUTERS BY MORE  
THAN 600% SINCE 2011!*

**"Spaying and neutering lie at the foundation of any effective animal control program."**

*Animal Control Management: A Guide for Local Governments, publication #43008*

**HHHA & BCAS HAVE INCREASED  
SPAYS/NEUTERS IN BEAUFORT COUNTY BY 627%**

# 2,743 ANIMALS MICROCHIPPED



Sec. 14-29. -

Lifetime/annual pet license issuance, fees and exemptions.

*Eligibility.* The owner of a pet four months of age or older that is spayed/neutered and permanently identified may apply to BCAS for a lifetime license; the lifetime pet license is only for Beaufort County, South Carolina.

## BEAUFORT COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES & HILTON HEAD HUMANE'S SPAY NEUTER ANIMAL CLINIC MICROCHIPPED 2,743 ANIMALS IN 2016

Only about 22 percent of lost dogs that entered the animal shelters were reunited with their families. However, the return-to-owner rate for microchipped dogs was over 52 percent (a 238 percent increase). Less than 2 percent of lost cats that entered the animal shelters were reunited with their families. The return-to-owner rate for microchipped cats was dramatically higher at over 38 percent (more than 2000 percent better). Only 58 percent of the microchipped animals' microchips had been registered in a database with their pet parent's contact information.

### MICROCHIPPING YEAR COMPARISONS

2011	1,028
2012	1,043
2013	1,353
2014	1,716
2015	2,031
2016	2,743

# MICROCHIPPING INCREASED BY 63% IN 5 YEARS

# 691 PITBULLS HAVE BEEN SPAYED/NEUTER IN 2016

PITBULL AND PITBULL MIXES LENGTH OF STAY AT BEAUFORT COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES EXCEED 30 DAYS VERSUS OTHER BREEDS THAT IS TYPICALLY LESS THAN 5 DAYS. THE INTAKE IS NOT DECLINING OR INCLINING BUT ABOUT THE SAME COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEARS BUT THE SPAY AND NEUTERS HAVE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 100%.

## PITBULLS BY NUMBERS

*Since Beaufort County's pit bull spay-neuter law took effect October 15, 2015:*

370 PITBULLS FROM THE PUBLIC WERE SPAYED AND NEUTERED FOR FREE  
321 PITBULLS HAVE BEEN SPAYED/NEUTERED AT THE SHELTER  
691 TOTAL PITBULLS HAVE BEEN SPAYED/NEUTERED IN 2016

ONLY 4 OWNERS APPEALED THE NEW ORDINANCE

LESS THAN 2% SURRENDERED DUE TO THE NEW LAW

PITBULL & PIT MIXES DATA October 13, 2015- December 1, 2016	
Intake	443
OUTCOMES	
Euthanasia	121
Adoption	57
Transfer Out	111
Return to Owner	113
Foster	10
On Site	31
Spay or Neuter Public Pitbulls	370



66%  
OF 443 PITBULLS  
WERE LIVE RELEASE

# VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTED MORE THAN 24,000 HOURS OF THEIR TIME TO THE TABBY HOUSE

LAST YEAR ALONE, VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTED MORE THAN  
24,000 HOURS OF THEIR TIME TO THE TABBY HOUSE IN  
ALMOST EVERY AREA OF OPERATIONS.

-BELOW ARE OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS -

Aron Tursd  
Cathy Parsons  
Chris Zilko  
David Wilganowski  
Diana Gill  
Diane Voge  
Donette Carroll  
Emily Rumpfelt  
Gretchen  
Gretchen Goodrich  
Helena Chutjian  
James Neary  
Martha Berry

Melissa Bowers  
Pagan McLemore  
Pat Ashton  
Rachel Rankin  
Roberta Gunderson  
Rose Prulx  
Rosemary Hunt  
Rusty Meyer  
Sarah Wilson  
Stacey Sparks-Lazurek  
Sue Spangler  
Susan Fearon  
Trudy Tresky

Jamisha Dunkelbergor  
Jen & Rowan  
Jena Corrigan  
Kathleen Jordan  
Laura Korte  
Lesley Wilkes  
Lina Fisher  
Loree  
Louise Biedermann  
Margot Eld  
Marguerite Quintelli  
Marilyn Cooler  
Marlene Coleman

## TABBY HOUSE ADOPTIONS YEAR COMPARISONS

2012	0
2013	237
2014	268
2015	245
2016	307

## TABBY HOUSE REPORT

FELINE'S TRANSFERRED IN	339
FELINE'S ADOPTED	252
FELINE'S TRANSFERRED OUT (DUE TO HURRICANE MATHEW)	55

252  
ADOPTED AT  
TABBY HOUSE







# 96

## FARM ANIMALS VETTED

We are working toward a common goal: to reduce the number of animals in our shelter!

We need the community's support in order to REDUCE!

Prevention is so much more cost effective than treatment, which can be very expensive for farm owners. This is one of the main reasons why the Beaufort County Animal Services has created the Small Animal Farm Fund.

With education and some financial aid, farmers could improve husbandry, and more animals would survive to become productive.

It's not just livestock, it's snakes, fish, wildlife, anything. Below are just some of the other kinds of animals with whom we rescue. Not all of our wildlife calls are listed.

Bald Eagle	Total Intakes: 1
Blue Heron	Total Intakes: 1
Boa	Total Intakes: 1
Chicken	Total Intakes: 9
Cockatiel	Total Intakes: 2
Coyote	Total Intakes: 1
Cardinal	Total Intakes: 1
Deer	Total intake: 4
Finch	Total Intakes: 1
Goat	Total Intakes: 5
Guinea Pig	Total Intakes: 8
Hawks	Total Intakes: 3
Horse	Total Intakes: 9

Owls	Total intakes: 5
Opossum	Total Intakes: 2
Parakeet	Total Intakes: 2
Parrot	Total Intakes: 1
Pig	Total Intakes: 4
Pigeon	Total Intakes: 1
Python	Total Intakes: 1
Rabbit	Total Intakes: 1
Raccoon	Total Intakes: 7
Rodent	Total Intakes: 2
Snakes	Total Intake: 4
Squirrel	Total Intakes: 3
Vultures	Total Intakes: 4

# PRESERVING FAMILY FARMS

# RETENTION VS APPREHENSION

## BEAUFORT COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICE OFFICERS

EDUCATION IS ALWAYS A MAJOR KEY TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT WHENEVER NEW INFORMATION ARISES, NOT EVERY CITIZEN IN BEAUFORT COUNTY HAS THE RESOURCES TO CHECK THEIR COMPLIANCE. OUR ANIMAL SERVICE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY UNDER THE CASE STUDY OF "RETENTION V. APPREHENSION". WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF COURT APPEARANCES WHILE INCREASING THE NUMBER OF HOME RETENTIONS.

### 1711 CASES (2016)

#### PERCENTAGES OF CASES TOTAL CASES

##### NORTH SIDE

Burton	33%	398
Lady's Island	18%	220
Saint Helena	17%	209
Beaufort City	13%	162
Seabrook	7%	80
Port Royal	5%	57
Grays Hill	2%	20
Sheldon	2%	29
Yemassee	2%	23
Shell Point	1%	15
Dale	<1%	5
Dataw Island	<1%	1

##### SOUTH SIDE

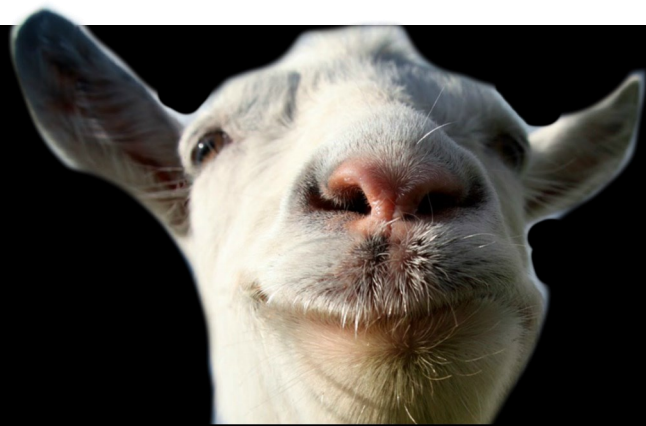
Bluffton	53%	259
Hilton Head Island	43%	212
Okatie	3%	15
Pritchardville	<1%	3
Dafuskie Island	<1%	3

##### CITATIONS FOR 2016

Failure To Restrain- Running At Large	24
Rabies Control - Inoculations	15
Restricted Breeds (Pitbull) Failure To Comply	7
Dangerous Animals Determination	6
Animal Cruelty	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>

\*2016 closed out with 70% of the cases resolved and 30% still on-going matters (i.e. trapping and pending operations or court continuations).

# 1,711 CASES



# "EDUCATING THE PUBLIC IS OUR #1 GOAL"

## BEAUFORT COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICE OFFICERS

Ever since our Beaufort County Sheriff's Department rendered the responsibility of Animal Control to our county Commissioned Officers, the world of Animal Services has changed and made an impressive impact on the world of Enforcement. In the beginning of the year, we kept seeing the same pattern occur in our complaints. Being that the same incidents have occurred multiple times in different areas of the county, our officers set out to survey the public on why these things happen.

After careful review and numerous strategies built, our officers took in the information provided by the community to help better serve the community. The end results showed us that not everyone in Beaufort County has the means to provide for their animals. Tasks such as; Rabies Inoculations, Tethering Lines, Spay/Neuter Operations, Housing, and even transportation has been an issue, even for the wealthiest of the communities here in Beaufort County.

The "Retention V. Apprehension" Program gave the community a sense of a fresh start for a new beginning. Here at the shelter we were able to host low cost rabies clinics and provide a list for those who could not make it. At the commencement of the year 2016 all Pit-bulls and pit-mixes were required to be spayed or neutered. Our officers were able to go out and help transport some of these animal to the shelter so that they can be operated on free of charge and in doing so, the animals were able to receive their current vaccinations. The effect took place for the \$10 voucher that was offered to the public to have any of their animals fixed and vaccinated that were not of the pit-bull breed or mixed.

From assisting with proper housing to requiring a vet visit, our Animal Service Officers turned a complied list of 336 Animal Cruelty Investigations and retained 95% of the animals to their own property; only 16 cases resulted in the conviction of Animal Cruelty.

## PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR ANIMAL SERVICE OFFICERS ARE HERE TO HELP YOU.

96 %  
RETENTION RATE



# 11,238 FACEBOOK FANS



## FACEBOOK INSIGHTS

Averaging more than 3,000 additional fans each year

## FACEBOOK FANS

WOMEN 83% MEN 17%

CITY	YOUR FANS
Beaufort, SC	3,335
Bluffton, SC	1,419
Hilton Head Island, SC	702
Jasper, SC	293
Port Royal, SC	214
Saint Helena Island, SC	190
Hardeeville, SC	113
Seabrook, SC	100
Savannah, GA	98
Pritchardville, SC	79
Walterboro, SC	65
Chatham City, GA	60
Charleston, SC	58
Charlotte, NC	57
Ridgeland, SC	44
North Charleston, SC	44
Columbia, SC	40

## BENEFITS OF SOCIAL MEDIA

*The benefits of posting lost and found on Social Media are numerous:*

Social media helps pet owners reconnect with their lost pets. Posting videos and photos on social media platforms helps raise community awareness of missing pets, increasing the odds of animals being found and reconnected with their human families.

## BEAUFORT COUNTY'S APP

### Mobile Apps

Our mobile apps are designed to deliver county services to you conveniently on your mobile device. We do not charge for Beaufort County apps. Carrier data charges may apply when downloading or accessing an app. Use the App to report lost/found pets, cruelty/neglect or complaints!

# OUR RETURN TO OWNER HAS INCREASED BY MORE THAN 30% IN 5 YEARS

# BUDGET



YEAR	PERSONNEL	OPERATION	TOTAL
2010	\$697,712	\$201,628	\$899,340
2011	\$587,951	\$170,662	\$758,613
2012	\$618,654	\$181,240	\$799,894
2013	\$664,880	\$275,235	\$940,115
2014	\$435,571	\$266,584	\$702,155
2015	\$426,026	\$350,386	\$776,412
2016	\$447,765	\$351,869	\$799,634

Over the term of 3 years we have reduced personnel cost by \$562,123 and in doing so we were able to save \$220,421 in total budget cost!

*We are spending your tax dollars on proven methods of effective animal control.*

The effectiveness of low-cost spay/neuter programs have been demonstrated in States, Counties and Municipalities across the country. So many communities in the United States and around the world have a terrible animal control problem – we are addressing it constructively now!

*FOR EVERY \$1 SPENT, BEAUFORT COUNTY TAXPAYERS SAVED APPROXIMATELY \$5.00.*

**OVER THE TERM OF 3 YEARS WE HAVE REDUCED  
PERSONNEL COST BY \$562,123**



# TOGETHER WE CAN!

BEAUFORT COUNTY, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HILTON HEAD HUMANE, WILL SOON OPEN THE ANIMAL CAMPUS. THE CAMPUS COMPRISES THREE FACILITIES: HILTON HEAD HUMANE ASSOCIATION ADOPTION CENTER, HILTON HEAD'S SPAY NEUTER ANIMAL CLINIC, AND THE BEAUFORT COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES.

## A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF HILTON HEAD HUMANE ASSOCIATION:

As we continue our Public/Private Partnership with Beaufort County, and in particular Beaufort County Animal Services, we cannot emphasize enough the thousands of animals that are alive today because of this relationship. With our two organizations working in concert to save and find loving homes for animals our objective of a no-kill community moves from a dream to a realistic goal. Although we will continue to operate our Shelter at 10 Humane Way, our ability to impact the lives of animals is expanding!

The Hilton Head Humane Association together with Beaufort County recently approved plans for a new 21,136 sq. ft. facility to be located in Okatie not too far from the intersection of routes 278 and 170 at Pritcher Point Road. The building's interior area of 16,830 sq. ft. includes the HHAH spay/neuter clinic, a HHAH adoption center and Beaufort County Animal Services. Over 4,300 sq. ft. of exterior kennel space is included plus separate "get acquainted" and exercise yards for the dogs. The design team, headed by Glick Boehm Architects of Charleston, SC and Shelter Planners of America is now moving forward with site planning, exterior aesthetics and development of all other building elements. Centralizing Adoption, Spay/Neuter and Animal Services into one facility will be an exciting opportunity for the citizens and the animals of Beaufort County.

To complete this campus, J. K. Tiller Associates is actively planning the adjacent (west of the building) 70+ acre Okatie River Passive Park. This park will complement and enhance the physical structure by offering dog park areas and trails spread throughout this natural and beautiful setting. Although Beaufort County and the HHAH have made substantial financial commitments to bring the Animal Campus to fruition more funds are still necessary. In the near future we will be asking members of our community to help as we move forward with "The Beaufort County Animal Campus Capital Campaign". As you have in the past we are confident that your support will make our dream possible.

*Sincerely,*

*Chuck Laine*

2018  
OUR NEW CAMPUS



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**RESOLUTION MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** COUNTY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** ALLISON C. COPPAGE  
**SUBJECT:** F- 35 RESOLUTION  
**DATE:** MARCH 3, 2017

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Please find attached a proposed Resolution Supporting the F-35B operations. I have been working in partnership with Trisha Ostrowski to develop the Resolution. It is our intention to incorporate some specific statistics regarding the number of trainees, graduation dates etc into the final draft. As of March 3, 2017 Trisha was still waiting on some fact checking to be completed. Therefore, please consider the attached Resolution and note that in addition to any recommendations of the committee, we intend to incorporate these verified statistics prior to the Resolution going before the full body of Council.

As always, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

## **RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE F-35 AIRCRAFT TO THE UNITED STATES, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND BEAUFORT COUNTY AND TO ENCOURAGE CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR FULL FUNDING OF THE F-35 LIGHTNING II JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER PROGRAM.

Whereas, the F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter program is critical to national defense strategy and offers a much needed, fifth-generation stealth fighter aircraft to meet the operational needs of the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and international allies; and

Whereas, threats to our national freedom continue to emerge, demanding the crucial advances in survivability and capability that the F-35 provides. Continuing to lower the costs of F-35 fighters allows for the procurement of a sufficient number of planes, which maximizes economies of scale, minimizes costs, and allows for the ample and timely delivery of the production aircraft to our Armed Forces; and

Whereas, the F-35 provides economic stability to the U.S. and other nations by creating jobs, commerce, and security; and

Whereas, in supporting national defense initiatives, South Carolina has a strong and continuing legacy and is home to numerous military bases; and

Whereas, the F-35 has a tremendous impact on jobs and the economy of Beaufort County; and

Whereas, Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Beaufort is home to an F-35B squadron, with more squadrons expected in the future, where pilots from the U.S., the United Kingdom, and Italy will train; and

Whereas, McEntire Joint National Guard Base and Shaw Air Force Base are potential future locations for F-35As, signifying their continued importance to the national security of the United States; and

Whereas, investing in the technological superiority of our military is a fitting honor to the millions of citizens of South Carolina and the United States who have served our nation by protecting our freedom through military service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Beaufort County Council:

That the members of the Beaufort County Council, by this resolution, recognize the importance of the F-35 aircraft to the United States, South Carolina and Beaufort County and encourage congressional support for full funding of the F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter Program.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to South Carolina's Congressional Delegation to express the high regard the Beaufort County Council holds for Lockheed Martin and the F-35 Program, recognizing their importance to our national security and economic growth, both nationally and in South Carolina.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: \_\_\_\_\_

D. Paul Sommerville, Chairman