

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 683
HOUSE BILL 849

AN ACT TO PERMIT EDGECOMBE COUNTY TO SELL IMPOUNDED DOGS
AND CATS TO REGISTERED INSTITUTIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 67-31(1) is amended by adding after the word "dogs" the words "and cats".

Sec. 2. G.S. 67-32 is amended to read:

"§ 67-32. Pound; disposition of impounded dogs and cats. – The board of county commissioners in each county in which a county dog warden is appointed under this Article shall establish and maintain a dog pound in each county, the same to be under the supervision of the county dog warden, for the purpose of impounding lost and stray dogs and cats for a period of at least three days, during which time the county dog warden shall make every reasonable effort to locate and give notice to the owners of such dogs and cats, or if such owners cannot be located, to find new owners for such dogs and cats. The dog warden shall keep a permanent bound record of the date on which each dog or cat is impounded, and if at the end of the holding period of at least three days, such dogs and cats remain unclaimed by their owners or by prospective owners, such dogs and cats may be destroyed in a humane manner, under the direct supervision of the county dog warden; unless an owner delivering a dog or cat to the dog warden objects in writing, such dogs and cats may be sold to an institution registered with the United States Department of Agriculture under the Animal Welfare Act (Chapter 54 of Title 7 U.S.C.). Anyone claiming or redeeming a dog or cat at the pound will be required to pay the actual cost of keeping the dog or cat in the pound, as well as any tax due, before any such dog or cat may be released."

Sec. 3. This applies only to Edgecombe County.

Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification. If either HB 318 or SB 141, now pending in the General Assembly, is enacted into law and as enacted repeals G.S. 67-32 in its statewide application, that repeal shall not be construed to repeal Section 2 of this act, unless this act is specifically repealed as well.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 5th day of July, 1983.