

ARTICLE IV. - ANIMAL SHELTER STANDARDS

Sec. 6-84. - Intent and purpose.

The purpose of this article is to establish standards for the operation of shelters in the unincorporated areas of the county which provide care for unwanted and neglected animals and procedures for the inspections of such shelters to ensure compliance with such standards.

(Code 1982, § 1-4-36; [Ord. No. 13-040](#), pt. B, 10-15-2013)

Sec. 6-85. - Animal shelter standards.

The board shall adopt by resolution standards for the operation of animal shelters in the following categories:

- (1) Administration and record keeping.
- (2) Standard operating procedures.
- (3) Population levels.
- (4) Enclosures and housing.
- (5) Euthanasia and spay/neuter protocols.
- (6) Compliance with statutory requirements.

(Code 1982, § 1-4-35; [Ord. No. 13-040](#), pt. B, 10-15-2013)

Sec. 6-86. - Inspection.

All animal shelters, as defined in [section 6-19](#), in the unincorporated area of the county and any shelter which contracts with the county to provide animal shelter services shall be inspected on a biannual basis at a minimum by members of the animal shelter standards committee with the assistance of county animal control officers as needed. The board may adopt by resolution procedures for the inspection of animal shelters. Within ten business days following each inspection, the county shall provide the owner of the animal shelter with a written report indicating whether the shelter is found to be in compliance with the standards adopted pursuant to [section 6-85](#), and a reasonable time period for coming into compliance with those standards found to be deficient. Failure to bring such items into compliance with the stated period shall result in enforcement as set forth in [section 6-29](#).

(Code 1982, § 1-4-36; [Ord. No. 13-040](#), pt. B, 10-15-2013)