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Aiken	Public works	9-12; 1:30-4:30 M-F; 10-1 sat	Only emergency and safety related calls are answered after hours	No	Yes. Officer is paged out through Sheriff's office.	Code enforcement officers with citation authority but no arrest powers	Handgun
Berkeley	Code Enforcement; AC is sub department	8:30 - 4:30 m-f	Only emergency and safely related calls are answered after hours	No	Yes, on call ACO can be contacted by 911 thru our paging system in order to respond to these calls - care of the animal is handled by our local SPCA.	Code enforcement officers with citation authority but no arrest powers	None
Charleston	Sheriff	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Only emergency and safety related calls are answered after hours.	No	Yes - confirmation of injury is made by a patrol deputy prior to a call out. The animal is then retrieved by an animal control deputy who takes it to an emergency vet or local animal shelter depending on severity of injuries.	Certified law enforcement officers with arrest powers	handgun, shotgun rifle, taser, OC, tranquilizing gun
Chester	Stand Alone Department	8-5, M-F; 8-12 Sat	Only emergency and safety related calls are answered after hours.	No	911 dispatches the after hour calls. Calls are then dispatched to Animal Control.	Code enforcement officers with citation authority but no arrest powers.	None
Chesterfield	Public works	7:30 - 4 pm	Animal related calls are handled on a 24 hour/7 day a week basis	No	County responds 24/7 to this type of call. Animal evaluated by responding officer and transferred to local vet. County does not have in-house medical facilities or personnel to deal with injury or illness.	Code enforcement officers with citation authority but no arrest powers.	None
Clarendon	Sheriff	No department. Sheriff hours 8-5 M-F	Only emergency and safety related calls are answered after hours	No	No	Certified law enforcement officers with arrest powers	handgun

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Colleton	Stand Alone Department	8-5; M-F	Only emergency and safety related calls are answered after hours.	No	Handled by on-call staff.	ACO hold dual role of environmental enforcement therefore hold A class S certification with SC Criminal Justice Academy	None
Dorchester	Code Enforcement	8-5 p.m.; M-F	Only emergency and safety related calls are answered after hours	Sheriff's Office	4 officers for the county. Each on call for seven days in a row.	Code enforcement with citation authority but no arrest powers	Asp baton and cap stun
Fairfield	Stand Alone Department	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	All animal related class are handled on a 24/7 day a week basis.	No	Yes, public calls 911, then 911 dispatches/ calls the officer on duty.	Code enforcement officers with citation authority but no arrest powers	Shotgun rifle
Florence	Stand Alone Department	8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. M-F	Only emergency and safety related calls are answered after hours	No	Yes, injured animal calls received by the Sheriff's department are forwarded to the on-call officer.	Code enforcement officers with citation authority but no arrest powers	Baton and cap stun
Georgetown	Sheriff	8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Only emergency and safety related are answered after hours	No	Yes, dogs are sent to emergency vet location and billed to Animal Center. Only dogs are picked up by animal control.	Certified law enforcement officers with arrest powers	handgun, tazer
Greenville	Public works	M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.	On call on Animal Control Officer and Sheriff's Deputy	Sheriff's Office	Yes, handled by our on call officer and/or the deputy. Animals are taken to the Emergency Veterinary Clinic we contract with for services.	Certified law enforcement officers with arrest powers	handgun, shotgun rifle, tranquilizer guns
Jasper	Sheriff	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.		No	Yes. The officer is on call after hours for emergency situations only.	Standard county employees without citation authority	handgun
Lancaster	Stand Alone Department	M-F 8-5; Sat 8 - 12 noon	All animal related class are handled on a 24/7 day a week basis.	No	Yes, calls are made to the Sheriff's Office or Police Department and the Animal Control Officer on call is notified and responds.	Code enforcement officers with citation authority but no arrest powers	handgun, shotgun rifle

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Lexington	Stand Alone Department	M-F 8-5; Sat 9 - 3	Only emergency and safety related calls are answered after hours	No	Yes, caller must be willing to stay with the animal until an animal control officer can arrive. The animal must not be owned by the caller.	Code enforcement officers with citation authority but no arrest powers	ASP baton
McCormick	Sheriff	n/a	As directed by sheriff	No	No	Sheriff Deputies	Handgun
Newberry	Public works	M-F 10-5	Only emergency and safety related calls are answered after hours	No	Complainants can call Dispatch after hours in reference to aggressive and injured animals, and the on-call ACO will be paged. There is also a local Emergency Animal Clinic that people are referred to for their personal pets that are injured.	Standard county employees without citation authority	None
Orangeburg	Public works	8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., M-F	Only emergency and safety related calls are answered after hours	Yes, some assistance for non-emergency calls is provided by the Sheriff's Dept.	Yes, every week one animal control officer is assigned to be on call for such responses.	code enforcement officers with citation authority but no arrest powers	None carried on person. A .22 caliber rifle is available for emergency calls. Tranquilizer dart gun available for emergency calls.
Richland	Stand Alone Department	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ; M-F	Only emergency and safety related calls are answered after hours.	No	We are contracted with local veterinarian for after hour service.	Code enforcement officers with authority but no arrest powers.	Tranquilizer guns
Spartanburg	Stand Alone Department	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; M-F	Only emergency and safety related calls are answered after hours.	No	On call ACO responds to injured animal complaints after receiving complaint from 911 and takes the animal to emergency vet clinic if injuries are serious and contacts owner if known	Code enforcement officers with citation authority but no arrest powers	handgun

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Aiken	Santee for SCACA, euthanasia training, sheriffs office provides law enforcement training	All animal control staff - 8, Supervision -1, Animal Control Officers -4 (not including supervisor); Animal Control Facility Attendants - 2 vet tech; admin asst - 1	Shelter, dogs, cats	\$417,974 (also house animals for Edgefield Cnty under contract. They pay based on the number of animals & services provided.	Spay/neuter services provided for adopted pets before leaving facility.	Vet under contract with the county. \$2,000/ mo., \$20 for each animal neutered. \$55 if called in after hours. \$1.20/ day to inspect animals.
Berkeley	NACA classes, local SCACCA seminars, and we try to attend any local training is the opportunity presents itself.	All animal control staff - 6; Supervision - 1; Animal Control Officers - 4 + supervisor (chief ACO); Animal Control Facility Attendants - run by SPCA - 6-8; Secretary - 1	No	Only can be released thru FOI	Spay/neuter services provided for adopted pets before leaving facility. Adoption contract requires new owner to spay/neuter within a specified time frame	SPCA VET. No costs to county
Charleston	SC Criminal Justice Academy basic law enforcement cert., Remote Chemical Capture Cert., Large Animal Rescue, Dog Fighting, other HSUS training, yearly training required to maintain law enforcement cert.	Supervision - 1; Animal Control Officers - 3	Contractual agreement with John Ancrum SPCA to house domesticated animals.	N/A	Spay/neuter services provided for adopted pets before leaving facility.	In-house veterinarian performs the surgery. No cost to county.
Chester	Tri county tech offered classes in the past which we attended, but there are no local classes for new employees.	All animal control staff - 4; Supervision - 1; Animal Control Officers - 3; Animal Control Facility Attendants - 0;	45 dogs and 16 cats held on daily avg. There is some, but not much, holding space for large animals.	\$132,740 - Total	Spay/neuter services provided for adopted pets before leaving facility.	Private vet - \$38 spay/neuter, \$21 vaccines.
Chesterfield	Animal Care and Control Conference, SC Animal Care and Control Association.	All animal control staff - 3 (for both animal control and litter control); Supervision - Public works director; Animal Control Officers - 3; Animal Control Facility Attendants - 3 along with correctional complex inmate labor; Assistance also received from staff of Paws and Claws, a partnering non-profit agency.	County operates an animal shelter in cooperation with a non-profit called Paws and Claws. Has ability to accept any class of animal.	Approx. \$90,000 + some expenses (vehicle, gas, service, etc.) covered by public works dept.	Handled by Paws and Claws	Not provided by county
Clarendon	limited	None	In partnership with SPCA, house cats and dogs.	Contribution of \$125,000	Spay/neuter services provided for adopted pets before leaving facility	Undetermined - first year in operation

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Colleton	SC Criminal Justice Academy Class 3 officer certification; national animal control association certifications; any additional training offered related to animal control.	All animal control staff - 8; Supervision - 2; Animal Control Officers - 3; Animal Control Facility Attendants - 1; Clerk - 1; environmental control -1	Yes. Primarily cats & dogs. Livestock when needed.	\$289,318 total budget	Spay/neuter services provided for adopted pets before leaving the facility. Adoption contract requires new owner to spay/neuter within a specified time	local vets. Male dog - \$50; Female dog - \$70; Male dog - \$30; Female cat - \$42
Dorchester	Euthanasia, large animal capture, feral animal capture	All animal control staff -4; supervision -1; animal control officers - 3	N/A - separate department from animal control.	\$300,000 total budget	Adoption contract requires new owner to spay/neuter within a specified time frame.	n/a
Fairfield	Level 1 National Shelter Training, Chemical Capture, Disease Control, FEMA training	All animal control staff - 2.5; ; Animal Control Officers - 1; Animal Control Facility Attendants - 2.5	Cats, dogs and other animals as needed.	\$85,500 total budget	Spa/neuter services provide for adopted pets before leaving facility	Private vet. \$75 per surgery.
Florence	SC Criminal Justice Academy - USC required course "humane euthanasia" - SC DHEC "Rabies Control Training" - SC Dept of Pesticide Regulations "Category 8 Pesticide Applicator"	All animal control staff - 7; supervision - 1; Animal Control Officers - 5; Animal Control Facility Attendants - 1	Cats and Dogs	Approx. \$412,000	Adoption contract requires new owner to spay/neuter within a specified time frame.	Not provided
Georgetown	class 3 certification (min.). Specialized animal control training yearly in-service.	All animal control staff - 2; Animal control officers - 2	No	n/a	n/a	unknown
Greenville	Everything available including all categories of animal control officer training, firearms training and cruelty training.	Supervision - 1; animal control officers - 8 including supervisor; Receptionist - 1	Not at this time, we contract with the local humane society of the holding of animals.	\$1,642,615 total budget	N/A	N/A handled by local humane society.
Jasper	state animal control officer training	Animal Control Officers - 1	We own the building but it is operated by a non-profit agency which we subsidize.	Animal control - \$40,000; shelter - \$100,000		
Lancaster	At this time, on the job training, but in the near future they will be attending the Criminal Justice Academy to receive their Class 3 Certification.	All animal control staff - 5; supervision - 1; Animal control officers -4 (1 of which is the supervisor); Animal Control Facility Attendants - 1	Dogs and cats mainly. Small domesticated animals are taken in occasionally such as goats, rabbits, iguanas, guinea pigs, birds. No large animals such as horses.	\$252,975 for 2006-07	Adoption contract requires new owner to spay/neuter within a specified time frame.	N/A

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Lexington	NACA classes and in-house training	All animal control staff - 13; supervision - 2; Animal control officers -5 ; Animal Control Facility Attendants - 2 fulltime, 2 parttime; clerk-1; veterinarian - 1.	Yes. Cats & Dogs.	Personnel - \$483,757; Operating - \$145,865; Total - \$629,622	Spay/neuter services provided for pets before leaving facility.	In-house veterinarian
McCormick	Academy	None	no	n/a	n/a	n/a
Newberry	South Carolina Animal Care and Control Association Certification (SC Euthanasia Certification Courses, Chemical Capture Certification, Continuing Ed Classes)	All Animal Control Staff - 6; Supervision - 1; Animal Control Officers - 3; Animal Control Facility Attendants - 1 (part-time weekends and holidays only)	Animal control staff operates the only animal shelter in the county. House mostly cats and dogs. Sometimes goats, pigs, pot-bellied pigs, ferrets, gerbils, guinea pigs, rabbits, birds (parrots, cockatiels, parakeets, chicken, turkey,) etc	For fiscal year 2006 - 2007, \$287,572	Spay/neuter services provided for adopted pets before leaving facility.	Once a week, we transport the shelter animals needing to be spayed or neutered to Triangle Veterinary Clinic in Union County. Our cost is \$35 per dog spay, cat spay or dog neuter, and \$25 per cat neuter.
Orangeburg	Code enforcement training includes court proceedings instruction by county attorney. Euthanasia certification classes are provided by DHEC. Aggressive animal handling seminars, etc.	All animal control staff - 7; Supervision - 1; Animal Control Officers - 5; Animal Control Facility Attendants - 0; Data entry/dispatch - 1	Dogs and cats only.		Policy for spay/neuter conducted and enforced by SPCA.	Private vet through contract with SPCA. No cost to county.
Richland	Animal Control Professional Certification I, II/Midlands Technician College Euthanasia Certifications, Chemical Capture Certifications, Other courses offered by the County.	All Animal Control Staff - 12; Supervision -3; Animal Control Officers - 8; Animal Control Facility Attendants - 0; Dispatcher - 1.	Dogs and Cats	\$903,000 total budget	Animals are transferred to rescue which guarantees spay/neuter.	N/A
Spartanburg	Euthanasia and tranquilization certification, Fireman's training, cruelty investigation, dog fighting investigation, customer service training	Supervision - 1; animal control officers - 6	Contracts with Humane Society for cats and dogs	\$554,200 total budget	Spay/neuter services provided for adopted pets before leaving facility.	In-house vet usually about \$30 for dogs and \$20 for cats

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Aiken	Total - 4,850; adopted - 400, returned to owner - 200; euthanized - 4,500	\$70 fee	Up to 3 \$15, 3-6 \$25, over 6 \$50.
Berkeley	Unknown - SPCA would have such numbers		
Charleston	Total- 6,758 (brought in by animal control only); Adopted - unknown; Returned to owner - 612 ; Euthanized - unknown	SPCA Fee: Cats - \$85; Dogs - \$95	SPCA requests \$25
Chester	Total - 2,340; adopted - 204; returned to owner 132; euthanized - 2112	\$69 per adoption (includes spay/neuter/vaccines)	No fee
Chesterfield	Total - 2,700; adopted - 300; returned to owner 100; euthanized - 2,200; rescue groups - 300	Set by Paws and Claws. No proceeds go to county.	No fee
Clarendon		\$75 fee	Donations requested

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Colleton	Total - 2,796; adopted - 286; returned to owner 188; euthanized - 2368	Spay neuter costs (see response to question 13.)	. \$5
Dorchester			
Fairfield	Total- 2,100; Adopted - 100; returned to owner 100; Euthanized - 1,900	\$10 adoption fee/vet cost.	No fee
Florence	Total - (FY 05-06) 4,278; Adopted - 174; Returned to Owner - 173; Euthanized - 3,931	\$40 fee	No fee
Georgetown			
Greenville			
Jasper			
Lancaster	Total- 5,154; Adopted or returned to owner - 326; Euthanized - 4,705; Rescue Group Pick Up - 123	\$50 (\$40 refunded after proof sterilization)	No fee



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Lexington	Total - 9,616; Adopted - 534; Returned to Owner - 380; Euthanized - 8,321	\$70 for dogs; \$60 for cats	No fee
McCormick	n/a		n/a
Newberry	Total - 3,783; Adopted - 480; Returned to owner - 197; Euthanized - 2,826; Rabbits, goats, birds- 41	\$70 for dogs/ puppies, \$60 for cats/kittens	\$0 for in-county residents, \$5 per animal for out-of-county residents (1st reading on 6/6/2007 to increase this to \$15 per out-of-county animal)
Orangeburg	Total - 5,338; adopted - 393; returned to owner 90; euthanized - 4820, escaped - 20; died in captivity - 15	\$80. All adoptions done by SPCA	none
Richland	Total - 6,000; Adopted - 0; Returned to owner- 335; Euthanized - 0 (city of Columbia euthanizes for Richland County); Transferred to Project Paws	.\$0	.\$0
Spartanburg	Total - 15,4058; Adopted - 3,408; Returned to Owner - 515; Euthanized - 13,615	\$79 cats; \$85 dogs	Donations requested