



Fairbanks North Star Borough

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To: Senator Robert Myers
Representative Maxine Dibert

Senator Myers and Representative Dibert,

Thank you again for carrying SB163 and HB188 regarding animal adoption records. Below are answers to questions that have been asked as of today.

1. On average, how many animals does the FNSB animal shelter take in each year?
The Fairbanks North Star Borough animal shelter takes in approximately 3,500 animals a year of various species and ranging circumstances.
2. Of these, approximately how many are qualified for adoption?
Of the 3,500 animals the shelter takes in annually, approximately 1,500 are qualified for adoption. Additionally, about 600 will be returned to their owners.
3. Of the animals taken in and qualified for adoption, approximately how many are successfully adopted as pets each year?
Approximately 1,450 of the 1,500 animals qualified for adoption will ultimately be adopted out to homes.
4. What percentage of adoptions would you guess lead to confrontations with former owners? Would you say this is a weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual occurrence?
Of the approximately 40 public record requests a year about a quarter of the records requests annually have adopter's personal information in them. This has resulted in instances of confrontation and harassment.
5. Do you think such a privacy measure – i.e. HB 188 - would encourage more families to adopt pets from your facility?
Yes, it is our opinion that adopter information should not be subject to public record requests and that by being able to withhold this information, more people would be inclined to adopt or foster animals.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.


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