

Sheriff's department takes over animal control

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The Del Norte County Board of Supervisors have transferred control of Animal Services from the Agriculture Department to the Sheriff.

At the board's only meeting for December, Supervisors also allocated \$38,000 to transition Agriculture to its new location on Williams Drive.

What can the public expect in the new year?

Sheriff Garrett Scott plans to create a new Animal Control clerical secretary. A new full-time kennel attendant will join an existing full time attendant. Two part-time kennel attendants positions will be phased out.

The sheriff will announce the filling of a captain position in a few weeks. That individual will join two other high-ranking deputies. Scott will assign oversight of Animal Services to one of those three individuals. Brittany Pratt will continue as animal control supervisor and oversee operations with two subordinates.

Scott underscored the valuable importance of two entities which have provided vital services prior to, during and continuing into the new administration: Dogs of Del Norte and the Humane Society of Del Norte County.

On the sheriff's shopping list are a horse shelter stall and livestock trailer

Veterinarian services will be evaluated after the transition.

An additional animal control officer will be hired, joining the two officers already on staff.

Crucial to the successful transition to the Sheriff's Department are the volunteers.

"Dog walker volunteers are wanted, needed and greatly appreciated, " according to Sheriff Scott. He urges those wishing to help out, apply at the pound on West Washington Boulevard.

The official transfer of animal control will take place January 1.