



# Berkeley County Sheriff's Office

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## **BCSO Assumes Responsibility over Animal Control on July 1**

*New phone number for animal complaints and reports*

**MONCKS CORNER, S.C. - (Monday, July 1, 2019)** The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office has assumed responsibility over Berkeley County Animal Control, effective July 1. Berkeley County Animal Control was formerly under the Berkeley Animal Center. This change was made with the passage of the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget, that was approved at the Berkeley County Council meeting on Monday, June 24, 2019.

The new phone number for Berkeley County Animal Control is **843-719-4300**.

Under the Sheriff's Office, four animal control officers will be dedicated to respond to animal control calls around Berkeley County. The animal control officers will work twelve-hour, staggered shifts to respond effectively to all reports of stray and/or aggressive animals. The animal control officers will then bring stray and lost animals to the Berkeley Animal Center; however, the officers will now solely work under the leadership of Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis.

*The Berkeley County Animal Control Officers are dedicated to serving Berkeley County. They will follow a new set of operating policies and procedures for responding to all calls concerning aggressive and/or stray animals. The Sheriff's Office is prepared to absorb this important department. We have studied previous call volumes to anticipate busy times and to set the schedules accordingly. With the help of our team and the citizens of Berkeley County, we will strive to tackle all animal issues and concerns in the County in a timely and appropriate manner.*

-Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis

Please note, The City of Hanahan and The City of Goose Creek each have their own animal control officers. For animal complaints and reports in these municipalities, please call the respective animal control departments.

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