



## Levy County Board of County Commissioners

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### County Department Quarterly Report Process

Levy County Department Heads shall be responsible for reporting on their department's activities every quarter beginning with the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2025.

Quarter	Period	Quarterly Report Due to the County Manager	Quarterly Report Included in the BoCC Agenda
First Quarter FY 2025	October-December	January 10, 2025	January 21, 2025
Second Quarter FY 2025	January-March	April 11, 2025	April 22, 2025
Third Quarter FY 2025	April-June	July 11, 2025	July 22, 2025
Fourth Quarter FY 2025	July-September	October 14, 2025	October 21, 2025
First Quarter FY 2026	October-December	January 14, 2026	January 20, 2026

All Levy County Departments shall use the following Quarterly Report Template.



### Commissioners

Charlie Kennedy, District 1

Rock Meeks, District 2

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Tim Hodge, Vice Chair, District 4

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## Levy County Quarterly Department Report

### Department Information

<b>Name of Department</b>	Levy County Animal Services
<b>Name of Department Head</b>	Brandy Cannon
<b>Department Mission</b>	Through collaboration with community partners, Levy County Animal Services will ensure a safe environment for the public, dogs, and cats in Levy County through education, enforcement of state and local laws, providing temporary care, and uniting animals with loving homes.

### Department Staffing

	Fourth Quarter 2024	First Quarter 2025	Second Quarter 2025	Third Quarter 2025	Fourth Quarter 2025
<b>Number of Budgeted Full-Time Employees</b>	6	7	7	7	
<b>Number of Actual Full-Time Employees</b>	6	7	6	5	
<b>Number of Budgeted Part-Time Employees</b>	1	2	2	2	
<b>Number of Actual Part-Time Employees</b>	1	2	2	2	
<b>Comment</b>					

### Department Deliverables

<b>Deliverable</b> <i>(To be determined by the Department Head)</i>	Fourth Quarter 2024	First Quarter 2025	Second Quarter 2025	Third Quarter 2025	Fourth Quarter 2025
		Adopted 47 dogs. Rescued 21 dogs. Adopted out 10	Total animals in our facility this quarter. Adopted out	211 total animals have entered our facility this	



		cats. 19 cats went to rescue.	to public 22. Rescued 136 dogs. 17 cats went to rescue. 35 returned to owner.	quarter. 18 cats went to rescue, and 1 was adopted directly from our facility. 85 dogs went to rescue, and 45 were adopted directly from our facility. Many of the remaining were returned to their original homes!	
Comment					



## Department Highlights

During the second quarter of 2025, our organization achieved several milestones in service expansion, public engagement, and animal welfare outcomes. We were selected to receive funding from Best Friends Animal Society through Jacksonville Humane Society, which directly supports our goal of increasing our live outcome rate. This enabled the hiring of our new Live Outcome Coordinator, Montana Hartshorn, through our partnership with Operation Catnip.

This quarter, we have been working diligently to improve the conditions of our office and kennels. The decision was made to renovate the standing office to ensure that we could make the best use of current structures, while providing a safe office for staff and visiting community members alike. While we are currently still operating out of the mobile unit office, we are excited by the progress being made on our original structure. Additionally, we launched an Amazon Wishlist to streamline donations, resulting in an influx of supplies such as pet beds to improve the comfort of our kennel spaces for the animals that find their way to us.

Our partnership with SCaRS (Second Chance at Rehabilitation Services) continues to yield strong results. Following the graduation of our first two dogs, Trigger and Ruger, on April 6<sup>th</sup>, we sent ten additional dogs for training. Our second class of dogs graduated on June 26<sup>th</sup>, eight have since been adopted. Our third class of ten dogs began their training on June 30<sup>th</sup>, and includes our longest-term residents. Luckily, they are already making great strides with training, and we are optimistic they will be ready for forever homes by the time they graduate next quarter!

Medical outcomes also improved significantly thanks to support from VCOP, which allowed us to treat four dogs for heartworm and fund critical surgeries for other animals, including a mastectomy and FHO procedure. These medical services were previously unavailable to us. We already have another four heartworm positive dogs in our facility and foster homes that are committed to pursuing heartworm treatment through VCOP in the next quarter!

We strengthened our regional partnerships with organizations including Big Dog Ranch Rescue, SPCA Lakeland, Labrador Retriever Rescue of Florida, and others. Internally, we welcomed a new Animal Control Officer, Danny White, and have opened recruitment for a full-time veterinarian position to further expand our in-house care capabilities. We also celebrated Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week in recognition of the dedicated service of our field



staff. As we move forward, our focus remains on improving live release rates, expanding access to veterinary care, and strengthening community outreach and collaboration.

We participated in the BISSELL Pet Foundation's national "Empty the Shelters" adoption campaign and the Petco Love Florida Mega Adoption Event, resulting in the successful adoption of 11 dogs combined. Through our social media outreach, we reunited numerous lost pets with their owners and increased awareness around the importance of microchipping. Additionally, we transferred dogs back to Citrus County Animal Services that we had transferred in during our second quarter.

Levy County Animal Control accepted many new intakes throughout the quarter, including strays and cruelty case intakes alike. As we remain committed to persecuting animal abusers in Levy County, we are pleased to report convictions in both the Timothy Sparks and Pedro Perez cruelty cases. We have accepted another large seizure of dogs with the Judy Cary case, but luckily all healthy dogs were able to find rescue with the rescue partners listed above!