



May2025 Law Department Court-Held Animals Update
June 6, 2025

Enclosed are the two May 2025 Animal Charts for your review. This monthly update is not privileged and can be distributed publicly as you deem appropriate.

Surrender/Forfeiture of Animals- 29 Animals in May

- As of June 6, 2025, ten (10) dogs were voluntarily surrendered through the efforts of the Solicitor General's Office. In addition, an additional thirteen (13) dogs were surrendered at a hearing on a motion to dispose filed by the Law Department, and three (3) animals were forfeited by operation of law due to cost of care of not being paid. Finally, three (3) animals are now available for adoption following two successful motions to dispose. This brings the total number of court-held animals surrendered since late 2022 (either voluntarily or through successful motions to dispose/cost petitions) to **312**.

Pending Cost of Care Civil Lawsuits ("Cost Lawsuits") – 9 Animals

- As of May 23, 2025, fifteen Cost Lawsuits have been filed. There are currently two (2) pending lawsuits, which account for **9** court-held animals. Details on the status of each case are provided below.
- As of June 6, 2025, there are **597** animals in the shelter. There are **18** court-held animals in the County's shelter and **5** in foster care for a total of **23** court-held animals (**3.9%** of the total animal shelter population).

Specific Update by Case-

- **Carlos Sanford** (13 animals-impounded February 2025)-A motion to dispose was filed on April 29, 2025, and a hearing was scheduled in Dekalb County Magistrate Court for May 14, 2025. Mr. Sanford surrendered his thirteen (13) animals at the hearing on his motion to dispose, resulting in the dismissal of the motion.
- **Kourtney Gunter** (3 animals-impounded December 2024)-The Cost Lawsuit was filed on April 7, 2025. A hearing on the cost petition was held on May 13, 2025, and the Court

issued an order granting the cost petition on May 19, 2025. On May 27, 2025, the animals were forfeited by operation of law due to Mr. Gunter's failure to pay the costs as ordered by the Court.

- ***Auburn Hood*** (2 animals-impounded November 2023)-The Cost Lawsuit was filed on March 13, 2025, and a hearing was scheduled for May 8, 2025. Ms. Hood did not attend the hearing, and the Court issued an order granting the cost petition on May 15, 2025. The deadline for Ms. Hood to pay the court-ordered costs to avoid forfeiture of her two animals is June 16, 2025.
- ***Willie Roberson*** (1 animal-impounded August 2024)-A motion to dispose was filed on May 1, 2025. A hearing on the motion to dispose was scheduled for May 14, 2025. Mr. Roberson did not appear, and the motion was granted. An order was submitted to the magistrate court on May 19, 2025, and signed on May 27, 2025.
- ***Terry Davis*** (2 animals-impounded in November 2024)-A motion to dispose was filed on May 20, 2025. A hearing on the motion to dispose took place on June 4, 2025. Mr. Davis did not appear at the hearing, and the motion was granted. An order was issued on June 5, 2025, and the two dogs are now available for adoption.
- ***Melvin Johnson/Queena Robinson*** (7 Animals-impounded August 2023)-The Cost Lawsuit was filed on September 17, 2024, but service was never completed due to an inability to serve Mr. Johnson and Ms. Robinson, who no longer live in Dekalb County. The Law Department voluntarily dismissed the lawsuit and refiled it on April 1, 2025. Both Mr. Johnson and Ms. Robinson have been served. A hearing in this case has been scheduled for August 7, 2025.
- Civil demands for Brittany Railey (1 animal), Andrerius Thomas (1 animal), Zandrea Johnson (2 animals), and Adrienne Adams (2 animals) will be mailed out in the coming days.