

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 603

Short Title: Confidentiality of Animal Services Records. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Marcus, Moffitt, and Sawrey (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 6, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE RECORDS RELATING TO
3 COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 132 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
6 section to read:

7 "**§ 132-1.15. Personally identifiable records relating to county animal services.**

8 (a) Personally identifiable information held by an animal shelter as defined in
9 G.S. 19A-23(5) that relates to any of the following is not a public record as defined in G.S. 132-1:

10 (1) An individual who has surrendered ownership, custody, or possession of an
11 animal to an animal shelter.

12 (2) An individual who has placed an animal in a long-term hold or foster program
13 designed to hold animals due to domestic violence situations.

14 (3) An individual who has adopted a shelter animal or to whom a shelter animal
15 has been placed through a foster program.

16 (4) The disposition of animals confiscated under G.S. 14-363.2.

17 (b) When a county animal control service places animals with an animal rescue
18 organization, the identity of the animal rescue organization is a public record as defined in
19 G.S. 132-1.

20 (c) Disclosure or nondisclosure of information that is not a public record under this
21 section may be made in the county's discretion."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

