

**NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR THE ADOPTION OF CERTAIN**  
**BREEDS FROM THE ANIMAL SHELTER**

It is the policy of the New Hanover County Board of Health not to provide the following breeds or mix-breeds for adoption. Other breeds or mix-breeds may be placed on this list at the Board's discretion.

The intent of this policy is to prevent or reduce the chances of severe injury or fatal attacks by dogs to citizens of New Hanover County. Most dog attacks are to children and are preventable.

**PROCEDURE:**

- (1) **No pit bull or pit bull mix shall be adopted from New Hanover County Animal Control Shelter.** Owners must present to animal control division proof of ownership to redeem their pet. This proof must be presented to the animal control division within five (5) business days after impoundment of the animal. After the fifth business day, the dog becomes property of New Hanover County and may be immediately put to death.
- (2) **No Chow Chow or Chow Chow mix shall be adopted from New Hanover County Animal Control Shelter.** Owners must present to animal control division proof of ownership to redeem their pet. This proof must be presented to the animal control division within five (5) business days after impoundment of the animal. After the fifth business day, the dog becomes property of New Hanover County and may be immediately put to death.

For the purpose of this policy, Saturday, Sunday, and New Hanover County holidays are not considered business days.