



Up for adoption
Hoke County Humane Society volunteer Jack Litzgus shows off one of the dogs up for adoption at the new Hoke County Animal Shelter. Society members will be at the shelter Saturday to assist anyone wishing to adopt a pet. The facility is also open during the week.

Cameron is chairman of UCB-Raeford board

Robert L. Conoly, city executive of the Raeford office of United Carolina Bank, announced recently that Tom U. Cameron has been named chairman of the Raeford office Board of Directors, and J.F. (Frank) Baker has been named to the board.

Cameron served on The Bank of Raeford board for 23 years prior to the merger with UCB in 1982 and has since served on the local United Carolina Bank board. He is president of Upchurch Milling Co.

A Davidson College graduate, Cameron has been active in Raeford's business and civic activities. He currently serves on the town board, as secretary of the Raeford Development Corporation, and secretary of the Raeford Fire Dept. He has also been a member of the North Carolina Wildlife Commission, president of

the North Carolina Feed Manufacturer's Association and state representative on a National Broiler Study Committee.

Cameron is married to the former Emily Breeden of Bennettsville, South Carolina. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Baker is an officer and director of Pittard and Perry, Inc. and serves as manager of the Hoke County office. Having earned a BS BA from East Carolina University, he has worked as a C.P.A. since 1963.

Baker is a member of the American Institute of C.P.A.'s and the North Carolina Association of C.P.A.'s. He serves on the board of directors of the Hoke Betterment Association and on the board of trustees of the Raeford United Methodist Church. Baker is



Frank Baker

also active in the Boy Scout organization.

He is married to the former Joan Phipps of Florence, South Carolina. They are the parents of three sons.

United Carolina Bank operates 92 offices in 52 North Carolina cities, towns, and communities.

It is the seventh largest bank in the state with assets in excess of \$1 billion.

Shepherd's problems could be costly

DEAR DOCTOR: Our German shepherd has developed a severe problem with her hind quarters. My veterinarian says that the problem is one of three things but that the tests to find out the cause will be expensive and surgery may be needed. She is on medication now, but her hindquarters are deteriorating fast. We can't afford to pay for the test, so is there some place that will do the tests and surgery at no charge or minimal charge?

ANSWER: It certainly sounds as if your pet has a serious problem. I'm not surprised that your veterinarian warned you that the tests and treatment are likely to be costly. Unfortunately, there is no way around charging for the services rendered. Unlike human hospitals, veterinary clinics and hospitals are built and supplied strictly by the individuals who operate them. No public money is used to build or operate the clinics and no government agency will pay for those pets whose owners cannot afford the service.

Most, if not all, veterinarians do a certain amount of reduced or charity work but are understandably reluctant to do a major case such as your pet's for free. Veterinarians do care about your pet. They cannot, however, do a great deal of work for free and still afford to provide the kind of clinic necessary to treat your pet.

DEAR DOCTOR: My cats love to play outdoors, but I have been told that veterinarians frown on owners allowing cats to run free. The word I got is that it is not good for cats. I'd like to know if this is true, and if it, why. Thank you.

ANSWER: Veterinarians often recommend that cats be kept inside the home when they are city dwellers. There is a whole range of disasters awaiting the unwary cat in the great outdoors, not the least of which is the automobile. When a cat is responding to sexual drives and searching for a mate, they might fight with other cats and dash in front of a car or may just misjudge the speed of an oncoming car and be hit and injured or killed.

Again, when searching and competing for a mate, fights with other cats often cause injuries and bite wounds can become infected and

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abscessed. Neutering the cats will cut down on fighting but may not eliminate it entirely if the cat is mature when neutered.

Cats are exposed to a whole range of communicable diseases when out and about. The virus respiratory diseases of cats are spread by direct contact with infected cats as is the fatal disease of Feline Leukemia. A less serious but still troublesome problem acquired outside is the parasite problem. Both fleas and ear mites can be acquired while socializing with other animals outside.

As usual, there is another side to this question of whether to let your cat get some exercise by going outside. Cats have a very serious disease complex involving the urinary system. This disease complex involves the formation of crystals in the urinary bladder that irritate the bladder lining and may, especially in males, lead to blockage of the outflow of urine, uremia and death if not promptly treated. It has been shown that the cats that exercise outside have a much smaller incidence of the disease complex. This, along with rodent control, seems to be the major point in favor of letting cats roam.

DEAR DOCTOR: I have three dogs, two Chihuahuas and a dachshund. In the last month, I have noticed the oldest one, the 13-year old dachshund, eating the Chihuahua's stool. They are very well taken care of and have a well balanced diet. Could she have a deficiency of some sort? Her appetite has dropped drastically in the last week.

ANSWER: Stool eating is a behavior that people find disgusting and hard to understand. While it can be the result of a disease called pancreatitis, it is more often a behavior problem, not a deficiency.

We see stool eating, called coprophagia, in three categories. First, the dogs that eat the feces of horses or cows. This behavior is also observed in the wild carnivores (meat eaters). It may be that the stool of these types of animals provide some nutrition.

Some dogs will eat the stool of

cats. The cause of this behavior is unknown.

Some dogs eat the stool of other mature dogs or their own. Again, this behavior has not been explained. The mother dog will consume the feces of the young pup as part of normal grooming and care. This is normal behavior.

Dogs that are closely confined and left alone for long periods develop the vice of stool eating more often than those dogs that have lots of attention.

Prevention of the behavior is most often the most successful treatment. Keep the dog from having access to the stool by walking it on a leash for eliminations. Provide it with toys and chew bones when it is left alone. Try to increase contact time with the humans of the household.

Cover the litter tray with a box that has an entry hole large enough for the cat so that the dog that likes to eat cat stool can't get to it.

Veterinarians have available a diet additive that, when added to the dog's foods, gives the stool such a bad taste the dog leaves the stool alone. While this is effective, it may need to be repeated for continued control.

Barrington takes part in 'Team Spirit '84

Army Pvt. Jeffrey E. Barrington, son of Brenda J. Guinn of Rural Route 1, Hamlet and James E. Barrington of 512 Montford St., Aberdeen, has participated in Team Spirit '84.

This is the largest joint, combined field training exercise to be held in the free world this year. A joint, combined exercise involves more than one service from more than one country.

Team Spirit '84, the eighth annual exercise of its kind, involves the deployment, reception and employment of U.S. and Republic of Korea forces responding to possible contingencies in the Korean theater.

Barrington is a cavalry scout with the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Casey, South Korea.

He is a 1982 graduate of Richmond Senior High School, Rockingham.



VOTE TOMMY WELLINGTON NC House of Representatives

May 8, 1984

I am campaigning for the N.C. House of Representatives from District 16 which includes Hoke, Robeson and Scotland Counties. I was reared in and now reside in the Saddletree Community of Robeson County where my son Johnny and I operate a family farming business. I am active in volunteer work primarily with the elderly and in rehabilitation programs that work against drug abuse and alcoholism. I am currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Good Shepherd Home in Lake Waccamaw.

I am married to the former Joyce Powers who serves as chairperson for the mathematics department of Lumberton Junior High School. We attend Rozier Baptist Church where we both serve as adult Sunday School teachers. I also serve as a deacon and choir director for the church.

My educational background includes Lumberton High School, Wingate College and Wake Forest University where I majored in business.

I feel that our children are our most important natural resource and; furthermore, the future of our country depends on them. It has been said "A nation that is both free and ignorant is a nation that never was or never will be." I know that it is mandatory that education in N.C. be upgraded. This will require a concerted effort on everyone's part - the General Assembly, parents and school personnel. Teachers' salaries must be raised in order to keep competent teachers in the classroom and to attract bright young people to the teaching profession. No class should have more than 25 students and preferably fewer. I would hope that we could find ways to finance this other than raising taxes. I want to investigate the feasibility of having toll roads in N.C. Many other states already have toll roads and collect a great deal of revenue in this manner. I'm sure there must be other ways to create income also.

The 16th District is predominately an agricultural area and it would be foolish not to acknowledge that our farmers are in serious trouble. Agriculture is the "backbone of the nation"; however, many farmers have lost their lands and many others are on the verge of losing them. Farmers are receiving little more for their crops that they did forty years ago. I would like to be on the agricultural committee and investigate ways to improve this situation.

I have many reasons for getting involved in politics. I realize that many people are frustrated. Our elderly are struggling on very limited incomes. The unemployment rate is still high. Private businesses are having difficulty competing with so-called non-profit organizations that are tax-exempt. The list could go on and on. I am convinced we need a representative who will avidly support programs that will be beneficial to all the people of this district.

We live in a tri-racial setting and I want to help bind all our people together so that the 16th District can progress more rapidly socially, economically and in every other way. At the present time I am very concerned about the proposed hazardous waste treatment facility that is to be located in Scotland County.

My slogan is "A Working Man's Approach to Government." I hope that it summarizes my philosophy and convinces the people that I can be an effective spokesperson in the N.C. House of Representatives for all the people of the 16th District.

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