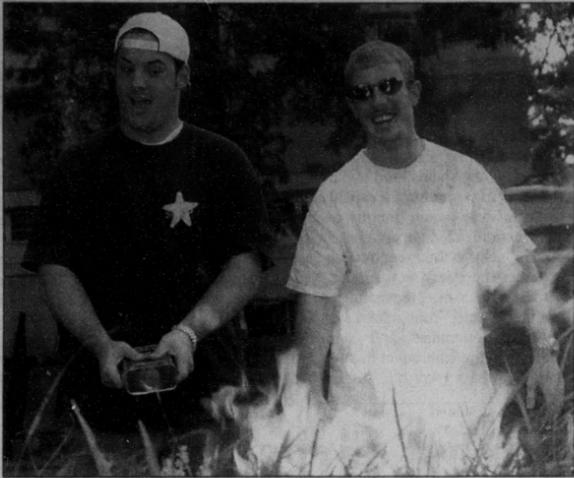


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Senior Stephen King watches as senior Matt Sacrinty gives a barbecue a little help. The cookout was a rush event sponsored by Chi Alpha Omega, a men's Christian fraternity.

# Pet Rescue Team in Place for Crises

A new animal rescue team hopes its services will help area residents care for their animals in times of crisis.

By **THERESA CHEN**  
Staff Writer

This hurricane season, domestic animals and their owners can look forward to better protection in times of crisis.

State officials established an Orange County Animal Rescue Team in May that is specifically designed to deal with large numbers of animal emergencies during natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes and ice storms. An animal emergency ranges from disposing of dead animals to treating disaster-related injuries.

"I think the experiences of the folks down east during Hurricane Floyd shows what can happen (to animals) when there aren't well-developed local

plans in an emergency," said Orange County Health Director Rosemary Summers, who appointed the county animal rescue committee.

"(The rescue team) is an effort to make sure we're ready locally in case there's an event that puts a large number of animals at risk."

The importance of animal response in emergencies became evident after Floyd, when many human lives were put in danger because of animals, said Animal Protection Society Director Pat Sanford.

"The state realized there was a problem because some people were reluctant to leave their homes if they had pets," she said. "And the more animals you have, the more likely you are to stay with them."

Sanford said other problems included rescue teams being sent into hazardous situations to save animals and pets from drowning.

Although the rescue team will provide two county sites where pet owners can

bring their animals, its main goal is to educate owners on emergency procedures.

"What we're hoping is each family that has animals will devise a plan so they'll know what needs to be done in case of a disaster," Sanford said.

The county rescue squad is broken down into four teams, each of which will create a manual informing people of what to do with their animals in emergency situations. The manuals will also be given to emergency workers at 911 and rescue centers.

The county animal rescue committee, which consists of Sanford, Animal Control Director John Sauls and Cooperative Extension agents Karen McAdams and Royce Hardin, is also responsible for coordinating organized responses to county disasters and reuniting owners with lost pets.

Sanford said the key to returning lost animals to their owners is identification.

"The problem with Floyd is that so many animals had no identification," she said. "We push identification

because you've got an 80 percent chance of recovery (with it). Without, it's 15 percent under normal circumstances."

Sanford said two forms of identification were recommended, including the rabies tag, which is required by state law for dogs. Other possible forms of identification include personal identification, tattoos and microchips.

Microchips, which cost \$15 at the Orange County Animal Shelter, are injected between the animal's shoulder blades and can be scanned for the owner's information.

Sauls said increased communication between animal rescue teams is another of the county squad's goals.

"During Floyd, we had out-of-state rescue groups who came in and did good work, but were totally uncoordinated with anyone else. It was a disaster within a disaster."

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they already get excellent treatment," he said.

Lee said the effort to expand the physical medicine and rehabilitation department has been in the works for more than five years.

As a precursor to the expansion, the state requires that hospitals submit a certificate of need, Stinneford said.

"It's a process whereby hospitals have to keep the state informed," she said.

Stinneford said the notification process is a means for the state to make sure North Carolina hospitals offer a wide variety of treatments and specialties.

"They want to make sure (neighbor-

*"The main goal of the department is to help people with physical handicaps develop ... physical independence ..."*

**KAREN STINNEFORD**  
Public Relations Manager, UNC Hospitals

ing hospitals) don't duplicate efforts and limit our resources," she said.

Stinneford said getting the state's approval for the expansion should not be a problem.

"I don't anticipate the state having any objections," she said. "We are not asking the state for money."

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violators can range from clearing spots for those who have paid for parking permits to towing those who have dirtied parking lots.

"They're taking up spaces that are leased," Harrison said. "They leave trash and beer bottles in the parking lot."

The church took action against illegal parkers to clean up their lots and to make way for paying customers.

But the main reason establishments tow cars is that illegally parked cars prevent them from doing business, Shoulders said.

University Square tows primarily during the day, when lunchtime customers fill the 165 parking spaces.

Security guards monitoring the shopping center check for cars parking illegally.

"They eyeball people and tow the ones that leave (their cars and go outside the complex)," said Shoulders, whose shopping center usually tows 10

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**GAIL HARRISON**  
University Baptist Church Secretary

to 15 cars per week.

Most establishments tow about 10 cars per week, although the University Baptist Church had already sent away two cars on Monday, said Walter McCauley, the church's sexton.

Paying the towing fee might be the most painful part of the towing experience; people usually surrender \$65 to \$75 per violation.

But some towing services offer \$30 discounts if students show their UNC ONE Cards.

Even so, Talbert said, illegal parkers take their penalties without too much fanfare.

"Everything runs smoothly, and nobody usually puts up a fuss."

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## Chinese Scientists Start N.C. Tobacco Inspection

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - The front of a Boeing 747 engine that broke apart shortly after takeoff had been damaged, investigators said Monday, and they were trying to determine whether a bird could have been pulled into the engine.

Witnesses on a state beach said they heard loud bangs and saw flames shooting from one engine before watching a large cone-shaped exhaust assembly and two other chunks of metal fell from the KLM Royal Dutch Airlines jet Sunday afternoon.

The four-engine jet, bound for Amsterdam, Netherlands, with 449 people aboard, circled over the ocean to dump fuel, then landed safely at the airport. There were no injuries, and passengers applauded as the pilot set the plane down on the runway.

After inspectors looked over the jet

Monday morning, National Transportation Safety Board investigator Richard Parker said a bird should not have caused the back of the engine to fall away. Inspectors also didn't see any feathers in the engine, he said. "There could be a number of things, such as maybe a panel coming loose, or metal fatigue, or something else," he said.

But spokesmen for KLM and for the Federal Aviation Administration said they were still focusing on the possibility a bird could have become caught in the engine. Inspections showed the engine's intake cowling and fan blades were also damaged, said Doug Killian, a spokesman for Northwest Airlines, which has a partnership with KLM.

Earlier this month, the FAA ordered maintenance examinations for the same type of engine, manufactured by General Electric Co., focusing on a part called the compressor spool.

## Second-Hand Smoking Death Leads to \$700,000 Judgment

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Invoking an international treaty rarely applied in such cases, a federal judge on Monday ordered a Greek airline to pay \$700,000 for its role in a passenger's asthma-related death aboard a cigarette-smoke filled plane.

U.S. District Judge Charles R. Breyer said Olympic Airways attendants should have switched the seat of Abid

M. Hanson after he complained that nearby smoke was bothering him on the January 1998 flight from Egypt to the United States.

"Had Olympic Airways' flight crew responded appropriately to the repeated requests to move Dr. Hanson from this area, he might be alive today," the judge wrote.

In holding Olympic partially liable, Breyer cited the Warsaw Convention treaty.

All international carriers must sign the Warsaw treaty, amended since it was signed in 1929, which sets limits on airlines' financial liability for accident victims.

Breyer said the flight crew's failure to move the victim away from the smoking section following a request that they do so, including one before Hanson got on the plane, "can be considered an 'accident' under the convention."

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