

# Community Watch gets animal control update

## KITTRELL COMMUNITY WATCH

The Kittrell Community Watch met March 19 at the Kittrell Community House to learn about animal control in Vance County.

Edward Woodlief, watch president, called the meeting to order, and Dr. Carolyn Roy of Plank Chapel United Methodist Church delivered the invocation.

Woodlief displayed the plaque from Henderson-Vance Crime Stoppers presented in recognition of Kittrell Community Watch's contributions in 2014.

The guest speaker was Vance County Animal Control Chief Frankie Nobles. Nobles discussed efforts to develop a new shelter to replace the current facility, which was built in 1978. Nobles said the shelter took in 1,864 animals since last July. With a shelter capacity of 54 adoptable animals, animals have to be euthanized unless they are adopted quickly.

Nobles praised the Ruin Creek Animal Protection Society, which finds adoptive homes for a great many of the ani-

mals in the shelter. He also thanked area businesses and the public for ongoing donations of bleach, pet foods, cat litter and money.

Nobles discussed the shelter's spay or neuter and rabies vaccination programs. Rabies vaccinations are required by law, and an unvaccinated animal could possibly cost the owner thousands of dollars.

The shelter provides annual rabies shots each day for \$5.

The shelter also operates a spay and neuter assistance program for pets of low-income persons. The county web site, [www.vancecounty.org](http://www.vancecounty.org), provides details, qualifications and forms for the program.

When asked about a leash law, Nobles said Vance County requires dogs to be under the direct control of the owner or confined to the owner's property but not necessarily on a leash.

The next Kittrell Community Watch meeting will be May 21. For more information, go to [kittrellcommunitywatch.dyndns.org](http://kittrellcommunitywatch.dyndns.org).



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Vance County Animal Control Chief Frankie Nobles (from left) joins Kittrell Community Watch President Edward Woodlief, Henderson-Vance Crime Stoppers President Lorraine Watkins and Crime Stoppers board member Bobby Choplin during the March 19 meeting of the Kittrell Community Watch. Woodlief holds a plaque presented to Kittrell Community Watch by Crime Stoppers.

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