

Cheryl Jones

Cheryl Jones, Director of Animal Services at Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services (FLAS), is a certified animal control officer through NACA, AACIS, NACIS, and CODE 3. In just three years as director, she has implemented a community pet food bank and provided free spay/neuter for community cats and to owner's animals who surrender the puppies and kittens.

Her passion is working with staff and volunteers to provide shelter animals with daily behavior modification and enrichment. She teaches volunteers and staff to engage with animals safely and properly, while maximizing the resources available to them to help keep animals happy and free from stress. The shelter's staff developed a coloring book to educate youth in proper pet care. It is used throughout schools in the City of Florence and Lauderdale County.

Additionally, Cheryl is a certified humane euthanasia technician. The shelter euthanasia rate is at its lowest ever, less than 5%. She believes all animals deserve to be treated humanely and works diligently to help community members solve a variety of wildlife issues. Cheryl has turned the shelter into a valuable resource for help and information in the community, helping hundreds of animals find loving homes. She founded the Friends of Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services, a 501c3 to help advance the mission and goals of FLAS.