



## *Nomination for FACA Board of Directors*

**NAME:** John A. Robinson

**JOB TITLE:** Division Manager

**AGENCY:** Escambia County Animal Services

**COUNTY WHERE LOCATED:** Escambia

John Robinson has been working as the Division Manager for Escambia County Animal Services since February of 2014, leading his organization and the community through a dramatic change in culture, and transitioning the Animal Services operations to more modern policies, programs, and principles.

John's career in Animal Care and Welfare began in high school, working with a veterinarian in a rural Tennessee community. After school, the first 20 plus years of his career were in the retail industry, starting with local pet supply stores, eventually operating a chain of these stores and a wholesale distribution center. The connections and relationships he formed at that time lead to his involvement with a variety of animal welfare organizations that his companies supported. This interest in Animal Welfare was the catalyst for his career change.

In Memphis, Tennessee, John was the Director of Operations for the Humane Society of Memphis and Shelby County, and later the Shelter Manager for Collierville Animal Services, also serving as a Board Member on the Tennessee Animal Control Association. He holds multiple certifications from NACA, NACI, FEMA, etc., and has held leadership roles on multiple deployments with the ASPCA, HSUS and AHA, assisting with major cruelty cases and disaster response. John is currently the lead for Escambia County's Emergency Operations ESF-17, and his experiences enabled Escambia County to play critical roles throughout the panhandle in response to Hurricanes Michael and Sally.

John's experience in both large and small municipal and private animal welfare organizations, plus his familiarity with the national organization's operations, helps him to understand the needs of all FACA members, and he looks forward to continuing his role in the advancement of Animal Welfare for Florida.