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Norton Every Thursday afternoon  
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after school program through  
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### Thanking all the Hard Working Women on Our Staff



*From left, back row: Virginia Harvey,  
Brenda Kaus; front row: Darcie Brooks, Kate  
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## Taking care of all kinds of

By **VERONICA MONIER**

Being the Norton Animal Control Officer is just one of the many hats Sherry Hickman wears.

Mrs. Hickman has been the Animal Control Officer for about four years. She got into it because she used to substitute for the previous control officer, who was her sister.

"I like animals, although I know I can't save them all," she said. "When my sister resigned, I thought it was something I might want to do.

"Plus, the kids were younger and I wanted them to know that people cared about animals."

As a part of the job, Mrs. Hickman picks up stray animals; provides them with basic care such as food, water and shelter on a daily basis; does welfare checks; deals with complaints; picks up dead animals; and handles adoptions and releases.

She said she likes the job and working with animals.

"They're (the animals) grateful," she said. "There's a lot of self satisfaction in it, espe-

cially when you find a good home for the animals. Then people send you pictures later and it makes you feel good."

Her favorite part of the job is taking care of the animals — being at the shelter, feeding and watering them, letting them out, playing with them.

The best moments of her job are when an animal gets rescued. Just recently, she said, Second Chance Homeless Shelter found a home for a 10-year-old dog.

"No one was going to adopt her because she was too old," she said. "We were going to have to put her down, but then we got a call. They found a home for her. She was taken to a farm in Nebraska where she can live out the rest of her days. That's a good feeling."

The hardest she said she has to deal with is animal abuse and neglect cases.

"I haven't had to deal with very many, but are all hard to deal with because people can be so cruel," she said.

Another hard thing to do, she said, is educating the people she deals with to take bet-