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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (April 4, 2016) Suffolk Animal Control advises that the owner of the dog was located within several hours after yesterday afternoon's rescue. She was reunited with the dog at the vet's office. The dog is now at home resting comfortably after her adventure.

DOG RESCUED FROM NANSEMOND RIVER

SUFFOLK, Virginia (April 3, 2016) Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel with the assistance of staff from Animal Control and a citizen in a kayak rescued a dog from the waters of the Nansemond River earlier this afternoon.

Emergency Communications received a call from citizens regarding a black lab that was in the water in the 100 block of Riverside Drive in the Bennett's Creek Landing neighborhood at approximately 3:06 p.m. The tides kept pulling the dog further out as it attempted to swim to shore.

Engine 5, Ladder 5 and Medic 5 responded to the scene and crews launched a Zodiac boat to try to coax the dog back to shore. Animal Control staff also waded into the water and were able to secure the dog with a harness and noose.

The older female Labrador mix, black in color, was safely brought to the shore at approximately 3:21 p.m. It was unknown how long the dog was actually in the water.

No neighbors recognized the dog, which was brought to a local vet for assessment and treatment. The dog will then be transported to Suffolk Animal Care. If you have any information as to the dog's owner, please contact Animal Control at 514-7855.

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