

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

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January 20, 2009

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
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ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT #40 (ALL S.D.s) FISCAL IMPACT: None

On September 6, 2005, your Board acted upon many of the recommendations contained in the Citygate Associates, LLC (Citygate) review of the then Animal Control Services Division. Recommendation II-6 was for staff to provide your Board with a monthly report to update you on progress concerning Kern County Animal Control Department (Department) improvement efforts and other matters. This is the fortieth such report.

Program Highlights

- Approximately 240 hours were donated by volunteers in the areas of veterinarian service, veterinary medical care, shelter office support, photography for adoptions, adoption center, grooming adoptable animals and exercising of adoptable dogs.
- The Department's Marketing and Promotions Specialist made a presentation to over 85 children at Wayne Van Horn Elementary School's after school program and the Department's Chief made a presentation to 25 students at Bakersfield Community College's Animal Science Class. The topics covered at both presentations were responsible pet ownership, importance of spaying/neutering companion animals, general animal control information & importance of adopting pets from local shelters.
- The low cost Spay/Neuter Voucher Program is moving along. 160 vouchers were issued in December for a total of 247 vouchers issued since November 12. 35 alterations have been completed.
- Staff has increased their efforts to have animals rescued out of the shelter. This month the number of animals taken by rescue groups increase by 120% over November. There has been a 48% increase in the number of animals rescued October – December this year over the same period last year.

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- The off-site adoption program continues to be held at PETCO. The Friends of the Kern County Animal Shelters Foundation continue to help coordinate Department trained volunteers to pick up the animals, transport to the sites, facilitate adoptions and return any remaining animals to the shelter. The program continues to be successful with most of the animals being adopted.

Key Statistics

INTAKES DECEMBER, 2007 & 2008

	ADOPT RETURN		QUARANTINE		SEIZURE		STRAY		OWNERSURRENDER		Total	
	07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09
CAT	1	1	0	1	0	0	548	570	29	44	578	616
DOG	6	3	2	3	35	62	1,077	1,348	105	167	1,225	1,583
OTHER	0	0	0	0	45	11	9	4	1	0	55	15
Total	7	4	2	4	80	73	1,634	1,922	135	211	1,858	2,214

OUTCOMES DECEMBER, 2007 & 2008

OUTCOME TYPE	ADOPTION		RESCUE		RTO		EUTHANIZED		TRANSFER		MISC.*		OUTCOME TOTAL	
	07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09
ANIMAL TYPE														
CAT	72	59	30	53	5	4	451	502	0	2	15	58	573	678
DOG	208	243	159	330	135	145	666	837	1	51	7	26	1,176	1,632
OTHER **	4	4	3	1	1	5	44	3	1	0	2	0	55	13
OUTCOME TOTAL	284	306	192	384	141	154	1,161	1,342	2	53	24	84	1,804	2,323

MISC* = died, disposal, escaped, missing, unknown

OTHER** = mammal, bird, reptile, livestock

ADOPTION		RESCUE		RTO		EUTHANIZED		TRANSFER		MISC.*	
07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09
16%	13%	11%	17%	8%	7%	64%	58%	0%	2%	1%	4%

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2008 Medical Evaluations Classification

Month	MTA*	Local Vet	Emergency-Injury Off Truck			Non Emergency Evaluation (Vet Exam)			Recheck	Pre-Sx	KWT**	In-House Surgeries	Total
			ACO/KC	ACO/BC	ACW	ACO/KC	ACO/BC	ACW					
Jan	503	0	13	1	51	36	28	142	117	257	136	21	1305
Feb	504	0	12	9	45	25	16	136	96	316	220	36	1415
Mar	542	0	32	5	132	22	19	110	133	122	163	0	1280
Apr	564	0	18	5	86	40	14	115	119	37	181	0	1179
May	425	0	25	4	78	34	21	151	106	0	200	0	1044
Jun	427	0	4	2	33	42	23	107	42	0	89	0	769
July	444	0	14	0	29	16	14	100	39	0	66	0	722
Aug	502	0	3	1	43	31	11	104	52	0	97	0	844
Sep	475	0	12	0	52	24	11	124	34	0	62	4	798
Oct	515	0	9	5	140	71	3	98	39	3	103	4	990
Nov	496	0	2	0	66	41	12	99	34	2	102	2	856
Dec	462	0	5	2	35	52	16	119	66	1	63	4	825
TOTAL	5859	0	149	34	790	434	188	1405	877	738	1482	71	12027

***Move to Adoption (MTA) Exams Include:**

1. Physical Screening Exam
2. Prophylactic deworming for roundworms
3. Flea/tick spray "Frontline" applied (non pesticide)
4. I.D. of congenital abnormalities, age, previous spay or neuter, etc.

ACO/KC Animal Control Officer - Kern County
 Animal Control Officer - Bakersfield City
ACO/BC
ACW Animal Care Worker - Shelter
MTA * Move to Adoption Exams
KWT** Kennel Walk Through

Recommendation

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board receive and file this report.

Sincerely,

Guy Shaw, R.E.H.S.
 Director

cc: County Administrative Officer
 Animal Control Commission
 Resource Management Agency