

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

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Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
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ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT #41 (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 forty-first such report.

Program Highlights

- Approximately 247 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 Associate and the Division Chief made education presentations to over 250 children at Castle Elementary, Berkshire Elementary and Stine Elementary School's after school programs. The Director made presentations to county agency members of the East Bakersfield Community Coalition and participants in the East Bakersfield Community Coalition's English learning class. The topics covered at all presentations were responsible pet ownership, importance of spaying/neutering companion animals, general animal control information & importance of adopting pets from local shelters.
- The Department participated in Science Diet's National Change a Pet's Life Day on January 24th. 10 animals were adopted out on this day with Science Diet covering the cost of the adoptions of these animals. The Department participated in an effort to promote and encourage people to adopt animals from shelters and to help save a homeless pet's life.
- The low cost Spay/Neuter Voucher Program continues to be popular. Since November 12, 2008, 721 vouchers have been issued to 333 people with a potential expenditure of \$60,150. 118 procedures have been completed

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- Staff continued to increase their efforts to have animals adopted, rescued and transferred out of the shelter. This month the number of animals adopted or taken by rescue groups increased by 40% over last January. There were 120 more animals transferred to other shelters this month over last January.
- The Dog Whisperer television show filmed one of their upcoming episodes using Department personnel. Cesar Millan and his crew spent 2 days in the Kern River Valley riding along with one of our Animal Control Officers. He also held a question and answer session for staff that provided valuable information on the handling of animals.
- Sweeps conducted by Animal Control Officers in Buttonwillow and East Bakersfield resulted in the following:
 Buttonwillow – 14 animals impounded; 12 citations issued.
 East Bakersfield - 8 animals impounded; 12 citations issued.

Key Statistics

INTAKES JANUARY 2008 & 2009

	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	2	0	0	0	0	0	587	622	38	17	627	639
DOG	3	9	7	3	32	25	1214	1310	135	170	1,391	1,517
OTHER	0	0	0	0	3	0	8	4	2	0	13	4
Total	5	9	7	3	35	25	1809	1936	175	187	2,031	2,160

OUTCOMES JANUARY 2008 & 2009

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
DECEMBER														
ANIMAL TYPE														
CAT	75	80	21	43	8	6	475	464	1	14	19	52	599	659
DOG	174	269	181	265	152	109	716	797	11	129	11	29	1,245	1,598
OTHER **	2	4	2	0	1	0	15	3	0	3	0	7	20	17
OUTCOME TOTAL	251	353	204	308	161	115	1206	1264	12	146	30	88	1,864	2,274

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
13%	11%	11%	14%	9%	5%	65%	56%	1%	6%	2%	4%

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INTAKES BY JURISDICTION

COUNTY	1,271	59%
CITY	481	22%
ARVIN	55	3%
<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>353</u>	16%
Total	2,160	

NOTE: UNKNOWN is derived from the number of animals brought into the system for which no "Jurisdiction" is entered. These animals were likely brought in by members of the public who did not provide any information on the intake form.

2009 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	595		2	6	36	35	25	108	74	16	69	30	996
TOTAL	595	0	2	6	36	35	25	108	74	16	69	30	996

***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
ACO/BC Animal Control Officer - Bakersfield City
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