

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

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Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
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ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT #42 (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-second such report.

Program Highlights

- Approximately 230 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 made education presentations to over 190 children at Sandrini Elementary and Seibert Elementary School's afterschool programs. The Department's Division Chief conducted a tour of the Mt. Vernon facility for a group of 20 students from the Companion Animal Care Class from Bakersfield College. 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 department participated in the National Spay Day USA event sponsored by the Humane Society of the United States. This national event seeks to raise the importance and awareness of spaying and neutering companion animals by focusing on three areas: fundraising, performing spay/neuter surgeries and education. The department concentrated on the education portion of the event and partnered with Stella Hills Elementary School. The Marketing and Promotions Associate and the Division Chief visited two 4th grade classes to discuss the importance of spaying/neutering companion animals, pet overpopulation and adopting pets from local shelters. The 4th graders are also participating in a fundraiser called "Cents for Surgeries" to raise money to help fund the Department's spay/neuter fund. The Friends of the Kern County Animal Shelters Foundation also partnered with the Department for this event. The Foundation provided funds to offset the cost of spay/neuter surgeries for 21 adoptable animals in the hopes of encouraging people to adopt from the shelter and raise awareness about the importance of spaying/neutering pets.

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- The low cost Spay/Neuter Voucher Program appropriations have been exhausted. Since November 12, 2008, 854 vouchers have been issued with a potential expenditure of \$79,650. 391 procedures have been completed. Staff will continue to monitor program.
- Staff continued to increase their efforts to have animals adopted, rescued and transferred out of the shelter. This month the euthanasia rate dropped to 49% of the total outcomes. The number of animals taken by rescue groups increased by 42% over last February. There were 196 more animals transferred to other shelters this month over last February.
- The off-site adoption program continues to be held at PETCO. Department trained volunteers pick up the animals, transport to the sites, facilitate adoptions and return any remaining animals to the shelter. The program continues to be so successful that 2 off-site adoption days per month will be starting soon
- Over 220 dogs received rabies shots at two low cost rabies clinics held at Heritage Park and Rexland Acres Parks.

Key Statistics

INTAKES FEBRUARY 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	0	4	0	0	0	1	541	556	35	28	576	589
DOG	2	20	2	1	25	27	1,109	1,165	131	204	1,269	1,417
OTHER	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	6	0	0	8	7
Total	2	24	2	1	26	29	1,657	1,727	166	232	1,853	2,013

INTAKES BY JURISDICTION

COUNTY	1419	71%
CITY	533	26%
ARVIN	45	2%
<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>1%</u>
Total	2013	

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.

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OUTCOMES FEBRUARY 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
ANIMAL TYPE														
CAT	38	51	18	25	10	2	416	387	0	30	15	24	497	519
DOG	277	251	172	253	130	113	678	538	1	162	15	28	1,273	1,345
OTHER **	0	1	6	0	3	0	3	1	0	5	0	2	12	9
OUTCOME TOTAL	315	303	196	278	143	115	1,097	926	1	197	30	54	1782	1,873

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		
	18%	16%	11%	15%	8%	6%	62%	49%	<1%	11%	2%	3%		

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
Feb	564		2	2	50	20	19	85	52	4	54	17	869
TOTAL	1159	0	4	8	86	55	44	193	126	20	123	47	1865

***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