

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

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April 21, 2009

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
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ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT #43 (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-third such report.

Program Highlights

- Volunteers worked approximately 355 hours in the areas of veterinary medical care, shelter office support, photography for adoptions, adoption center, grooming adoptable animals and exercising dogs.
- The Department is pleased to report that a substantial rebate was received from the Hill's Science Diet Shelter Partner Program. The shelter is required to meet a certain number of adoptions each quarter to be eligible to receive a rebate. The Department received a rebate in the amount of \$3,080. The Department also received funds from the Humane Society of the United States. On National Spay Day USA on February 24, the Department participated in the Spay Day Pet Photo Contest. The public was encouraged to enter their pet's photo for \$1 which counted as a vote assigned to a partnering shelter. Partnering shelters received funds from HSUS. Kern County Animal Control received \$565 - from votes and \$464.89 - from the HSUS for a total of \$1029.89. These funds have been specifically awarded to the department for use in a spay/neuter program.
- Animal Control staff participated in the Bakersfield SPCA's Annual "Puttin' on the Dog" event held on March 7th. The County Veterinarian, Registered Veterinary Technician, and two veterinary assistants assisted in the spaying and neutering of 120 female and male cats. KCAC's mobile vet unit was used for surgeries. The Division Chief, Marketing & Promotions Associate and an Animal Control Officer provided a low-cost vaccination and licensing clinic to the public. Dr. Hyman, Dr. Love and Dr. Love's assistant donated their time to administer the rabies vaccinations. During this event, 79 licenses were

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purchased and 74 rabies vaccinations were administered. The department also had the aid of several volunteers at the information booth. The volunteers discussed responsible pet ownership and the importance of spaying and neutering pets, and provided hand outs as well.

- The low cost Spay/Neuter Voucher Program appropriations have been exhausted. Since November 12, 2008, 860 vouchers have been issued with a potential expenditure of \$79,950. 658 procedures have been completed. Staff is continuing to monitor the program.
- The Department's Marketing & Promotions Associate presented an education program to 20 students from the Animal Care Class at Bakersfield College. Topics covered during this program included responsible pet ownership, importance of spaying/neutering companion animals, volunteer opportunities and field/shelter operations.
- Staff continued to increase efforts to adopt, rescue and transfer animals out of the shelter. This month 184 fewer animals were euthanized than in March 2008. The number of animals released to rescue groups and transferred to other shelters increased by 28% over March 2008.
- The off-site adoption program continues at PETCO. Department trained volunteers pick up the animals, transport to the sites, facilitate adoptions and return un-adopted animals to the shelter. This month a second off-site adoption day was added and 6 dogs were adopted for a total of 9 off site adoptions in March.
- Approximately 151 dogs received rabies shots at the low cost rabies clinics held at Beale Park on March 21.

Key Statistics

MARCH 2009 LIVE INTAKES

	EUTHANASIA	ADOPTRETURN	QUARANTINE	SEIZURE	STRAY	SURRENDER	Total
CAT	48	1	0	0	804	34	887
DOG	45	12	4	29	1,114	174	1,378
OTHER	0	0	0	7	21	0	28
TOTAL	93	13	4	36	1,939	208	2,293

INTAKES BY JURISDICTION

Unknown Jurisdiction	532	23%
Arvin ACO	56	2%
Bakersfield City ACO	350	15%
Bakersfield City Public	189	8%
County	1,166	51%
Total	2,293	

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OUTCOMES MARCH 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	43	50	72	96	8	6	621	661	1	21	18	73	763	907
DOG	264	325	183	265	116	105	771	647	3	11	15	33	1,352	1,386
OTHER **	8	2	0	0	0	2	5	11	0	0	0	1	13	16
OUTCOME TOTAL	315	377	255	361	124	113	1,397	1319	4	32	33	107	2128	2309

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
15%	16%	12%	16%	6%	5%	66%	57%	>1%	>1%	2%	5%

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				Spay	Neuter	Minor	
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
Mar	677		5	8	57	28	16	122	42		144		24	1	1124
TOTAL	1836	0	9	16	143	83	60	315	168	20	267		71		2989

***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

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ACW

MTA *

KWT**

Animal Control Officer - Kern County

Animal Control Officer - Bakersfield City

Animal Care Worker - Shelter

Move to Adoption Exams

Kennel Walk Through

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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