

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

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May 19, 2009

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
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ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT #44 (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-fourth such report.

Program Highlights

- Volunteers worked approximately 326 hours in the areas of veterinary medical care, shelter office support, photography for adoptions, adoption center, grooming adoptable animals and exercising dogs.
- The Department was a participant at Bakersfield College's annual Garden Festival. The Marketing & Promotions Associate, along with 9 volunteers, provided information to the public on responsible pet ownership; low-cost rabies/licensing clinics; dog bite prevention; importance of spaying/neutering companion animals; volunteer opportunities, and field/shelter operations. Several adoptable dogs were brought to the event and found new forever homes.
- The Marketing & Promotions Associate attended the monthly collaborative meeting of the South Valley Neighborhood Partnership for Lamont and Weedpatch. The Animal Control Department was one of several featured topics during this meeting. Subject matter presented included an overview of animal control field/shelter services, services offered to residents in the Lamont and Weedpatch areas, and spay/neuter assistance for residents in the County.
- Animal Control Staff participated in the Regional Occupational Center's Annual Job Fair event. The Marketing & Promotions Associate and the Division Chief attended the event to meet and discuss with interested students the importance of continuing education in order to achieve goals and become a successful member of society. Staff answered questions about field/shelter operations, volunteer opportunities, the importance of spaying/neutering companion animals, and complying with local and state animal regulations.
- The off-site adoption program, which is in its seventh month, adopted five dogs at two events in April. The program continues to rely heavily on trained volunteers to transport the animals to a local PETCO store; facilitate the adoptions; engage the public in conversations about spaying/neutering, responsible pet ownership, and making adoption the first option.

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- 282 dogs received rabies shots and licenses at the low cost rabies clinics held at Wayside Park April 18.

Key Statistics

APRIL 2009 LIVE INTAKES

	ADOPT/ RETURN	EUTHANASIA	QUARANTINE	SEIZURE	STRAY	SURRENDER	UNKNOWN	Total
CAT	0	0	0	0	1,091	55	17	1,163
DOG	9	1	1	29	1,081	151	24	1,296
OTHER	0	0	0	2	7	3	1	13
TOTAL	9	1	1	31	2,179	209	42	2,472

INTAKES BY JURISDICTION

Unknown Jurisdiction	91	4%
Arvin City	38	2%
Bakersfield City ACO	724	29%
County	1,619	65%
Total	2,472	

OUTCOMES APRIL 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	55	60	201	172	7	6	696	780	6	59	40	36	1,005	1,113
DOG	205	286	238	317	100	101	672	537	1	41	12	38	1,228	1,320
OTHER **	2	1	0	0	0	6	51	8	0	1	0	1	53	17
OUTCOME TOTAL	262	347	439	489	107	113	1,419	1,325	7	101	52	75	2,286	2,450

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
11%	14%	19%	20%	5%	5%	62%	54%	>1%	4%	2%	3%

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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
												Spay	Neuter	Minor	
MAR	677		5	8	57	28	16	122	42		144		24	1	1124
APR	581		6		117	25	6	120	36	22	78	9	65	4	1069
TOTAL	2417	0	15	16	260	108	66	435	201	42	345	9	89	5	4058

***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

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