

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES DIVISION

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Board of Supervisors
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MONTHLY ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION REPORT #23 (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 Animal Control Services Division (Division). Recommendation II-6 was for staff to provide your Board with a monthly report updating the Board on progress concerning implementation of the recommendations. This is the twenty-third such report.

Program Highlights

The Bakersfield shelter is the proud owner of a new washer and dryer set, courtesy of the Friends of the Kern County Animal Shelters Foundation (Friends). Shelter staff had been discussing the need of a new washer and also the need to find a dryer for the Mojave shelter. Doing the laundry is important for clean towels for our medical program and clean bedding for the animals. The Friends were asked for their help, and our worn out washer was replaced and the new dryer will allow our existing dryer to be moved to Mojave. Our thanks to the Friends for stepping in and helping out with this project.

Staff are also working on the details of a low cost spay/neuter program, funded by your Board's approval of a \$100,000.00 appropriation. Contact has been made with other, already established, programs for ideas, and efforts are also underway to coordinate with other local groups that have existing spay/neuter programs.

The Bakersfield expansion project, including both short and long term new facilities, requires the participation of both the City of Bakersfield and the Kern High School District to address traffic issues adjacent to the shelter on Mt. Vernon Avenue. Both entities have signaled their willingness to consider traffic circulation changes at the site, so Roads staff is proceeding with a conceptual design for the improvements and staff is working on a modification to the existing land lease for the facility with Bakersfield.

Final preparations are underway for the transition of management related to the Lake Isabella animal shelter. Our new operator, Marilyn Elliott, is prepared to assume operations on September 1, 2007. Repairs to the facilities are being coordinated with General Services in advance of that date. In the interim, the shelter continues to be operated by our contract operator, Deborah Anson. Standardizing services consistent with our other shelters in Bakersfield and Mojave, including increasing hours of service to the public, will also occur on September 1.

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Our field program continues to increase its enforcement activities. Three animal cruelty cases previously investigated are currently pending action with the District Attorney in local courts. A Public Education and Enforcement Team (PEET) was dispatched in advance of our rabies clinic in Frazier Park and preparations are underway for our third annual "Back to School" early morning sweeps of neighborhoods affected by loose dogs near public school system bus stops.

Key Statistics

July Comparison – 2006 and 2007

OUTCOME TYPE	ADOPTION		RESCUE		RTO		EUTHANIZED		TRANSFER		MISC.*		TOTAL	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
July														
CAT	52	100	19	3	3	9	1007	1050	0	1	104	31	1185	1194
DOG	161	195	87	171	98	123	759	861	47	0	30	13	1182	1363
OTHER **	0	2	0	0	0	3	17	6	0	0	3	3	20	14
OUTCOME TOTAL	213 9%	297 11%	106 4%	174 7%	101 4%	135 5%	1783 75%	1917 75%	47 2%	1 .03%	137 6%	47 2%	2387	2571

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

OTHER** = mammal, bird, reptile, livestock

2007 Medical Evaluations Classification

Month	Stray Intake	MTA*	Local Vet	Emergency-Injury Off Truck			Non Emergency Evaluation (Vet Exam)			Rechecks Pre-Surgery	In-House Surgeries	Total
				ACO/KC	ACO/BC	ACW	ACO/KC	ACO/BC	ACW			
March	50	398	1	21	5	19	24	12	239	28	0	797
April	14	350	4	16	8	50	10	20	163	59	6	700
May	25	399	0	20	8	37	14	18	138	99	10	768
June	22	412	0	9	15	33	26	17	220	214	40	1008
July	29	485	0	9	6	28	21	29	252	455	60	1374
TOTAL	140	2044	5	75	42	167	95	96	1012	855	116	4647

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

1. Full physical 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.

Recommendation

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

Sincerely,



David Price III
Director

cc: County Administrative Officer
Animal Control Commission
Denise Haynes, ACD
RMA Department Heads