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Police

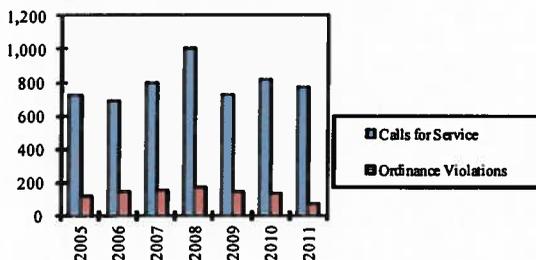
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GENERAL INFORMATION

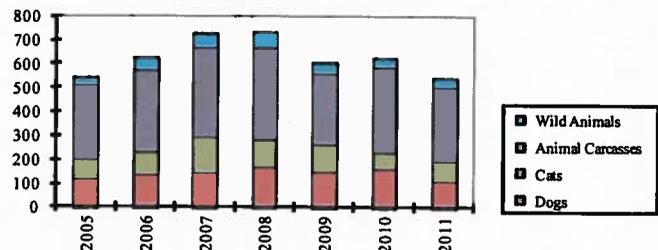
The Animal Control activity is under the supervision of the Police Department. This budget finances the activities involved in policing the City's Animal Control Ordinance as specified in the City Code. This Ordinance includes regulations to control dangerous and exotic animals and any other animals which are housed by citizens. The Muscatine Humane Society provides shelter facilities for animals picked up by the City.

In 1995 the City Council adopted an animal control ordinance requiring City licensing of all dogs and cats, established fines for unlicensed animals and increased fines for animals at large. The ordinance was the result of a citizen task force which studied this issue for approximately one year. In 2003 City Council amended the animal control ordinances as follows: (1) Title 4 General Provisions adding Chapter 2 "Keeping of Pit Bull Dogs" to allow citizens to follow required procedures of the ordinance in order to keep their dog and also prohibiting any new pit bull dogs from coming into the City limits, and (2) Title 4 General Provisions, Chapter 1, Animal Regulation, Section 8 Animal Care, Section F requiring that owners of animals that have "invisible fences" are required to notify the U.S. Postal Service and utility companies with the City Clerk's office at City Hall to receive copies of the notifications sent to the U.S. Postal Service and utility companies. The City Prosecutor has made recommendations for updating City Code provisions related to animal control and these will be brought forward in the near future for City Council consideration.

Calls for Service and Ordinance Violations



Animals to Humane Society



CURRENT TRENDS AND ISSUES

The 2011/2012 revised estimate is \$30,300 less than the original budget. At the time the 2011/2012 budget was adopted an agreement had not been reached with the Muscatine Humane Society for continuing to use their services or the funding level to do so. The budget as such, allowed \$90,000 of funding for estimated costs of the City providing animal confinement services in lieu of the Humane Society. After the budget was adopted, the City Council and the Humane Society Board agreed to a \$60,000 subsidy for 2011/2012. The City also provides in-kind services for lawn care and refuse collection services to the Humane Society.

The budget for 2012/2013 is \$1,100 (.9%) higher than the 2011/2012 revised estimate due to increased personal services costs. The Muscatine Humane Society's funding request and budget allocation for 2012/2013 is \$60,000, the same as the agreed-upon funding for 2011/2012.

GOAL STATEMENT

To protect individuals and property against activities and transgressions of animals through the enforcement of the Animal Control Ordinance by establishing a uniform and effective City-wide animal control program which results in an increase of voluntary compliance by citizens as well as a decrease in the number of animal complaints received by the department.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	Actual 2008	Actual 2009	Actual 2010	Actual 2011	Estimated 2012
Calls for Service	1,002	727	783	742	790
Ordinance Violations	166	142	137	72	135
Bite Cases	39	37	42	31	40
Animals Taken to Humane Society:					
Dogs	166	148	161	108	150
Cats	111	112	69	84	100
Animal Carcasses	390	296	349	305	350
Wild Animals	58	44	38	40	45
County Calls for Service	3	2	1	1	1
Fruitland Calls for Service	61	42	26	22	25

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The department has been providing animal control enforcement and assistance to the City of Fruitland since July 4, 2002. In 2011 the Animal Control officer responded to 22 calls for service in Fruitland.

The Animal Control Officer transported 192 dogs and cats to the Humane Society or to the veterinarian over the past year. He transported 305 animal carcasses and 40 wild animals to the Humane Society as well.

The Animal Control Officer continues to maintain a positive relationship with the Humane Society and assists them on a regular basis.

OBJECTIVES TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN 2012/2013

- * To meet or exceed the number of citations issued in the 2011/2012 fiscal year by utilizing proactive enforcement in conjunction with responding to citizen complaints.
- * To provide training to the Animal Control Officer with firearms/equipment, safety and defensive driving courses and other job specific training that may become available.
- * To assist the Muscatine Humane Society and Muscatine County Sheriff's Department in the common goals of animal control and work with the Police Department and organized neighborhood groups to assist with animal complaints in specific neighborhoods.
- * To review current animal control fines and ordinances.

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	Actual 2009/2010	Actual 2010/2011	Budget 2011/2012	Revised Estimate 2011/2012	Budget 2012/2013	Percent Change
Expenditure Summary						
Personal Services	\$ 56,385	\$ 57,675	\$ 60,100	\$ 59,800	\$ 60,900	1.33%
Commodities	1,925	2,010	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.00%
Contractual Services	42,046	42,596	92,300	62,300	62,300	-32.50%
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	\$ 100,356	\$ 102,281	\$ 155,100	\$ 124,800	\$ 125,900	-18.83%
Funding Sources						
Animal Enforcement Fines	\$ 3,300	\$ 2,700	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	-46.00%
General Revenues	97,056	99,581	150,100	122,100	123,200	-17.92%
Total Funding Sources	\$ 100,356	\$ 102,281	\$ 155,100	\$ 124,800	\$ 125,900	-18.83%

Personnel Schedule						
	Actual 2009/2010	Actual 2010/2011	Budget 2011/2012	Revised Estimate 2011/2012	Budget 2012/2013	Budget Amount 2012/2013
Full Time Position:						
Animal Control Officer	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	\$ 38,800
Employee Benefits						22,100
Total Personal Services						\$ 60,900