



Animal Control Annual Report 2008

Mission Statement

The mission of the Copperas Cove Animal Control is to maintain a sanitary and disease-free shelter, to improve quality of life for sheltered animals and to preserve a safe community environment by securing stray and abandoned animals.

Copperas Cove

Animal Control



2008

Annual Report



“The City Built for Family Living”

Animal Control

To The Honorable Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and Citizens of Copperas Cove:

Animal Control was placed under the Police Department in October 2001 and since 2003 a Copperas Cove Animal Control Annual Report has been prepared for you and we take great pleasure in presenting it. This is the sixth making of the Copperas Cove Animal Control Annual Report. We are constantly improving on this report to bring the most concise data possible.

This report is designed to inform you about the functions and efforts of our Animal Control Department. In reviewing this report, you may discover aspects of the Animal Control Department that you were not previously aware of. It is our intention to serve the citizens of this community in the most professional, effective and efficient manner possible. The Animal Control Officers are experienced and highly trained. All of our Animal Control Officers are state certified Animal Control Officers and are state certified to euthanize animals. The continuous training is a major contributing factor as to why we have such a professional staff at our Animal Control Facility.

The Animal Control Advisory Committee was approved by City Council in June of 2005. This committee is comprised of the Deputy Chief of Police, the Animal Control Supervisor, a licensed veterinarian, a municipal official, and a representative from an animal welfare organization. The primary function of the committee is to assist the Animal Control Department in communication awareness to the citizens of Copperas Cove regarding services, procedures, and compliance with city ordinance and state laws and to make recommendations for improvements on programs and services to better serve the community.

The Animal Control Officers make every attempt to keep our community safe by eliminating the streets of stray and vicious animals and by strict enforcement of rabies vaccinations, animals running at-large and setting up Dangerous Animal Hearings when warranted. The statistics show a 91% increase in the number of citations issued in 2008 compared to that of 2007. This increase is attributed to the large number of people that adopted animals from the shelter and failed to comply with the state law requirements such as having the adopted pet sterilized, micro-chipped, and rabies vaccinated. Also it should be noted that the overall number of domestic animals impounded dropped 10% during 2008. We can possibly contribute some of this decrease by their strict enforcement efforts in the past and that more people are becoming responsible pet owners. It is of the utmost importance to make this city safe from animal attacks and this is accomplished by eliminating stray animals roaming.

On behalf of the members and volunteers of the Copperas Cove Animal Control Department, I wish to thank each of you for your continued support that you have provided to us and let you know that we look forward to serving the citizens of this great community.

Sincerely,

*Mike Heintzelman
Deputy Chief of Police*

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Department

Organization



Animal Control Department Organization

Organization

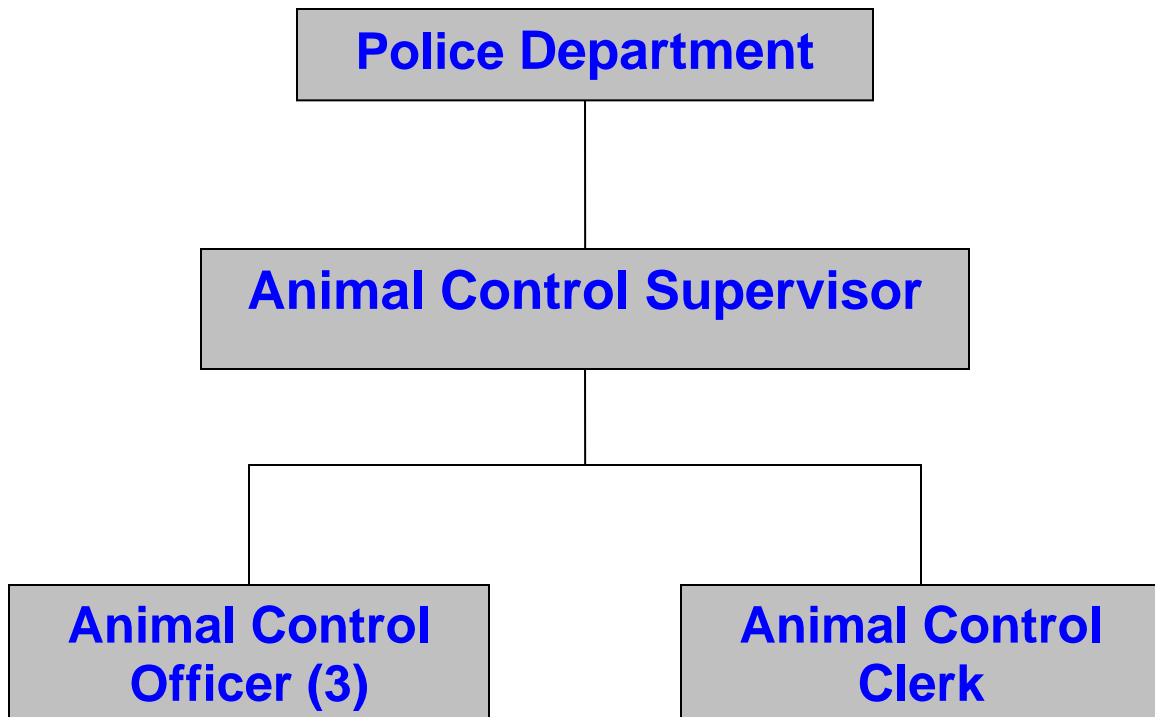
The Copperas Cove Animal Control Department consists of a total of five employees, one supervisor, three Animal Control Officers, and one clerk. ***This year an additional Animal Control Officer was approved in the budget and hired.*** Normal business and day to day operations are monitored and supervised by the Animal Control Supervisor. This department falls within the umbrella and chain of command of the Police Department. The Deputy Police Chief has direct supervision over Animal Control.

Animal Control serves to provide and maintain a healthy, safe and sanitary shelter for animals housed at the facility. Equally important is patrolling the city to locate and take possession of strays, ill, injured, deceased and/or dangerous or vicious animals and transport these animals back to the facility. Once at the facility, animals are either reclaimed by the owner, adopted, held for court disposition, transferred to the Humane Society or humanely euthanized. Animal Control Officers must also track and report animal cruelty and investigate animal bites, quarantine animals, and send suspected rabies specimens to the Texas Department of Health for testing. They also track adopted animals to ensure rabies vaccinations and sterilizations are completed as required by Texas law.

Animal Control Officers issue citations for failure to comply with the adoption agreement, failure to license animals, violating the leash ordinance, and all other violations of city ordinances and state law. The department also educates the public through the media and one on one contact regarding health and safety issues relating to animals and the citizens of Copperas Cove.

The Animal Control facility is open six days a week to serve the community. Animal Control Officers are on call after normal business hours and respond to animal calls that require immediate action.

Copperas Cove Animal Control Department



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5 Full Time Employees

Copperas Cove Animal Control Department



*From left to right

- 640 ***Ernie Lee***, Animal Control Supervisor
- 644 ***Ilka Perkins-Hagen***, Clerk
- 643 ***Stephanie Powell***, Animal Control Officer
- 641 ***Jorge Oliveras***, Animal Control Officer
- 642 ***Beau Brabbin***, Animal Control Officer

Impound



Report

Animal Control Impound Report 2008

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	TOTAL
DOGS													
Impounded	121	96	106	124	110	110	121	97	90	137	85	105	1302
Adopted	45	47	32	48	33	34	44	38	47	45	34	43	490
Returned to Owner	43	53	56	61	50	41	46	28	45	70	32	44	569
Euthanized	51	33	26	55	45	48	50	61	40	22	31	42	504
Adoption Exchange	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	2	15
Safekeeping return	2	1	4	3	4	6	0	2	5	3	2	5	37
Escape from Impound	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Died while in Impound	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	5
License issued by CITY	36	29	11	35	14	33	24	10	16	18	17	13	256
License issued by VET	371	110	80	428	84	260	573	232	76	498	125	112	2452
Resident Surrendered	22	29	19	38	14	18	13	25	28	25	10	30	271
Non Res Surrendered	1	3	4	6	8	2	8	13	1	7	5	10	68
Humane Rescue	3	1	1	5	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	3	27
CATS													
Impounded	54	47	41	59	66	106	91	77	46	74	32	40	733
Adopted	14	10	16	9	7	9	7	17	12	19	13	14	147
Returned to Owner	0	0	4	3	1	2	2	0	0	3	1	2	18
Euthanized	46	46	22	48	70	74	97	54	39	49	23	32	600
Adoption Exchange	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Safekeeping return	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Escape from Impound	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	7
Died while in Impound	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
License issued by CITY	14	2	0	2	3	4	3	2	2	1	3	0	36
License issued by VET	74	35	21	101	14	39	72	52	31	115	30	50	515
Resident Surrendered	7	5	5	8	9	17	7	3	3	3	6	9	82
Non Res Surrendered	2	1	2	3	2	1	2	7	1	1	1	1	24
Humane Rescue	2	0	0	5	7	2	9	6	2	7	4	1	45

Animal Control Impound Report 2008

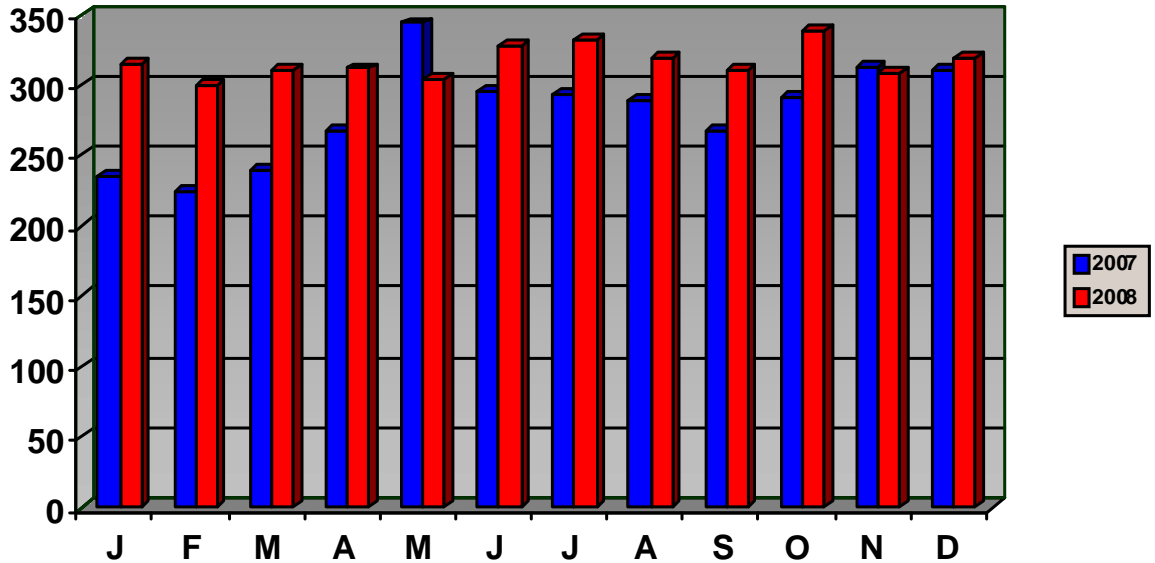
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	TOTAL
FERRETS/RABBITS/OTHER													
Impounded	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
Adopted	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Returned to Owner	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Euthanized	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adoption Exchange	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Safekeeping return	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape from Impound	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Died while in Impound	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
License issued by CITY	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
License issued by VET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Resident Surrendered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non Res Surrendered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humane Rescue	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
WILDLIFE/LIVESTOCK													
Impounded	5	3	11	24	17	35	39	25	15	26	17	10	227
Reclaim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Returned to Nature	3	0	4	14	12	21	32	22	14	20	15	7	164
Euthanized	2	3	7	10	5	11	6	2	1	5	2	3	57
Humane Rescue	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	8
Permit issued (Exotic)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-45 Deer	10	6	4	7	13	11	11	5	8	16	20	8	119
10-45 All Other Animals	37	38	36	41	33	37	37	24	34	34	27	26	404
Livestock surrendered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BITE REPORTS	3	1	1	2	4	6	4	5	1	4	3	2	36
MONTHLY TOTALS:													
DOMESTIC IMPOUNDED:	175	143	147	183	176	216	212	174	136	211	117	145	2035
DOMESTIC ADOPTED:	59	57	49	57	40	43	51	55	59	64	47	57	638
DOMESTIC RETURNED:	43	53	60	64	51	43	48	28	45	73	33	46	587
DOMESTIC EUTHANIZED:	97	79	48	103	115	122	147	115	79	71	54	74	1104
QUARANTINE RETURN TO OWNER:	1	0	1	1	2	3	0	3	0	0	2	3	16
ADOPTION EXCHANGE:	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	3	16
SAFEKEEPING RETURN:	1	1	3	2	2	5	0	2	4	3	0	2	25
ESCAPE FROM IMPOUND:	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	9
DIED WHILE IN IMPOUND:	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	5
WILDLIFE NATURE REL.:	3	0	4	14	12	21	32	22	14	20	15	7	164
W/L HUMANE RESCUE:	0	0	0	1	3	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	10
OWNER PERMISSION TO EUTHANIZE AFTER BITE:	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	9

Calls

For

Service

Animal Control Calls For Service 2008



The chart above compares calls for service for 2007 and 2008, and indicates a 13% increase in the number of calls for service this year. This is a total number of all calls that either citizens or the Police Department request Animal Control for assistance to either capture an animal, rescue an injured animal, animal attacks and bites, and any other calls for assistance pertaining to animals. After normal work hours calls for assistance for Animal Control are made only through the Police Department.

Total calls for service in the year of 2008 is **3798** as compared in the year of 2007 which was **3373**. In the year of 2007 a total of 176 calls were handled in the recently annexed areas of the city as compared to this past year of 2008 in which 322 were handled.

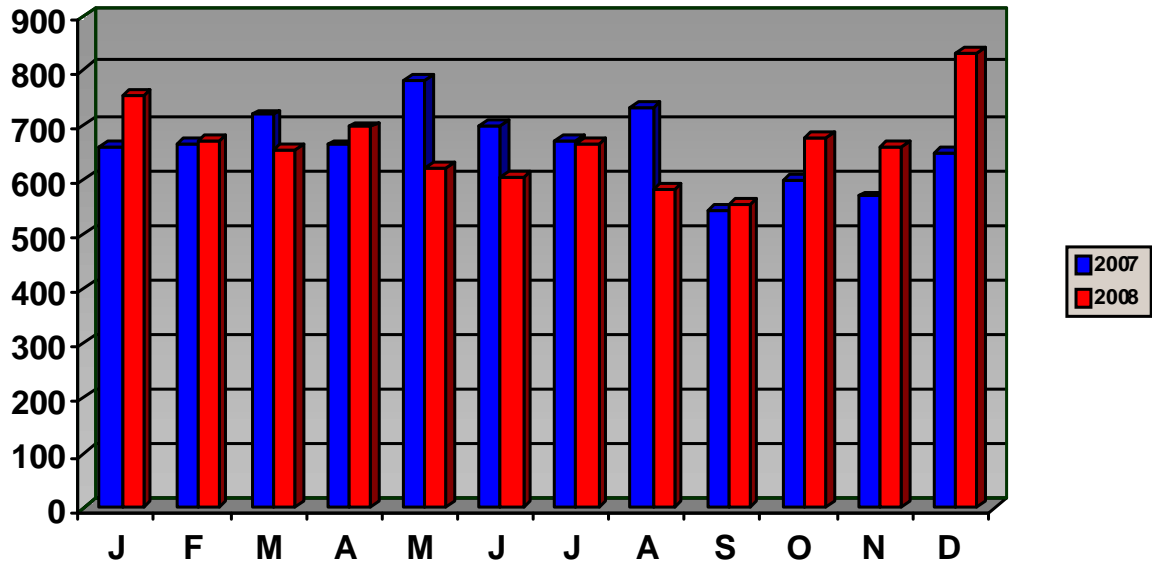


Department

Hours

Worked

Animal Control Hours Worked 2008



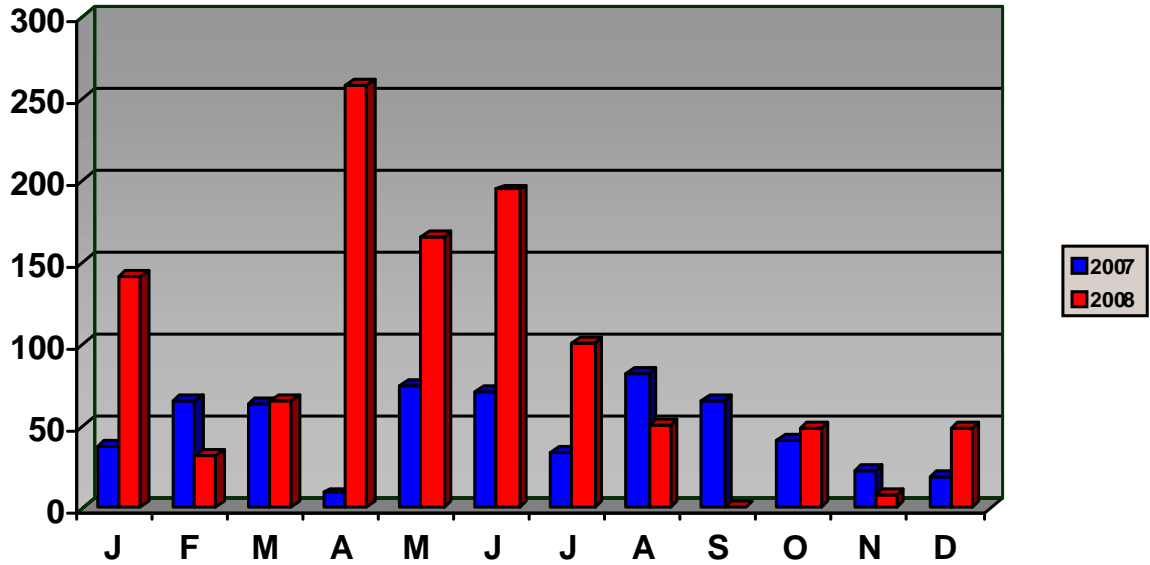
Animal Control Officers normally work a 40 hr work week but are subject to respond on a 24 hour on-call status and are called out for emergency situations by the Police Department. The chart above compares hours worked for 2007 and 2008, and indicates no overall increase or decrease in the number of hours worked this year.



Citations

Issued

Animal Control Citations Issued 2008



Comparing the total number of hard citations in 2007 to 2008, we can see an increase by 91% in the number of citations issued. In 2007, there were **582** citations issued and in 2008 there were **1114** citations issued. A breakdown of specific charges filed is contained on page 9 of this Annual Report.



Positive Rabies Cases in Coryell County:

2008 2 skunks, 1 raccoon *total=3

2007 1 bat, 2 skunks, 1 raccoon *total=4

Charges

Filed

Animal Control Charges Filed 2008

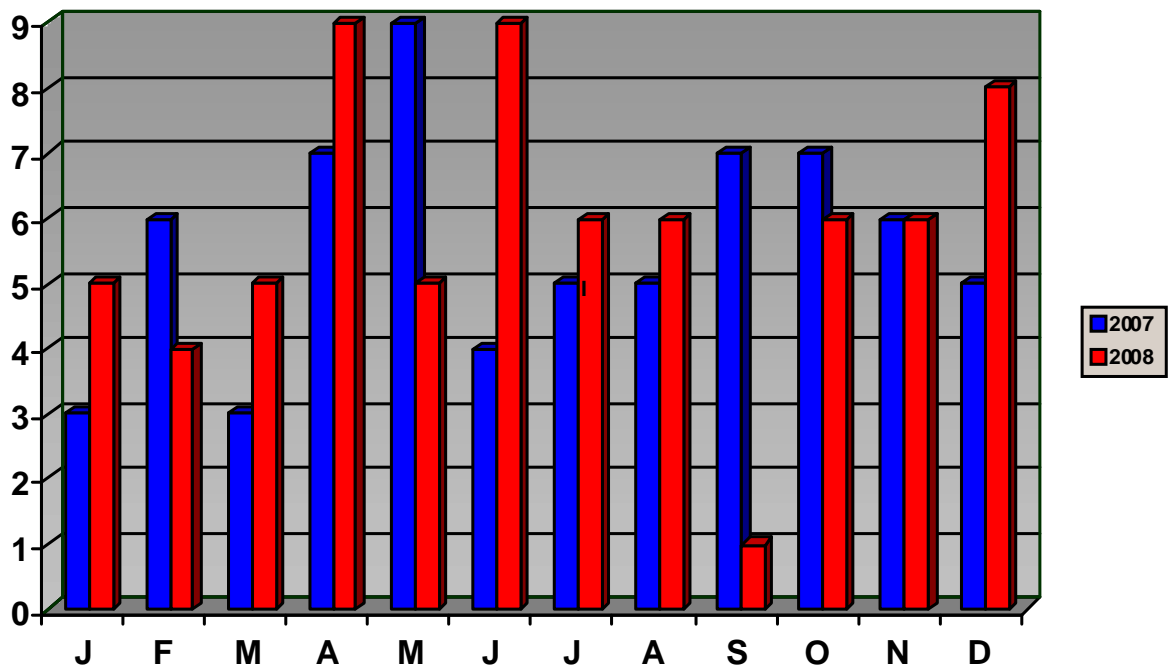
CHARGE	TOTAL
Sec 3-3 Refuse Lawful Inspection/Impoundment	1
Sec 3-10 Public Nuisance Animal	6
Sec 3-10 Public Nuisance Hearing	7
Sec 3-13 Animal Confinement in Vehicle/Trailer	1
Sec 3-23 Sanitation Requirements	4
TPC 42.09 Cruelty to Animals	4
Sec 3-33 No City License	8
Sec 3-36 No Collar When Required	32
Sec 3-40 Female Animal in Heat	1
Sec 3-46 Domestic Pet at Large	139
Sec 3-60 No Rabies Vaccination	287
HSC 828.035 Fail to Microchip/Tattoo	294
Sec 3-90 Dangerous Admin Animal Hearing	9
Sec 3-93 Violation of Administrative Order	3
THSC 828.002 Fail to Sterilize Animal	318
TOTAL	1114



Incident

Reports

Animal Control Incident Reports 2008



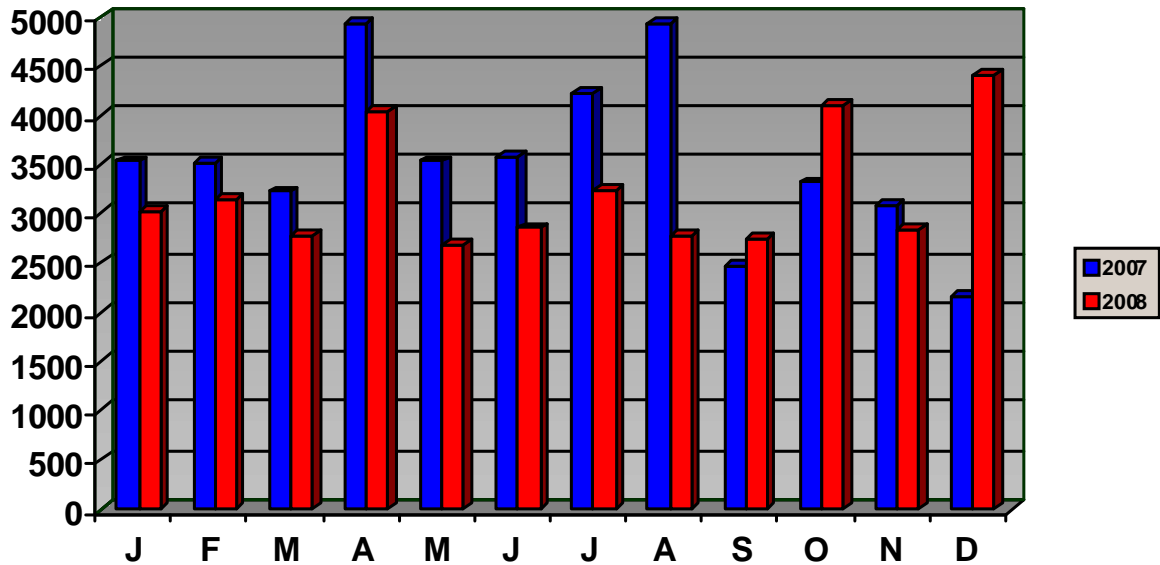
The chart above compares incident reports taken for 2007 and 2008, and indicates an increase of 4% this year. In 2007, there were **67** reports taken and in 2008 a total of **70** were taken.

Incident reports are always filed were there is a potential of contracting rabies such as animal attacks and bites as well as cat scratches. Reports are also taken for public nuisances, cruelty to animals, and other cases deemed necessary by the Animal Control Officers.

Cash

Collected

Animal Control Cash Collected 2008



The chart above compares total cash collected for 2007 and 2008, and indicates a 9% decrease for this year. Cash collected for 2007 was **\$42,537.75** and 2008 was **\$38,635.25**. This money is received from impound fees, surrender fees, animal licenses, microchips and adoption fees.

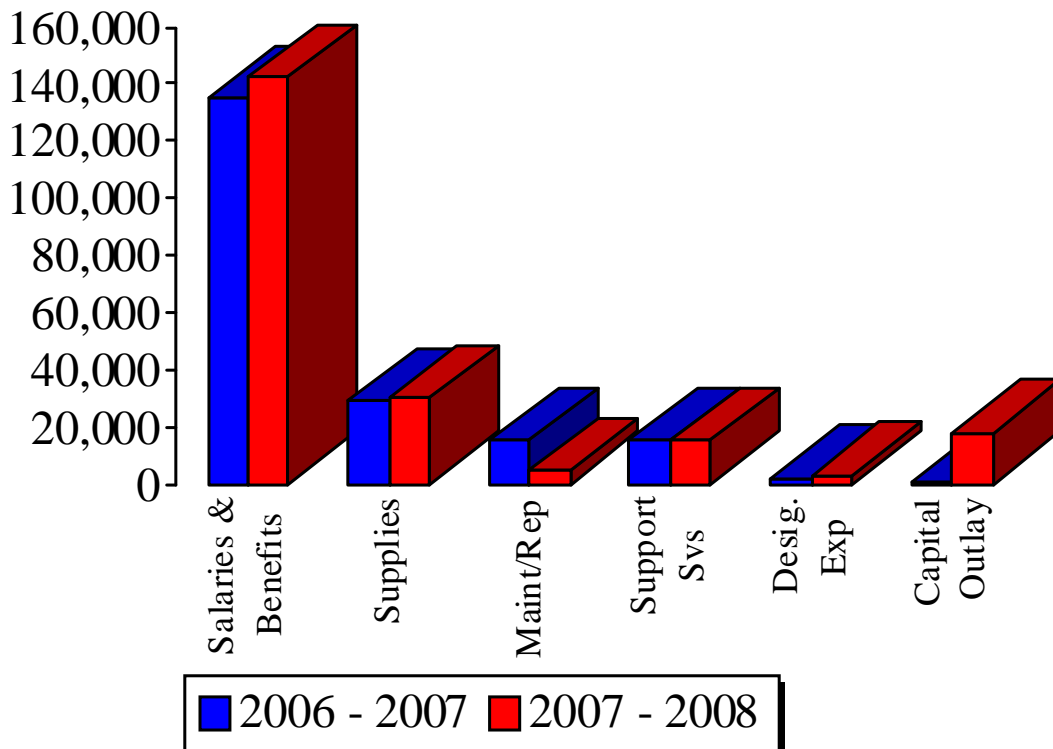
Department

Budget

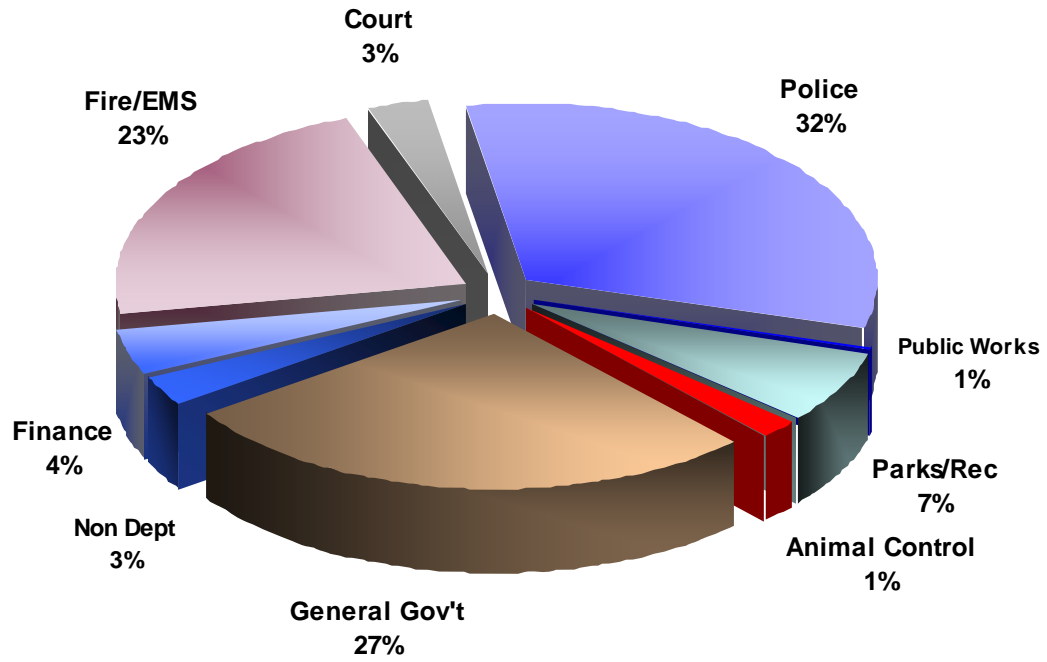
Animal Control Department Budget

BUDGET EXPENSES	2006-2007	2007 - 2008
Salaries & Benefits	\$135,178	\$142,836
Supplies & Materials	28,740	29,970
Maintenance & Repair	15,085	4,643
Support Services	15,370	14,919
Designated Expenses	2,010	3,090
Capital Outlay	1,000	18,135
TOTAL	\$197,383	\$213,593

Animal Control Budget 2006 - 2007 / 2007 - 2008



Animal Control Department Budget



***New City
Animal
Ordinances***



ORDINANCE NO. 2008-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 3, ANIMALS AND FOWL, SECTIONS 3-1, 3-21-27, 3-46-47, 3-52, 3-60, 3-64-65, 3-78-80, 3-90, AND 3-92-93; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City of Copperas Cove's Animal Shelter Staff, Animal Shelter Advisory Committee, and City Staff have studied and reviewed the current animal regulations; and

WHEREAS, The City of Copperas Cove's Animal Shelter Staff, Animal Shelter Advisory Committee, and City Staff have proposed amendments to Chapter 3, Animals and Fowl; and

WHEREAS, The City Council held a workshop January 3, 2008 to discuss the proposed amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

That the City of Copperas Cove's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3, Animals and Fowl is hereby amended, and "Exhibit A" attached hereto is made a part of this ordinance and for all purposes reflects the changes to Chapter 3, Animals and Fowl, Sections 3-1, 3-21-27, 3-46-47, 3-52, 3-60, 3-64-65, 3-78-80, 3-90, and 3-92-93, whether amended, added or deleted from the Code of Ordinances, is hereby adopted and incorporated herein as if fully set out.

SECTION 2.

That any ordinances or resolutions or part of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Animals and Fowl Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

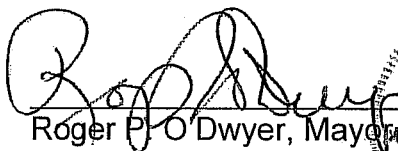
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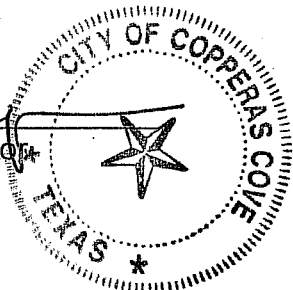
That should any section, clause, or provision of the Animals and Fowl Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance or any other ordinance of the City as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

SECTION 4.

That these amendments shall go into effect upon passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of February 2008, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Copperas Cove, Texas, which meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, *Tex. Gov't Code* §551.001, et.seq., at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

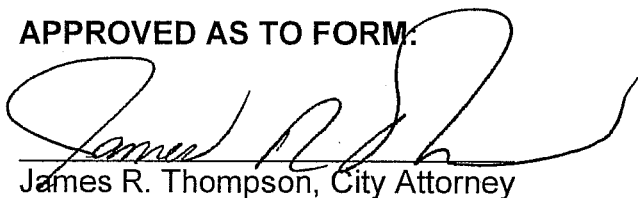

Roger P. O'Dwyer, Mayor



ATTEST:


Jane Lees, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


James R. Thompson, City Attorney

Sec. 3-1 Definitions

(2) *On premises.* Any animal not confined on the premises of the owner by a substantial fence of sufficient strength and height to prevent the animal from attacking persons and animals outside the fenced enclosure and from escaping therefrom, or secured on the premises by a metal chain or leash of sufficient strength to prevent the animal from escaping from the premises and so arranged that the animal will remain on the premises and not come any closer than six (6) feet to a public walkway or sidewalk when the restraint leash is stretched to its full length.

Attack shall mean when an animal in a vicious or terrorizing manner approaches any person in an apparent attitude of attack, an attack is complete without a bite or any physical contact being made by the animal.

~~Dangerous animal shall mean any animal that:~~

~~(1) Makes an unprovoked attack on a person that causes bodily injury and occurs in a place other than an enclosure in which the animal was being kept and that was reasonably certain to prevent the animal from leaving the enclosure on its own; or~~

~~(2) Commits unprovoked acts in a place other than an enclosure in which the animal was being kept and that was reasonably certain to prevent the animal from leaving the enclosure on its own and those acts cause a person to reasonably believe that the animal will attack and cause bodily injury to that person; or~~

~~(3) Has attacked and bitten another animal without provocation on one (1) previous occasion.~~

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•(1) Makes an unprovoked attack on a person causing bodily injury ~~and occurs in a place other than an enclosure in which the animal was being kept and that was reasonably certain to prevent the animal from leaving the enclosure on its own; or~~

•(2) Commits an unprovoked act of attack in a place other than the premises of the owner within a house, building or other enclosure and said act causes a person to reasonably believe that the animal will attack and cause bodily injury to that person. If the premises is enclosed with a fence, the animal should not be able to extend any part of its body over, under, or through the fence. Further such enclosure should be of a structure and design reasonably certain to prevent the animal from leaving the enclosure on its own; or

~~and those acts an enclosure in which the animal was being kept and that was reasonably certain to prevent the animal from leaving the enclosure on its own and those acts cause a~~

~~person to reasonably believe that the animal will attack and cause bodily injury to that person; or~~
•Attacks and bites another animal without provocation ~~on one~~
~~(1) previous occasion.~~

Livestock means all domesticated animals, including but not limited to horses, mules, donkeys, cows, goats, sheep, pigs, hogs, rabbits, pigeons, chickens, and does not include dogs and cats. This definition does not include domestic pet rabbits, limit two per household.

Lunge as is used herein is defined as a sudden forward movement and thrust of an animal's head over, under or through a fence that causes a person to perceive an imminent attack.

Vaccination shall mean an injection of rabies vaccine, which is approved by the United States Department of Agriculture and administered every twelve (12) months ~~or as prescribed by the Texas Board of Health~~ by a licensed veterinarian or at an approved anti-rabies clinic for the purpose of immunizing the animal against rabies.

~~**Sec. 3-21. Providing adequate food, water, and shelter.**~~

~~It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to provide his animal with adequate wholesome food and water, proper shelter and protection from inclement weather and veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering of the animal.~~

~~(Ord. No. 2001-01, §§ 1, 2, 3-20-01)~~

Sec. 3-21. Prohibition of animals at sporting, recreational, and public events.

- (a) No person shall bring, take, carry, or transport any animal to any public event, any sporting field such as, but not limited to, baseball, softball or soccer field, recreational centers, city sponsored outdoor concerts, or any organized sporting or recreational event that is held on a playing field. It is not a defense that the animal was restrained by a leash, chain, rope, cage, voice command, or any other

means.

- (b) Paragraph (a) above shall not apply to dogs or any other animals that are used as assistance animals, or that participate in a public event such as a parade, pet show, etc.
- (c) Animals are allowed in city parks that do not have a field used for organized sporting or recreational events, and in parks used for organized sporting and recreational events if not such event is currently underway, if the animal is under the complete control of the owner or caretaker by means of a leash, cord, chain, or any other means excluding voice control.

Sec. 3-24 Cruelty to Animals

(c) If a person has a final conviction for cruelty to animals, he cannot own, possess, harbor, keep, or have custody of any animal within the corporate limits of the city. Said person is further prohibited from allowing, causing or permitting any animal to be harbored or kept on his property within the corporate limits of the city. If any animal is found on the premises of an individual that has been convicted of cruelty to animals, an animal control officer shall remove said animal and take it to the city's animal shelter to be held for a period of three (3) days. If the animal is not reclaimed by its owner, who has not been convicted of cruelty to animals and who does not reside in the same household as the person convicted of cruelty to animals, within three (3) days, the animal shall become the property of the city and shall be placed for adoption in a suitable home or humanely euthanized.

~~(c)~~ (d) Any person who has been convicted of a cruelty to animal offense shall not be issued a permit or license to operate a commercial animal establishment nor an animal license or permit.

~~(d)~~ (e) This section is not intended to contravene the provisions for animal cruelty as contained in the Texas Penal Code.

Sec. 3-25. Molesting Animals

It shall be unlawful for any person to in any manner tease, annoy, disturb, molest, irritate, or mentally abuse any animal.

Sec. ~~3-25~~ 3-26. Permit/license revocation.

The animal control supervisor or his designee may revoke any permit or license of any person regulated by this chapter if the

person holding the permit or license refuses or fails to comply with this chapter or any law governing the protection and keeping of animals.

Sec. 3-27. City Park Ponds-Fishing.

All ponds located in the city of Copperas Cove Parks are declared community fishing ponds.

- (a) All anglers seventeen (17) years of age and older are required to have a valid Texas Fishing License.
- (b) Children twelve (12) years of age or younger must be continuously supervised by an adult while they are fishing.
- (c) Fishing is permitted by pole and line only, including reel if applicable. The use of trot lines, jug lines, seines, spears, crossbows, and throwlines are prohibited in any pond. Anglers may have a maximum of two poles in use at the same time. All poles must be continuously monitored by the angler.
- (d) Fish obtained from other water bodies may not be introduced into any pond unless under the direction of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.
- (e) Fish may not be cleaned on the banks of the pond, or anywhere within the park.
- (f) No water craft, of any type, are allowed in the ponds.
- (g) Littering is prohibited.

Secs. ~~3-26~~ 3-28 --3-29. Reserved.

Sec. 3-46. Dogs and cats.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person owning or having charge, custody, care, or control of any dog or cat to allow, either knowingly or unknowingly, said animal to be at-large as defined in section 3-1 of this chapter. The prohibition against an animal running at-large shall not apply to a cat that has been vaccinated, licensed, is wearing the required tags as mandated by this chapter, and remains on the premises of the owner, custodian, or caregiver.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person owning or having charge, custody, care, or control of any dog to allow and keep said dog contained in a fenced yard, pen or kennel when such structure is not constructed and maintained of sufficient strength to keep such animal on said property. The structure or shall be locked and capable of preventing entry by the

general public, including children and be capable of preventing escape or release of said animal.

(c) No dog shall be confined or leashed as to obstruct or prevent entry to the front door of any residence or business within the city.

~~(b)~~ (d) It shall be a defense to the "six-foot length" restriction under the definition of "at-large" if the animal is participating in an organized training or demonstration event. Under these circumstances the animal must be restrained by a leash or chain of sufficient strength and length to control the animal's actions.

(Ord. No. 2001-01, §§ 1, 2, 3-20-01)

Sec. 3-47. Impoundment of domestic animal at-large.

Any domestic animal that is found to be at-large within the city limits shall be impounded by an animal control officer, police officer, or citizen and said impounded animal shall be taken and delivered to the animal shelter. A peace officer or animal control officer upon reasonable belief may enter an enclosure from which an animal has previously escaped and returned to protect the public from harm if the likelihood still exists that the animal will once again escape.

(Ord. No. 2001-01, §§ 1, 2, 3-20-01)

Sec. 3-52. Exemption for newly annexed land

Owners of property annexed after the date of this ordinance may continue to maintain the number and type of animals that existed on the annexation date and may not be expanded. Cessation of maintenance of the number or type of animals inconsistent with the restriction by ordinance for a period of six (6) months terminates the exemption. Future use of the property must be in compliance with all animal restrictions including the number.

Secs. ~~3-52-3-53-3-54~~. Reserved.

Sec. 3-60. Rabies vaccinations.

(a) All dogs, cats, or other animals which are capable of transmitting rabies shall be vaccinated by the age of four (4) months and every twelve (12) months thereafter ~~or as prescribed by the Texas Board of Health~~ against rabies with a

vaccine approved by the United States Department of Agriculture and administered by a licensed veterinarian.

Sec. 3-64. Quarantine procedure for animals.

(f) If the animal is quarantined at home, the owner is required to comply with all of the following ~~six (6)~~ five (5) conditions. Failure to comply with any one of the ~~six (6)~~ five (5) conditions of residence quarantine as stated herein or as directed by the animal control officer will result in the animal being impounded at the animal shelter for the duration of the quarantine period. The five (5) conditions are:

Sec. 3-65. Confinement of a bitten animal.

The owner of any dog, cat or other quadruped animal suffering from a bite from a rabid animal shall, within twenty-four (24) hours from the time of such biting, notify the city animal shelter and the city health authority. The owner of the dog, cat, or other quadruped animal shall immediately confine the animal and have either the Pasteur treatment administered to the animal or have the animal destroyed. If the owner chooses to have the Pasteur treatment administered to the animal, the confinement shall be under the direction and supervision of the city health authority whom shall direct the manner and means by which the dog, cat, or other quadruped animal is to be confined. The confinement of the animal, which is administered the Pasteur treatment, shall be for a period of ~~six (6) months~~ 45 days if the animal is currently vaccinated and 90 days if the animals is not currently vaccinated at the owner's expense. The owner shall only release the dog, cat, or quadruped animal from confinement upon the order of the city health authority.

(Ord. No. 2001-01, §§ 1, 2, 3-20-01)

Sec. 3-78. Exceptions.

The provisions of section 3-77 above shall not apply in the following situations:

(a) To the temporary stabling of horses at the owner's residence for a period not exceeding ~~forty-eight (48) hours;~~ twenty-four (24) hours within a 30 day period; or

(b) To owners of undeveloped tracts of land lying within the corporate limits of the city exceeding ten (10) acres in size.

(Ord. No. 2001-01, §§ 1, 2, 3-20-01)

~~Sec. 3-79. Noisy animals prohibited.~~

~~It shall be unlawful for any person to stable or keep any animal, including dogs, in the city limits in such manner that such animal by stamping, kicking, braying, bleating, barking, yelping, neighing, crowing or making any other utterance or disturbance creates such a noise as shall be a disturbance to those living in the vicinity.~~

~~(Ord. No. 2001-01, §§ 1, 2, 3-20-01)~~

Sec. 3-80. 3-79 Riding animals in parks.

Sec. 3-90. Definition.

In this section, "Dangerous Animal" has the meaning assigned by Sec.3-1. Definitions.

~~A dangerous animal shall mean a dog, cat or other domestic animal that makes an unprovoked attack on a person or another animal and this unprovoked attack occurs in a place other than an enclosure in which the animal was being kept and that was reasonably certain to prevent the animal from leaving the enclosure on its own; or commits unprovoked acts in a place other than an enclosure in which the animal was being kept and that was reasonably certain to prevent the animal from leaving the enclosure on its own and those acts cause a person to reasonably believe that the dog, cat or other animal will attack and cause bodily injury to that person.~~

~~(Ord. No. 2001-01, §§ 1, 2, 3-20-01)~~

Sec. 3-92. Administrative hearing.

(a) After the owner and city attorney have been notified by an officer that he reasonably believes that said dog, cat or other animal is dangerous or vicious, then the city attorney shall promptly request an administrative hearing before the animal administrative officer to determine if said animal is dangerous or vicious.

(b) The municipal court judge is hereby designated as the animal administrative officer and shall have administrative authority, not as judge of the court, but as the animal administrative officer, to order and conduct a hearing on the

officer's reasonable belief that an animal is dangerous or vicious. The administrative hearing shall be held within at least ten (10) calendar days after the city attorney's request for a hearing. The owner of the animal and the city attorney shall be notified in writing of the date and time of the administrative hearing.

(c) If the animal administrative officer determines at the hearing that such dog, cat or other animal is vicious or dangerous to persons or other animals, he may order any and all legal and equitable remedies available, including, but not limited to the following:

- (1) That the dog, cat or other animal be kept muzzled;
- (2) That the owner of the dangerous or vicious animal shall register the animal with animal control department as being declared a dangerous animal ;
- (3) have the animal sterilized by a veterinarian if the animal is over six (6) months old, or sterilized by the 30th day after the animal becomes six (6) months old;
- (4) have the animal identified by a microchip device;
- (5) have the animal identified with a dangerous animal tag and collar provided upon registration to be worn by the animal at all times;
- (6) pay any kennel fees accrued due to the seizure of the animal by the city;
- (7) pay all reasonable expenses incurred by any injured party due to the acts of the dangerous animal, including but not limited to any medical cost, veterinarian expenses, and property damage.
- ~~(8)~~(3) That the owner of the dangerous animal restrain the animal at all times on a leash which is in the immediate control of a competent person or in a secure enclosure;
- ~~(9)~~(4) That the owner clearly mark the secured fence and/or enclosure with a warning sign that states "Warning--Dangerous Animal";
- ~~(10)~~(5) That the owner obtain liability insurance coverage or show financial responsibility in an amount of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to cover potential damages resulting from an attack by the dangerous dog, cat, or other animal;
- ~~(11)~~(6) That the owner of the dangerous animal provide proof of the required liability insurance coverage or financial responsibility to the animal control department ; and/or
- ~~(12)~~(7) That the dog, cat or other animal be delivered to an animal control officer to be destroyed;

(d) The animal administrative officer may order a dog, cat, or other animal destroyed only in the three following circumstances:

- (1) Whenever a dog, cat or other animal has committed an unprovoked attack upon any person or animal on one (1) or more occasions;
- (2) Whenever any lawful patron or visitor of a business is jeopardized by a guard dog which is not securely confined during hours of said business when it is open to the public; or,
- (3) Whenever an animal becomes a nuisance to the public or becomes a safety, health, or welfare concern in the community.

(Ord. No. 2001-01, §§ 1, 2, 3-20-01)

Sec. 3-93. Violation of administrative order.

A person who owns, keeps, or has custody or control of a dangerous animal commits a Class C misdemeanor offense if he fails to comply with any provision of the animal administrative officer's order. A violation of this section shall result in a fine no less than ~~two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00)~~ five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). This penalty should not be construed as exclusive, and the city may seek any other remedy available to it, whether in law or in equity.

(Ord. No. 2001-01, §§ 1, 2, 3-20-01)

Secs. 3-94, 3-95. Reserved.

Appendix

Animal Control Report Definitions

Impounded- animals alive and taken into custody by an Animal Control Officer (not at owner's request). This will include situations such as domestic pets at large, safekeeping, cruelty cases, animal attacks and bites, etc. This will also include any animals that have to be euthanized at the scene by an Animal Control Officer because of exigent circumstances (vicious, injury, illness, only means of capture)

Adopted- animals either impounded or surrendered that are adopted by written adoption contract (currently \$15.00 fee)

Adoption Exchange- an animal that was adopted under written adoption contract from the facility and returned to the facility for an exchange of a different pet, a fee is not charged for the exchange but a new adoption contract is prepared

Safekeeping/quarantine return- this is an animal that was taken in by an Animal Control Officer for the animal's well being and returned to the owner normally at no cost for boarding. The owner of an animal that is taken in for a quarantine observation is charged a daily boarding fee (currently \$10.00 per day fee).

Escape from Impound- an animal that escapes from the custody of the Animal Control Facility (whether on its own or by another person's assistance)

Died while in Custody- an animal that dies at the Animal Control Facility in any manner other than an intentional euthanasia

Licensed issued by City- a city animal license issued out the Animal Control personnel (currently \$3.00 fee)

Licensed issued by Vet- a city animal license issued out by a veterinarian within the city of Copperas Cove, the veterinarian retains one half of the total fee

Returned to Owner- animals returned to the original owner

Euthanized- animals that are actually euthanized by an Animal Control Officer (whether at the facility or scene)

Resident Surrendered- an animal owned and turned in to the Animal Control Facility by a resident of the city of Copperas Cove or an animal located within the city limits of Copperas Cove and turned in to the Animal Control Facility by a person whether or not this person claims to be the owner

Non-Resident Surrendered- an animal owned and turned in to the Animal Control Facility by a non-resident of the city of Copperas Cove or an animal found outside the city limits of Copperas Cove and turned in to the Animal Control Facility by a person whether or not this person claims to be the owner

Humane Rescue- an animal not suitable to be boarded at the facility that is transferred or given to a nonprofit humane organization

10-45's – an animal that is not alive prior to an Animal Control Officer taking control and possession of said animal (this will include animals struck by motor vehicles)



Dog Bite Facts

- Approximately 20 people die each year in the United States as a result of dog attacks.
- Children are more likely to be bitten than any other segment of the population.
- In Texas, more than 40% of severe bite victims are children under age 11.
- More than half of all children will be victims of a dog bite by the time they reach age 12.
- Annually an estimated 5 million dog bites occur nationwide, with approximately 400,000 bites occurring in Texas.
- Dog bites cost insurance companies \$250 million a year in medical and liability costs, accounting for 1/3 of all liability claims against homeowner's policies.

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