

Copperas Cove

Animal Control

2005

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. We take great pleasure in presenting the third making of the Copperas Cove Animal Control Annual Report.

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, two of which hold Advanced Certifications. The continuous training is a major contributing factor as to why we have such a professional staff at our Animal Control Facility. All of the Animal Control Officers have been trained and are also state certified in euthanasia.

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 13% decrease in the number of citations issued in 2005 compared to that of 2004. This strict enforcement is necessary to hold animal owners responsible for the actions of their pets. In 2004, a total of 50 Bite Reports were taken as compared to a total of 65 Bite Reports in the year 2005. Although an increase in the numbers is shown, we cannot estimate how many attacks and bites were actually prevented by enforcement efforts.

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

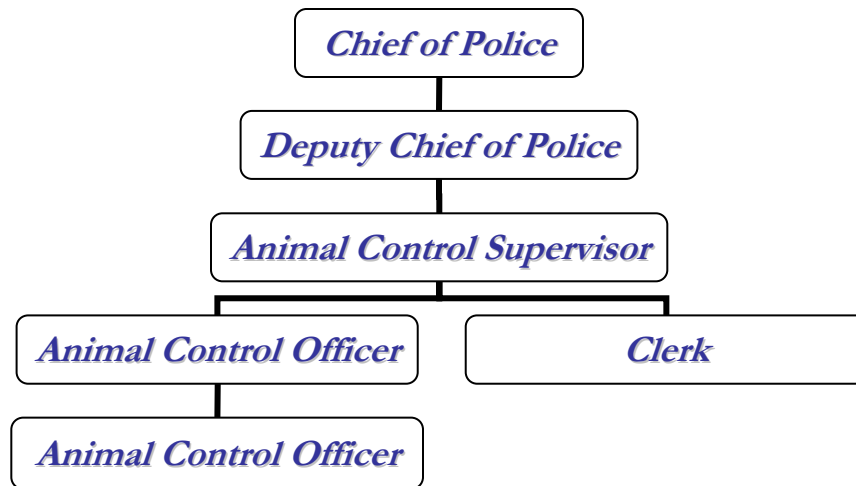
The Copperas Cove Animal Control Department consists of a total of four employees, one supervisor, two Animal Control Officers, and one clerk. Normal business and day to day operations are monitored and supervised by the Animal Control Supervisor. This department falls within the umbrella and chain of 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



Impound



Report

Animal Control Impound Report 2005

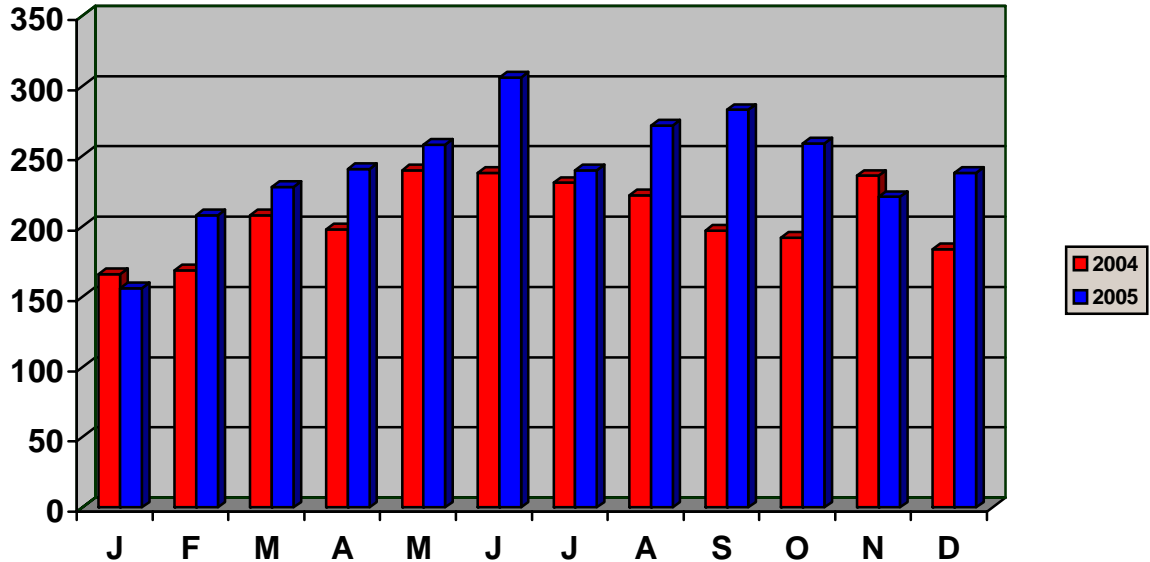
DOGS														
Impounded	127	115	158	144	113	137	157	178	143	146	127	133	1678	
Adopted	45	36	44	58	43	48	38	40	53	50	35	42	532	
Returned to Owner	34	33	57	57	38	44	57	56	39	38	50	43	546	
Euthanized	34	24	56	28	26	49	33	73	39	43	36	35	476	
Licensed CITY/VET	27/99	23/64	47/141	29/341	19/234	21/155	26/205	30/94	10/77	17/511	4/66	4/183	2427	
Resident Surrendered	21	16	26	15	19	40	21	33	18	22	20	19	270	
Non Res Surrendered	14	8	11	10	3	8	7	14	14	3	6	8	106	
Humane Rescue	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	4	0	14	
CATS														
Impounded	57	70	70	54	110	161	103	104	86	66	55	57	933	
Adopted	9	13	13	10	23	21	17	10	10	21	14	14	175	
Returned to Owner	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	4	1	0	1	1	17	
Euthanized	53	39	52	42	73	125	77	80	68	43	45	38	735	
Licensed CITY/VET	12/22	4/21	10/30	4/71	2/43	3/24	3/37	1/20	2/11	1/120	1/12	3/27	484	
Resident Surrendered	5	14	3	2	7	13	14	5	11	3	10	2	89	
Non Res Surrendered	0	1	2	2	0	6	2	3	5	4	0	1	26	
Humane Rescue	0	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	
WILDLIFE														
Impounded	8	6	6	19	20	37	8	18	19	20	8	5	174	
Adopted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Returned to Nature	7	2	1	9	10	20	3	10	14	17	3	2	98	
Euthanized	1	4	5	3	7	13	5	5	5	3	4	3	58	
Humane Rescue	0	0	0	7	3	4	0	3	0	0	1	0	18	
Permit Issued	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
DEER/ANIMAL REMOVAL														
Deer	7	7	3	2	6	11	8	3	5	18	15	2	87	
All Others	33	86	38	63	56	66	59	44	40	63	46	39	633	
Livestock Surrendered												1	1	
BITE REPORTS	7	9	6	3	2	6	6	9	8	2	4	3	65	
MONTHLY TOTALS:														
DOMESTIC IMPOUNDED:	184	185	228	198	223	298	260	282	229	212	182	190	2671	
DOMESTIC ADOPTED:	54	49	57	68	66	70	56	51	63	71	49	56	710	
DOMESTIC EUTHANIZED:	87	63	108	70	99	174	110	153	107	86	81	73	1211	
DOMESTIC RETURNED:	36	34	59	58	39	46	58	60	40	38	51	44	563	
WILDLIFE RELEASED/RES	7	2	1	16	13	24	3	13	14	17	4	2	116	
OWNER PERMISSION TO EUTHANIZE AFTER BITE:	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	0	2	0	11	

Calls

for

Service

Animal Control Calls For Service



The chart above compares calls for service for 2004 and 2005, and indicates a 17% 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.



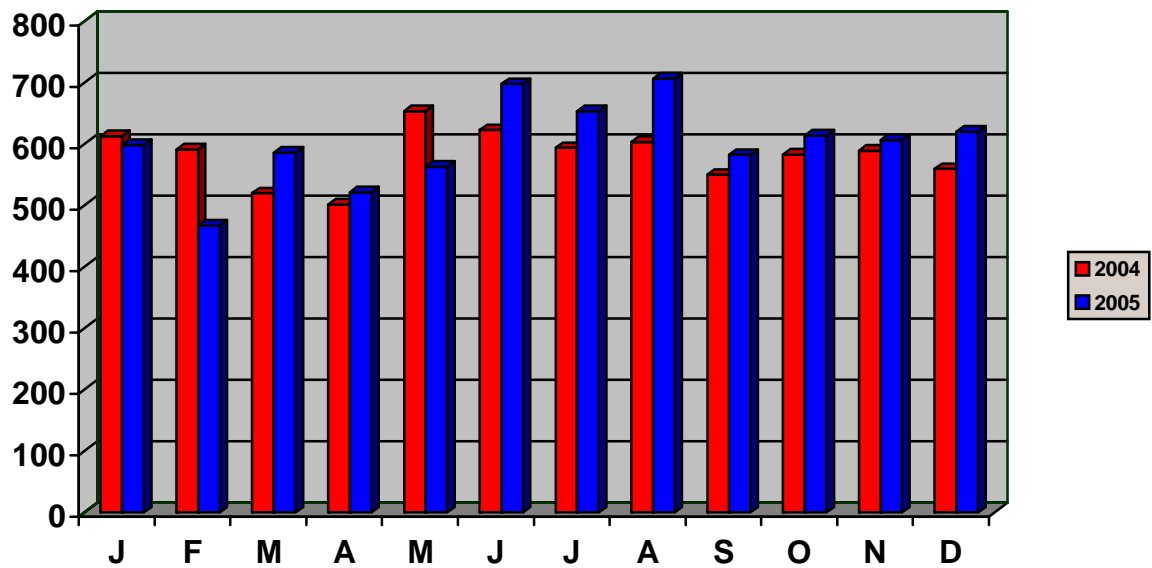
Children are more likely to be bitten than any other segment of the population. In Texas, more than 40% of severe bite victims are children under age 11. More than half of all children will be victims of a dog bite by the time they reach age 12.

Department

Hours

Worked

Animal Control Hours Worked

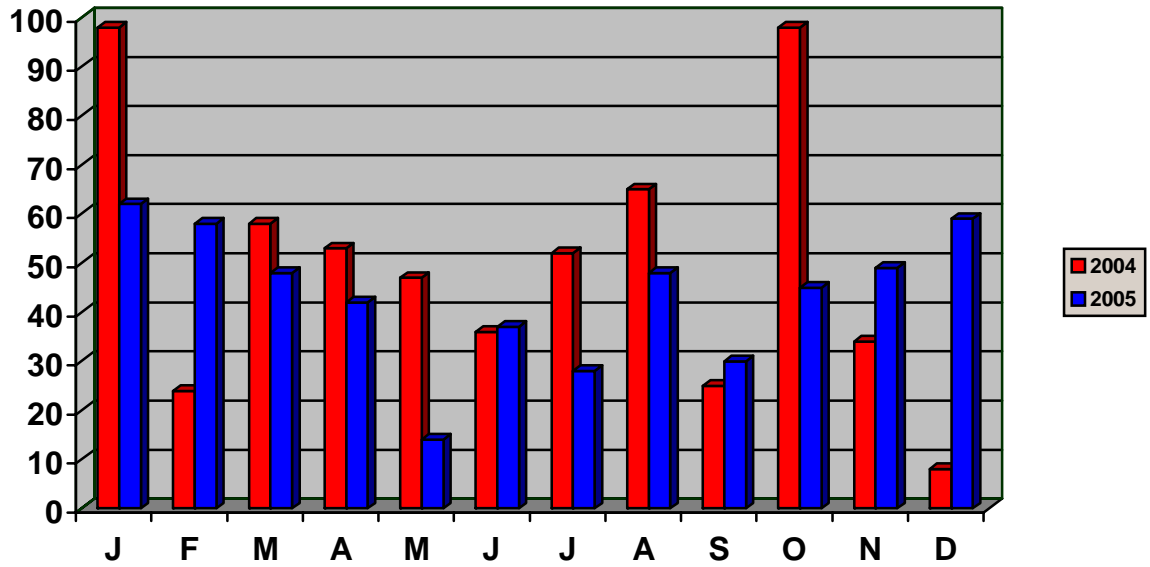


Animal Control Officers normally work a 40 hr work week but are subject to respond on a 24 hour on-call status and are called out for emergency situations by the Police Department. The chart above compares hours worked for 2004 and 2005, and indicates a 3% increase in the number of hours worked this year.

Citations

Issued

Animal Control Citations Issued



Comparing the total number of hard citations in 2004 to 2005, we can see a decrease by 13% in the number of citations. In 2004, there were 598 citations issued and in 2005 there were 520 citations issued. A breakdown of specific charges filed is contained on page 7 of this Annual Report.

Charges

Filed

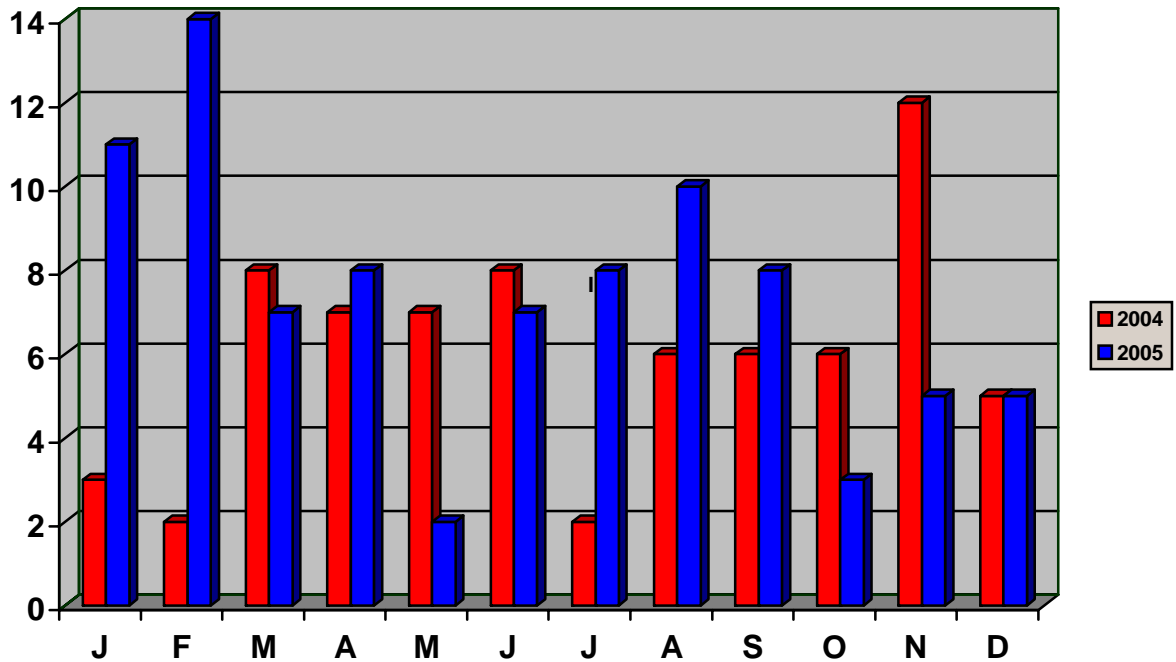
Animal Control Charges Filed

CHARGE	TOTAL
Sec 3-3 Refuse Lawful Inspection/Impoundment	0
Sec 3-9 Noisy Animal Prohibited	3
Sec 3-10 Public Nuisance Animal	1
Sec 3-10 Public Nuisance Hearing	0
Sec 3-12 Tying, Staking Animals Where Prohibited	0
Sec 3-13 Animal Confinement in Vehicle/Trailer	0
Sec 3-14 Abandonment of Animals	2
Sec 3-21 Fail to Provide Adequate Water/Shelter	0
Sec 3-23 Sanitation Requirements	5
Sec 3-24 Cruelty to Animals	2
Sec 3-33 No City License	36
Sec 3-36 No Collar When Required	3
Sec 3-39 Violate Restricted Number of Animals	1
Sec 3-46 Domestic Pet at Large	94
Sec 3-60 No Rabies Vaccination	187
Sec 3-63 Fail to Report Animal Bite	1
Sec 3-64 Violate Quarantine Procedures	0
Sec 3-79 Noisy Animals Prohibited	2
Sec 3-92 Dangerous Admin Animal Hearing	10
Sec 3-61 Failed to vaccinate after quarantine.	0
Sec 3-93 Violation of Administrative Order	0
THSC 828.002 Fail to Sterilize Animal	173
TOTAL	520

Incident

Reports

Animal Control Incident Reports



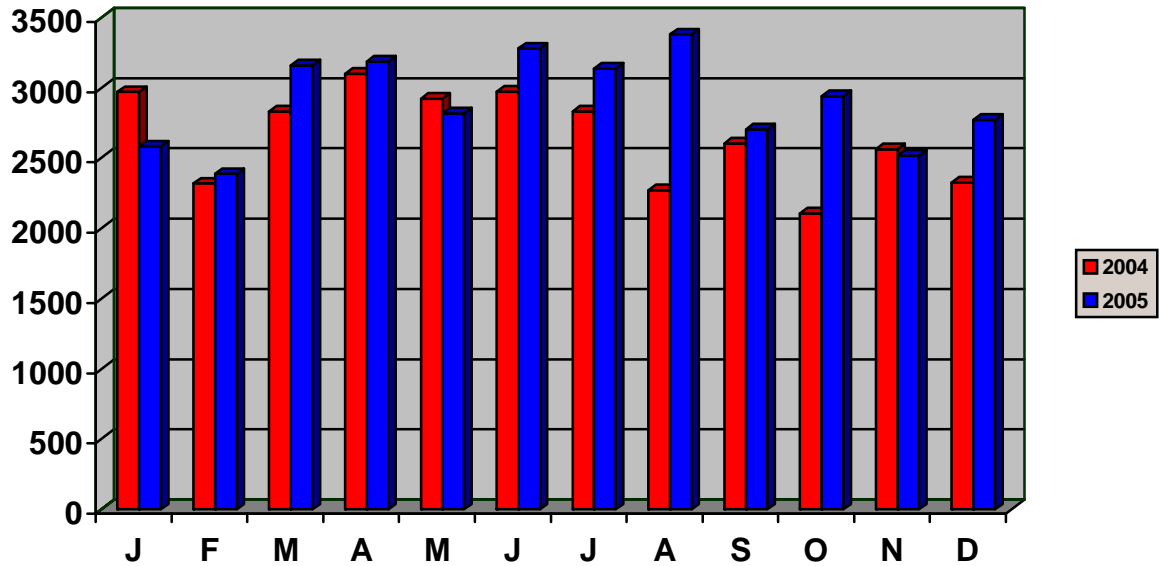
The chart above compares incident reports taken for 2004 and 2005, and indicates an increase by 22%. In 2004, there were 72 reports taken and in 2005 a total of 88 were taken.

Incident reports are always filed where 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



The chart above compares total cash collected for 2004 and 2005, and indicates a 10% increase for this year. Cash collected for 2004 was \$31,823.00 and 2005 was \$34,875.00. This money is received from impound fees, surrender fees, animal licenses, and adoption fees.

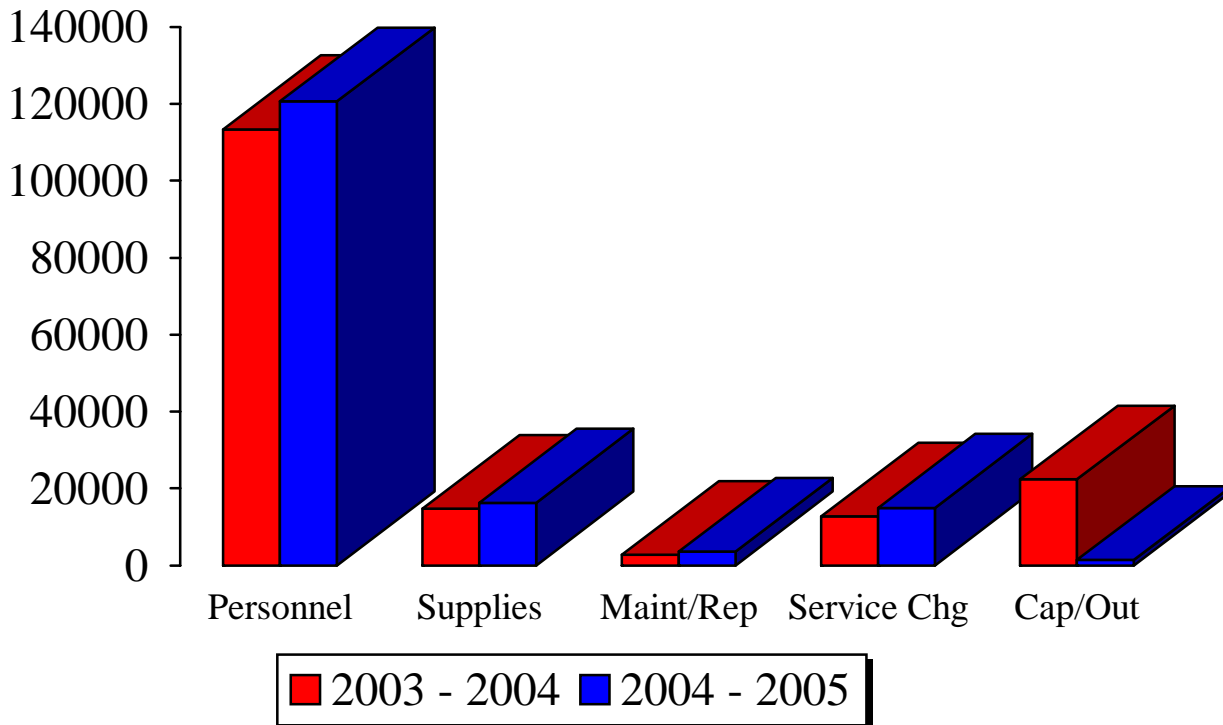
Department

Budget

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BUDGET EXPENSES	2003 - 2004	2004 - 2005
Personnel Services	\$113,414.00	\$120,631.00
Supplies and Materials	\$14,653.00	\$16,297.00
Maintenance and Repair	\$2,694.00	\$3,500.00
Services and Charges	\$12,662.00	\$14,993.00
Capital Outlay	\$22,401.00	\$1,343.00
TOTAL	\$165,824.00	\$156,764.00

Animal Control Budget 2003 - 2004 / 2004 - 2005



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BUDGET EXPENSES	2003 - 2004 BUDGET YEAR	2004 - 2005 BUDGET YEAR
<i><u>Personnel Costs</u></i>		
Salaries	\$82,801.00	\$86,278.00
Overtime	\$3,734.00	\$6,000.00
Longevity	\$626.00	\$628.00
Incentive	\$960.00	\$960.00
FICA Tax	\$6,680.00	\$7,025.00
Employee Insurance	\$11,121.00	\$11,184.00
Workers Compensation	\$903.00	\$957.00
Retirement	\$6,589.00	\$7,599.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Personnel Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$113,414.00	\$120,631.00
<i><u>Supplies and Materials</u></i>		
Operating Supplies	\$8,637.00	\$9,375.00
Computer Supplies	\$0.00	\$250.00
Postage	\$179.00	\$175.00
Minor Tools	\$0.00	\$200.00
Fuel and Oil	\$4,521.00	\$4,797.00
Chemicals	\$1,317.00	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	\$14,654.00	\$16,297.00
<i><u>Repairs and Maintenance</u></i>		
Building	\$351.00	\$500.00
Facilities	\$521.00	\$1,000.00
Vehicles	\$1,579.00	\$1,500.00
Equipment	\$243.00	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$2,694.00	\$3,500.00

Animal Control Department Budget

BUDGET EXPENSES	2003 - 2004 BUDGET YEAR	2004 - 2005 BUDGET YEAR
<i><u>Services and Charges</u></i>		
Advertising	\$0.00	\$200.00
Communication	\$2,376.00	\$2,500.00
Rental of Equipment	\$751.00	\$1,206.00
Dues and Subscriptions	\$261.00	\$345.00
Travel and Seminars	\$293.00	\$1,000.00
Uniforms	\$1,255.00	\$1,342.00
Utilities	\$6,987.00	\$7,000.00
TOTAL	\$11,923.00	\$13,593.00
<i><u>Support Services</u></i>		
Vet Services / Animal Disposal	\$239.00	\$500.00
Operating Capital	\$499.00	\$900.00
TOTAL	\$738.00	\$1,400.00
<i><u>Capital Outlay</u></i>		
Building and Fixtures	\$0.00	\$0.00
Furniture	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vehicles	\$22,401.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment - Electronic	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment - Communication	\$0.00	\$1,343.00
Equipment - Software	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$22,401.00	\$1,343.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$165,824.00	\$156,764.00

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