



# *Animal Control Annual Report*

## *2016*

### **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 shelter animals and to preserve a safe community environment by securing stray and abandoned animals.

## *Statement of Purpose*

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. All of our Animal Control Officers receive state certification in this profession and are state certified to euthanize animals. Experience and training is the key element in maintaining a professional staff at our Animal Control Facility. We have two classification levels for Animal Control Officers; an Animal Control Officer I and II. An Animal Control Officer II must have two years of service with the Copperas Cove Animal Shelter along with Advanced Animal Control Officer Training and Basic Animal Cruelty Investigation Training.

In January of 2016, the City once again entered into an agreement with the 43D Medical Detachment Veterinary Services Support (MDVSS), Delta Veterinary Services Support Team (DVSST) to provide free spay and neuter services to some of our animals. This increases the opportunity for animals to be selected for adoption. This service was temporarily placed on hold due to the unit deploying in October 2014 but we are thankful for their safe return.

In October of 2014, the City Council approved themed adoption events every month where adoption fees are waived. As of January 2017, 28 events have been organized with the adoption of 462 total animals. Staff and volunteers are always excited about preparing for these highly successful events and allows for fun interaction with the public.

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 Senior Animal Control Officer, a licensed veterinarian, three individuals who reside within the city limits, and a representative from an animal welfare organization. The primary function of the committee is to assist the Animal Control Department in communicating awareness to the citizens of Copperas Cove regarding services, procedures, and compliance with city ordinances and state laws and make recommendations for improvements on programs and services to better serve the community.

In 2011, the City Council approved and adopted a change to an existing ordinance (Sec. 3-43) allowing for the transfer of animals to approved non-profit animal rescue organizations. These organizations are allowed to rescue animals from our shelter at no charge and will assist in finding suitable homes for unwanted animals.

Our relationship with animal rescue organizations is making a difference. A total of 283 dogs and cats were rescued this past year which is an 11% increase from the previous year when only 254 were saved. Unfortunately, these rescue organizations are limited on funding and space which impacts the number of animals they can receive.

When it comes to a stray and impounded animal, every effort is made to return the animal to the owner. If this is not possible, we attempt to adopt out the animal to a “forever” home or transfer it to a rescue organization. These organizations have further resources to find these animals a “forever” home. Much like our adoption events, these are additional examples of our commitment to reducing the number of euthanized animals.

We encourage everyone to come out to the shelter whether they just want to look around or volunteer. Your help in promoting the shelter will give impounded animals greater exposure and a better opportunity for a new home.

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

Sincerely,

*Brian Wyers*

Lieutenant, Support Services Division  
Copperas Cove Police Department



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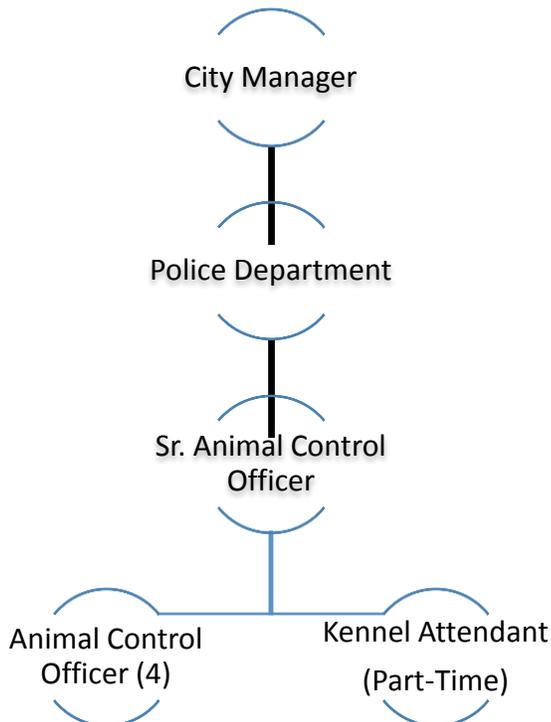
# Department Organization

The Copperas Cove Animal Control Department consists of six total employees; one Senior Animal Control Officer, four Animal Control Officers and one part-time Kennel Attendant. This department falls within the command of the Police Department's Deputy Police Chief with the Senior Animal Control Officer leading the day to day operations.

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. Once at the facility, animals are either reclaimed by the owner, adopted, held for court disposition, transferred to rescue organizations or humanely euthanized. Some of Animal Control's other duties include the investigation of animal cruelty and animal bite cases, the quarantine of animals, and sending suspected rabies specimens to the Texas Department of State Health Services for testing.

Animal Control Officers will 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 laws. The department educates the public with presentations held for various civic organizations and public schools, through the media, and citizen contact on issues related to health and safety. Animal Control also welcomes tours of the facility upon any request. An emphasis is placed on educating the public so that animals and people live together in a safe environment.

The Animal Control facility is open six days a week to serve the community along with on-call staff that operate after normal business hours.



From left to right, ACO Keith Downes, ACO Tammy Hall, Senior ACO David Wellington, Kennel Assistant Ashley Bilskemper, Kyah (Shelter Dog), ACO Caitlin Sharbeno, ACO Howard Dixon

# *Animal Impound Report*

## *Dogs and Cats*

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
<b>DOGS:</b>													
Impounded	75	85	81	87	86	69	80	93	94	81	79	88	998
Adopted	24	38	32	32	24	32	25	36	36	23	23	35	360
Returned to Owner	18	31	28	32	35	34	30	41	36	45	41	38	409
Euthanized	5	5	0	2	7	9	5	6	9	9	7	0	64
Euthanize-Owner Turn in	6	15	7	13	8	8	5	13	6	6	6	7	100
Adoption Exchange	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Safekeeping/quarantine return	0	2	3	6	5	1	1	10	2	1	1	3	35
Escape from Impound	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Died while in Impound	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Licensed issued by CITY	21	113	18	25	16	14	10	125	18	9	8	6	383
Licensed issued by VET	234	350	273	247	205	374	238	212	246	208	159	182	2746
Resident Surrendered	10	21	17	14	10	6	9	11	11	8	9	10	136
Non-Resident Surrendered	4	5	3	5	4	4	2	5	4	2	2	10	50
Humane Rescue	6	2	6	2	3	6	0	5	15	5	1	3	54
<b>CATS:</b>													
Impounded	35	47	68	53	110	86	64	52	61	64	59	37	736
Adopted	7	15	11	17	21	20	19	14	14	20	14	25	197
Returned to Owner	3	0	1	0	5	4	1	0	3	5	4	5	31
Euthanized	10	18	17	18	49	32	21	26	20	22	19	11	263
Euthanize-Owner Turn in	0	1	8	1	2	1	3	3	2	2	1	1	25
Adoption Exchange	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Safekeeping/quarantine return	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
Escape from Impound	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Died while in Impound	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	5
Licensed issued by CITY	6	39	1	7	3	4	4	13	1	2	0	0	80
Licensed issued by VET	31	73	72	53	58	77	67	33	46	63	36	58	609
Resident Surrendered	3	2	5	2	5	3	7	3	2	3	2	0	37
Non-Resident Surrendered	0	1	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12
Humane Rescue	12	16	31	19	19	28	25	21	16	9	22	11	229

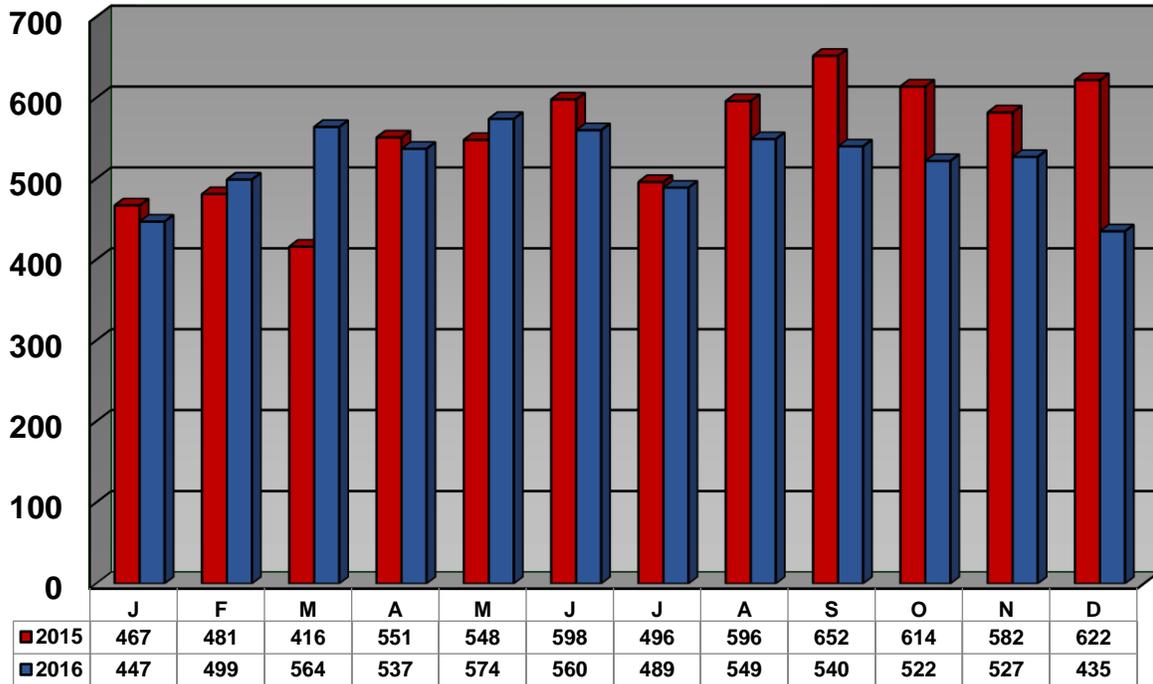
\*Note: The category of "Euthanize-Owner Turn in" was added to show the number of animals that are euthanized by the owner for reasons of illness or other health issues.

# Animal Impound Report

## Other Animals

<b>FERRETS/RABBITS/OTHERS</b>													
Impounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	6
Adopted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Returned to Owner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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
Licensed issued by CITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Licensed issued by VET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Resident Surrendered	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Non-Resident 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	2	0	0	3
<b>WILDLIFE/LIVESTOCK:</b>													
Impounded	13	14	13	22	23	47	25	26	16	24	30	7	260
Reclaim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Returned to Nature	7	8	10	17	17	30	19	23	11	19	20	4	185
Euthanized	6	6	3	3	2	11	2	9	4	4	10	3	63
Humane Rescue	0	0	0	2	2	6	3	1	0	3	0	0	17
Permit Issued (Exotic)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deceased - Deer	5	7	4	4	11	13	21	8	12	22	25	16	148
Deceased - All Other Animals	29	32	34	45	59	46	43	18	43	61	59	35	504
Livestock surrendered	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Bite Reports:</b>	8	7	7	8	4	4	7	15	6	4	8	11	89
<b>MONTHLY TOTALS:</b>													
<b>DOMESTIC IMPOUNDED:</b>	110	132	149	140	196	155	144	145	155	145	138	125	1734
<b>DOMESTIC ADOPTED:</b>	31	53	41	49	45	52	44	50	50	43	37	60	555
<b>DOMESTIC RETURNED:</b>	20	31	29	32	40	38	31	41	39	50	45	43	439
<b>DOMESTIC EUTHANIZED:</b>	15	23	17	20	56	41	26	32	54	31	26	11	352
<b>EUTHANIZE-OWNER TURN IN:</b>	6	16	15	14	10	9	8	16	8	8	7	8	125
<b>DOMESTIC HUMANE RESCUE:</b>	18	18	37	21	22	34	25	26	31	14	23	14	283
<b>QUARANTINE RETURNED TO OWNER</b>	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	2	1	2	3	15
<b>ADOPTION EXCHANGE:</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	19
<b>SAFEKEEPING return:</b>	0	1	2	4	3	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	17
<b>ESCAPE FROM IMPOUND:</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
<b>DIED WHILE IN IMPOUND:</b>	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	6
<b>WILDLIFE RETURNED TO NATURE:</b>	7	8	10	17	17	30	19	23	11	19	20	4	185
<b>WILDLIFE HUMANE RESCUE:</b>	0	0	0	2	2	6	3	1	0	3	0	0	17
<b>OWNER PERMISSION TO EUTHANIZE AFTER BITE:</b>	1	0	1	8	0	1	2	2	2	1	2	3	23

## *Calls for Service*

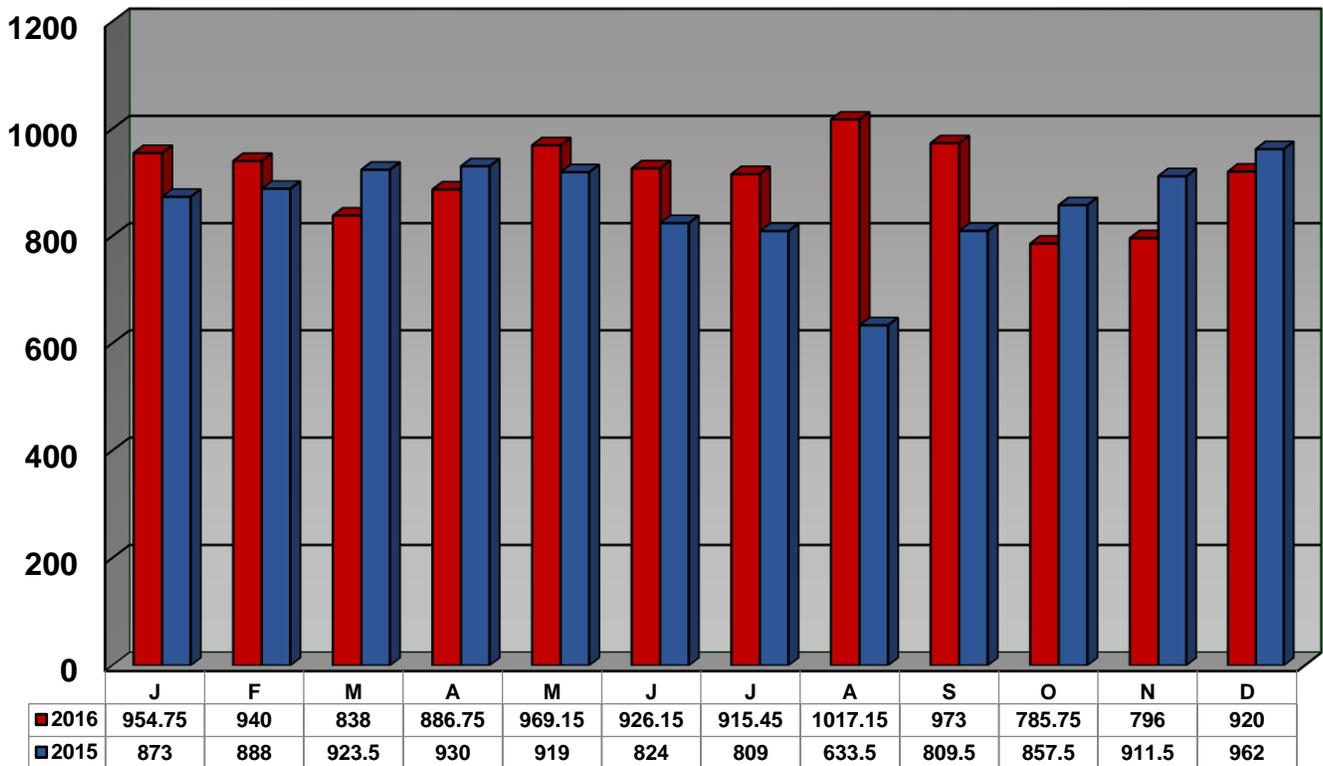


The chart above compares calls for service for 2015 and 2016, and reflects a 6% decrease. Calls are generated by either citizens or the Police Department when requesting assistance to either capture an animal, rescue an injured animal, investigate animal attacks and bites, or any other calls for assistance pertaining to animals. After normal work hours calls for assistance for Animal Control are made through the Police Department.

Total calls for service in 2016 was 6243 as compared to 2015 where 6623 were received.



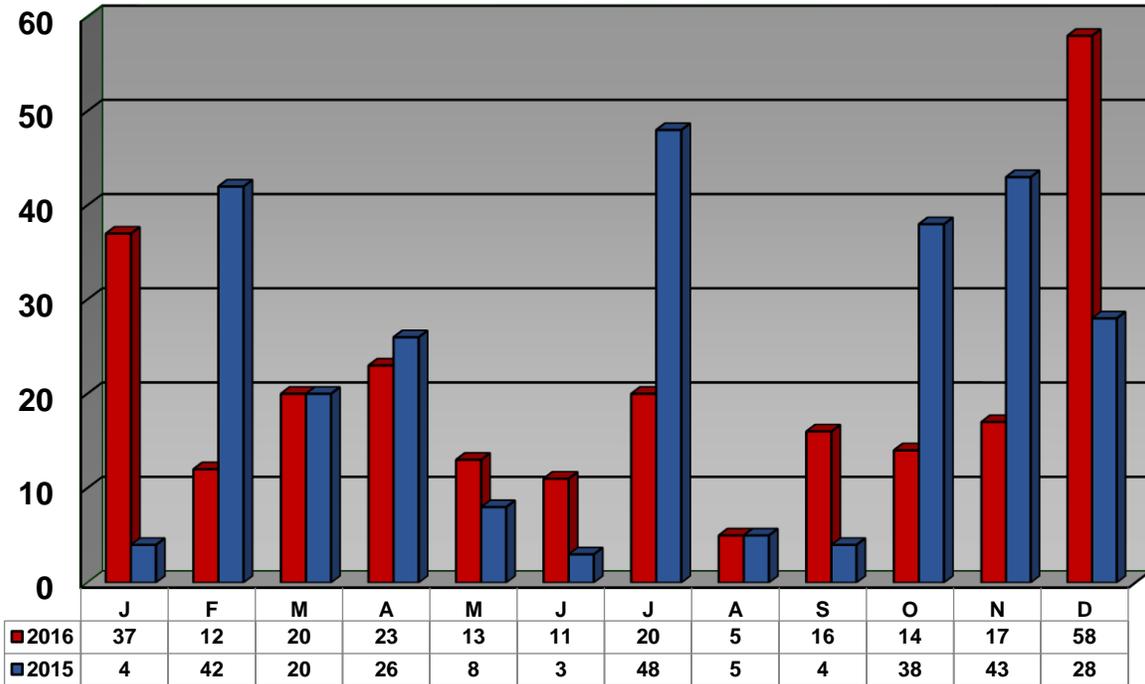
## *Hours Worked*



Animal Control Officers normally work a 40 hour week but are subject to a 24 hour on-call status to perform duties after normal business hours. The chart above compares hours worked for 2015 and 2016 and indicates a 6% increase.



# Citations Issued



A decrease of 5% in the number of citations issued is reflected when comparing 2016 to 2015. In 2016, there were 246 citations issued compared to 269 citations issued in 2015. A breakdown of the specific charges filed can be found on following page of this report.



**Positive Rabies Cases in Coryell County:**  
2015 total = 8 (skunks)  
2016 total = 3 (skunks)

# Charges Filed

<b>CITY ORDINANCES</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Sec. 3-22 - Cruelty to animals	1
Sec. 3-26 - Animal license required annually	1
Sec. 3-29 - No collar and city license	27
Sec. 3-33 - Female animal in heat	1
Sec. 3-38 - Domestic pet at large	46
Sec. 3-48 - No rabies vaccination	86
Sec. 3-75 - Violate administrative order	3
<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b>	<b>237</b>

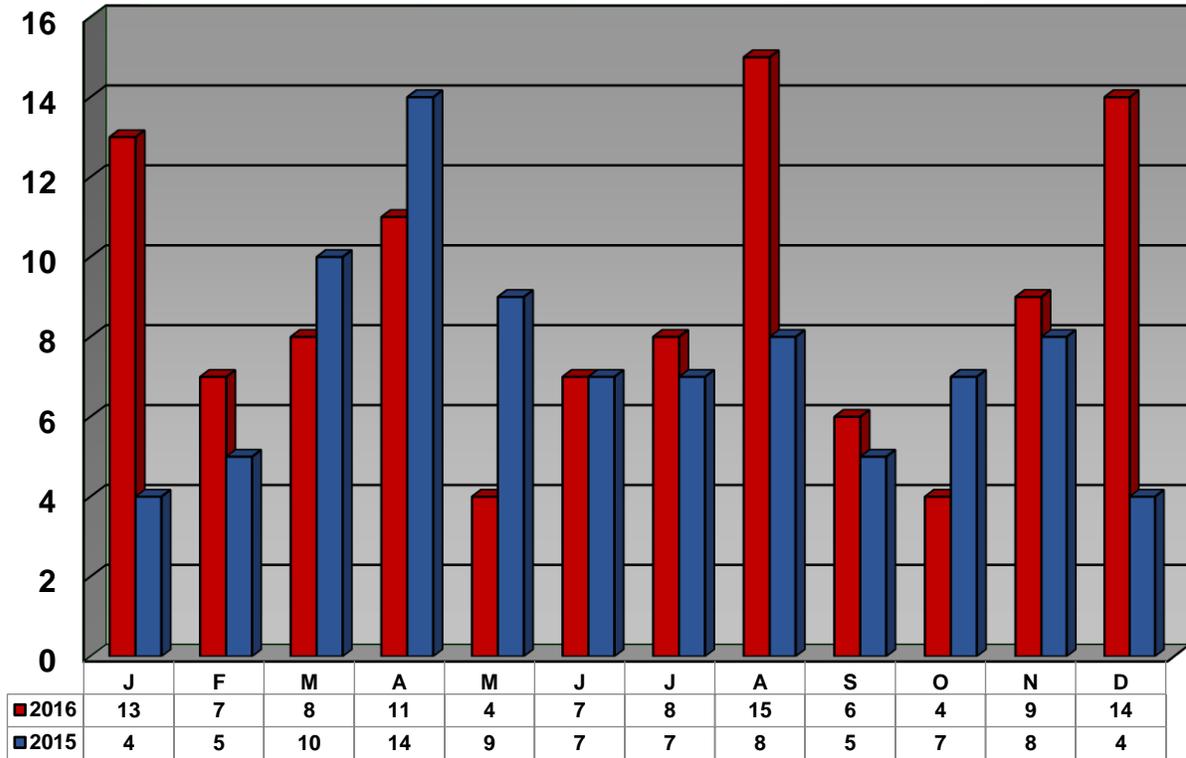
<b>CITY ORDINANCES (ADMINISTRATIVE)</b>	<b>TOTAL FILED</b>
Sec. 3-72 - Dangerous animal	9

<b>TEXAS HEATH &amp; SAFETY CODE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
828.002 - Fail to Sterilize Animal	72

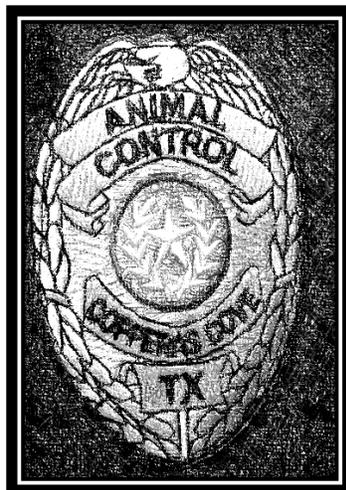


# *Incident Reports*



106 total incident reports were taken in 2016 which was a 21% increase over 2015 when only 88 reports were taken.

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



# Department Budget

BUDGET EXPENSES	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016
Salaries & Benefits	\$205,133	\$194,662
Supplies & Materials	15,077	10,123
Maintenance & Repair	4,600	3,750
Contractual Services	18,323	17,082
Designated Expenses	0	2,000
Capital Outlay	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$243,133</b>	<b>\$227,617</b>

