



2018

Annual Report



Animal Control



Statement of Purpose

This report is designed to inform our community about the functions and efforts of our Animal Control Department. It is our intention to serve the citizens of this community in the most professional, effective, and efficient manner possible. Experience and training are the key elements in maintaining a professional staff at our Animal Control Facility. Our officers receive state certification training with two classification levels; 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 October of 2014, the City Council approved themed adoption events every month where adoption fees are waived. As of January 2019, 53 events have been organized with the adoption of 779 animals.

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 regarding services, procedures, and compliance with ordinances and state laws and make recommendations for improvements on programs and services.

Copperas Cove Animal Control has hosted these low-cost shot clinics with Austin Avenue Animal Hospital since 2013, the first clinic was held June 17, 2013 at the Copperas Cove Animal Shelter parking lot. Currently we have hosted 15 shot clinics in which a total 4,421 animals received their vaccines, 328 animals have been microchipped, and 721 dogs and 91 cats received their city licenses. The Animal Shelter also has received a total of \$2,201.00 in donations. Copperas Cove Animal Control hosts these low-cost shot clinics to help the community by offering affordable vaccinations for their pets. This event is intended to be convenient by allowing citizens the opportunity to have their pet vaccinated, microchipped, and licensed through the city, at one location. Additional events have been scheduled for 2019.

When it comes to stray and impounded animals, every effort is made to return the animal to the owner. When 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 animals a “forever” home. This is another example of our commitment to reducing the number of euthanized animals.

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.

Brian Wyers

Deputy Chief of Police

Copperas Cove Police Department



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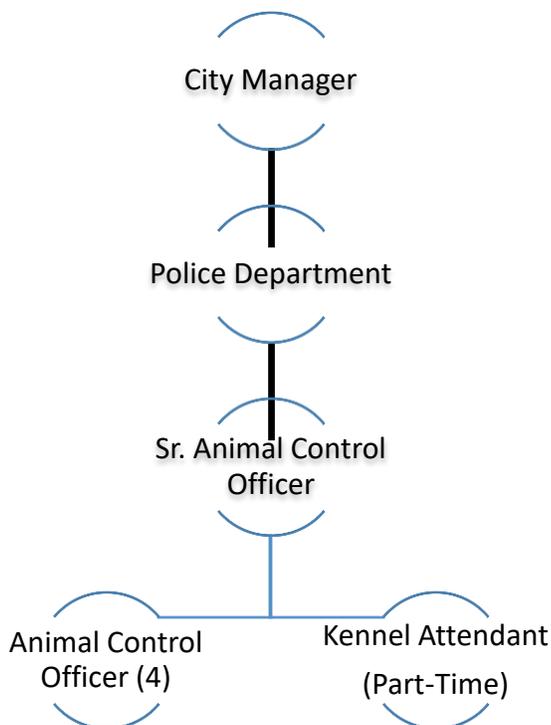
Department Organization

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. 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 adoption agreements, failure to license animals, violating the leash ordinance, along with 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 Howard Dixon, Kennel Assistant Catalina Richardson, Senior ACO David Wellington, ACO Caitlin Sharbeno-Bocking, ACO Tamara Hall



Animal Impound Report Dogs and Cats

DOGS:	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Impounded	71	74	103	87	96	86	83	90	77	94	79	80	1020
Adopted	41	34	32	32	30	33	24	27	23	26	20	32	354
Returned to Owner	34	30	40	44	34	32	23	33	23	44	36	32	405
Euthanized	9	6	6	0	4	8	11	14	9	10	3	2	82
Euthanize-Owner Turn in	4	14	14	5	16	8	11	11	9	9	22	10	133
Adoption Exchange	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Safekeeping/quarantine return	0	1	1	6	4	2	1	3	2	7	0	1	28
Escape from Impound	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Died while in Impound	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	5
Licensed issued by CITY	23	113	14	12	14	100	11	135	16	17	7	13	475
Licensed issued by VET	198	227	200	271	264	282	223	264	193	223	164	186	2695
Resident Surrendered	4	11	9	3	9	2	6	4	7	7	4	9	75
Non-Resident Surrendered	0	4	7	1	5	5	2	5	4	4	1	6	44
Humane Rescue	3	2	3	0	5	1	4	3	2	0	0	1	24
CATS:													
Impounded	14	46	54	59	105	97	74	58	68	38	53	34	700
Adopted	18	13	27	22	29	45	36	19	30	23	10	23	295
Returned to Owner	2	5	6	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	21
Euthanized	11	27	20	21	43	29	41	26	33	20	28	13	312
Euthanize-Owner Turn in	1	4	1	1	3	2	1	3	6	2	2	3	29
Adoption Exchange	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Safekeeping/quarantine return	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Escape from Impound	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Died while in Impound	0	0	0	0	2	6	2	0	0	1	0	0	11
Licensed issued by CITY	1	21	0	1	1	33	3	6	2	5	0	0	73
Licensed issued by VET	55	44	38	39	52	55	63	53	45	38	63	45	590
Resident Surrendered	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	5	1	15
Non-Resident Surrendered	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	7
Humane Rescue	0	1	1	1	15	4	5	0	0	0	6	0	33

*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.

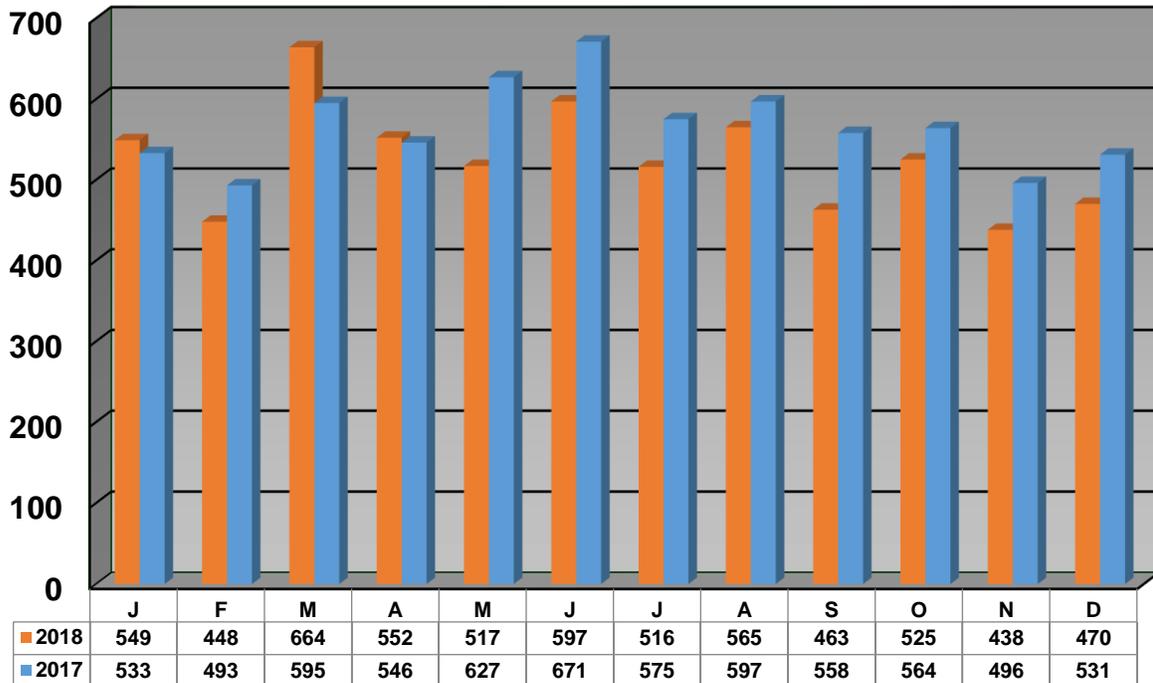


Animal Impound Report Other Animals

FERRETS/RABBITS/OTHERS													
Impounded	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	1	1	9
Adopted	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	6
Returned to Owner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Euthanized	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
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	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Non-Resident Surrendered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humane Rescue	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
WILDLIFE/LIVESTOCK:													
Impounded	2	12	15	19	37	26	27	43	33	34	29	18	295
Reclaim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Returned to Nature	7	9	13	11	21	17	18	38	24	26	18	12	214
Euthanized	1	3	2	3	8	3	6	4	4	6	9	5	54
Humane Rescue	2	0	0	5	7	4	3	2	1	1	0	1	26
Permit Issued (Exotic)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-45 Deer	13	6	10	10	17	25	16	13	6	27	22	12	177
10-45 All Other Animals	34	36	40	35	60	63	37	47	38	43	63	31	527
Livestock surrendered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bite Reports:	13	7	12	13	9	10	9	14	15	7	7	8	124
MONTHLY TOTALS:													
Domestic Impounded	85	120	157	146	201	183	157	148	145	132	132	114	1720
Domestic Adopted	59	47	59	54	59	78	60	46	53	49	30	55	649
Domestic Returned	36	35	46	45	36	32	24	33	24	45	37	33	426
Domestic Euthanized	20	33	26	21	47	37	52	40	42	30	31	15	394
Euthanize - Owner turn in	5	18	15	6	19	10	12	14	15	11	24	13	162
Domestic Humane Rescue	3	3	4	1	20	5	9	3	2	0	6	1	57
Quarantine Return to Owner	0	0	0	3	2	2	1	3	2	2	0	1	16
Adoption Exchange	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Safekeeping Return	0	2	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	13
Escape From Impound	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
Died While in Impound	0	0	0	0	2	7	4	2	0	1	0	0	16
Wildlife Returned to Nature	7	9	13	11	21	17	18	38	24	26	18	12	214
Wildlife Humane Rescue	2	0	0	5	7	4	3	2	1	1	0	1	26
Owner Permission to Euthanize After Bite	3	1	6	0	3	3	1	4	2	1	6	0	30

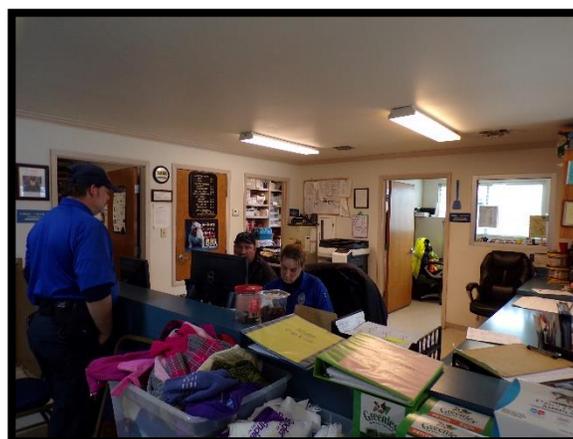


Calls for Service



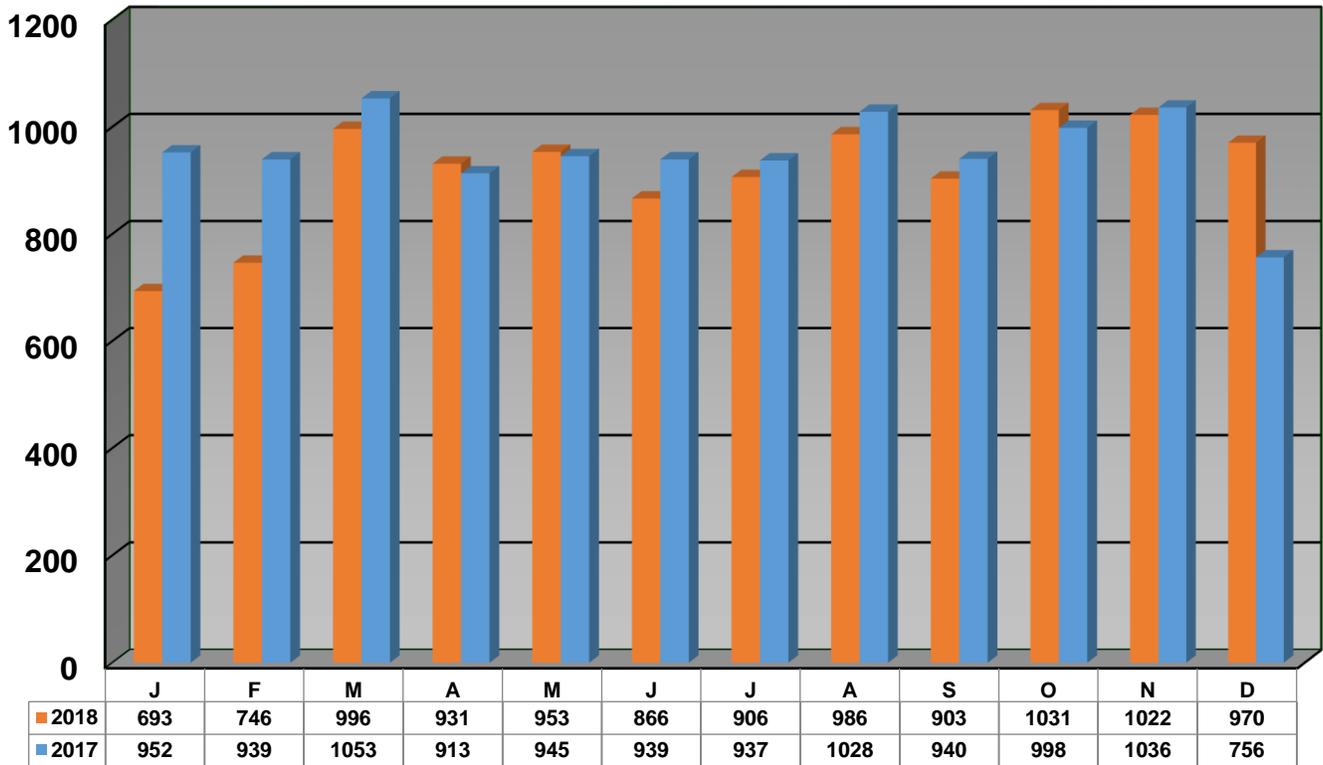
The chart above compares calls for service for 2017 and 2018, reflecting a 7% decrease. Calls are generated by either citizens or the Police Department when requesting assistance to either capture an animal, rescue an injured animal, investigate animal attacks and bites, or any other calls for assistance pertaining to animals. After normal work hours, calls for assistance for Animal Control are made through the Police Department.

Total calls for service in 2018 was 6304 as compared to 2017 when 6786 were received.





Hours Worked

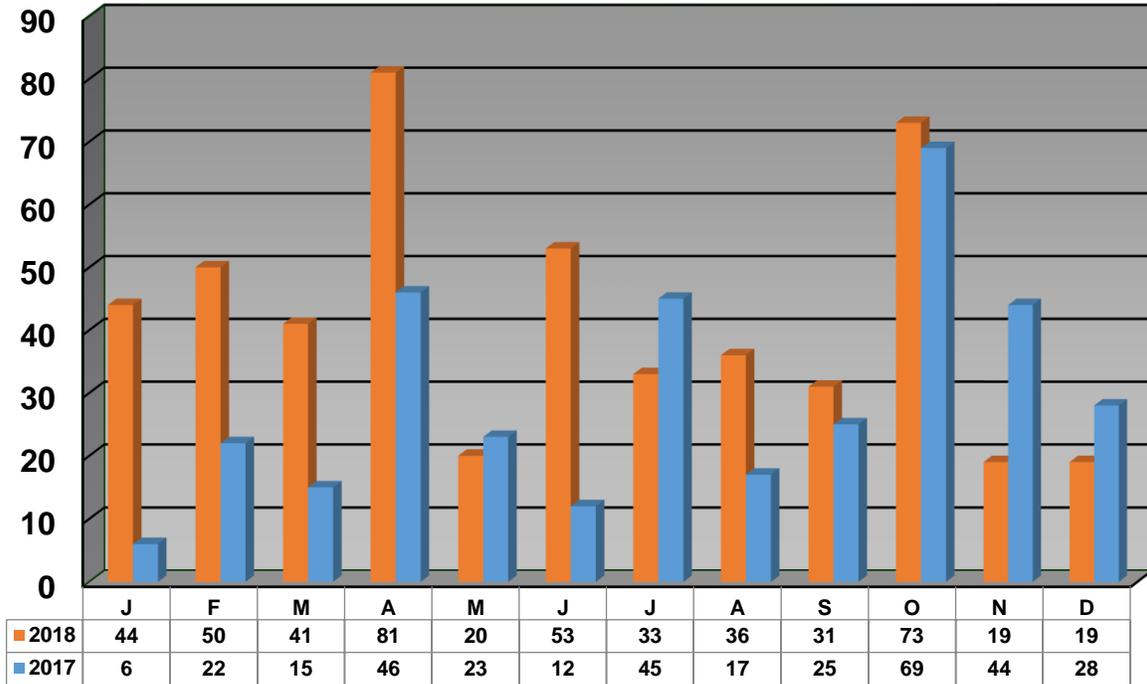


Animal Control Officers normally work a 40-hour week but are subject to a 24-hour on-call status to perform duties after normal business hours. The chart above compares hours worked for 2017 and 2018 indicating a 4% decrease.





Citations Issued



An increase of 41% in the number of citations issued is reflected when comparing 2018 to 2017. In 2018, there were 500 citations issued compared to 354 citations issued in 2017. A breakdown of the specific charges filed can be found on the following page of this report.



Positive Rabies Cases in Coryell County:
2017 total = 8 (4 skunks), (1 bobcat), (3 raccoons)
2018 total = 4 (2 bats), (2 raccoons)



Charges Filed

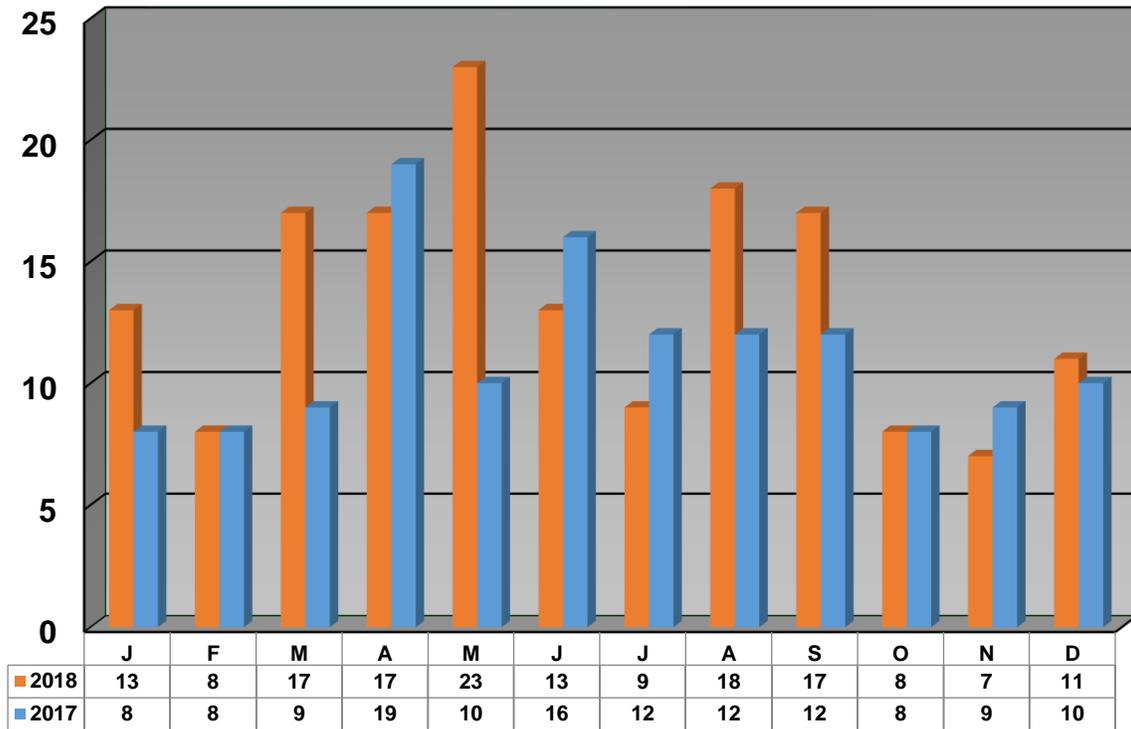
CITY ORDINANCES	TOTAL
Sec. 3-26 – Failure to microchip	99
Sec. 3-29 – No collar and city license	66
Sec. 3-38 – Domestic pet at large	103
Sec. 3-48 – No rabies vaccination	42
Sec. 3-49 – Vaccination of impounded animal	71
Sec. 3-75 – Violate administrative order	16
All Other Violations	6
<hr/> Total City Ordinance charges	<hr/> 259
TEXAS HEATH & SAFETY CODE	TOTAL
828.002 – Fail to Sterilize Animal	83
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Total Charges Filed	500
CITY ORDINANCES (ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS)	TOTAL
Sec. 3-72 – Dangerous animal	33



"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened." - Anatole France



Incident Reports



161 total incident reports were taken in 2018 reflecting a 21% increase over 2017 when only 133 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 Department.





Department Budget

BUDGET EXPENSES

2016 - 2017 2017 - 2018

Salaries & Benefits	\$214,090	\$209,439
Supplies & Materials	20,002	23,999
Maintenance & Repair	4,426	4,950
Contractual Services	15,399	17,139
Designated Expenses	2,000	2,000
Capital Outlay	0	0
Total	\$255,917	\$257,527

