



2019

# 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 2020, 65 events have been organized with the adoption of 929 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 18 shot clinics in which a total 5,562 animals received their vaccines, 407 animals have been microchipped, and 1,076 dogs and 125 cats received their city licenses. The Animal Shelter also has received a total of \$2,481.00 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 2020.

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.

*Jeremy Alber*

Police Captain  
Copperas Cove Police Department



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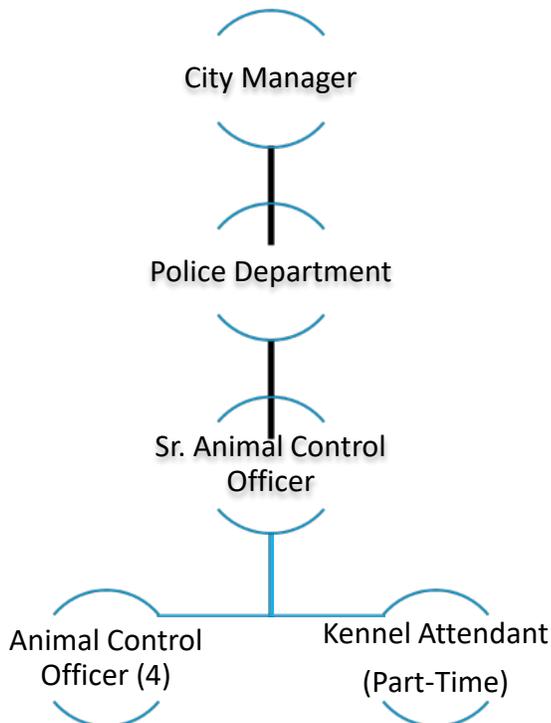
### Department Organization

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	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>Impounded</b>	77	108	81	93	87	93	87	81	75	116	88	102	<b>1088</b>
<b>Adopted</b>	33	31	28	33	30	32	28	20	28	30	17	37	<b>347</b>
<b>Returned to Owner</b>	35	45	39	45	25	43	40	32	32	56	51	48	<b>491</b>
<b>Euthanized</b>	5	7	4	6	6	0	6	10	10	2	3	11	<b>70</b>
<b>Euthanize-Owner Turn in</b>	5	14	14	15	12	5	9	13	5	11	5	14	<b>122</b>
<b>Adoption Exchange</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Safekeeping/Quarantine Return</b>	3	6	7	3	3	2	1	3	3	0	6	7	<b>44</b>
<b>Escape from Impound</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Died While Impounded</b>	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Licensed issued by CITY</b>	17	156	21	14	1	158	14	144	20	7	6	5	<b>579</b>
<b>Licensed issued by VET</b>	211	210	252	241	286	278	264	270	157	65	99	110	<b>2443</b>
<b>Resident Surrendered</b>	9	11	9	7	2	3	4	4	6	5	2	8	<b>70</b>
<b>Non-Resident Surrendered</b>	3	5	2	2	12	8	8	1	5	1	4	2	<b>53</b>
<b>Humane Rescue</b>	2	1	2	1	2	0	1	0	4	3	2	0	<b>18</b>

CATS:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>Impounded</b>	40	21	58	58	99	100	101	79	75	75	69	53	<b>828</b>
<b>Adopted</b>	10	8	16	19	28	31	32	24	30	38	17	34	<b>287</b>
<b>Returned to Owner</b>	6	0	6	3	3	2	2	5	2	6	9	4	<b>48</b>
<b>Euthanized</b>	19	10	35	13	42	55	33	28	22	40	34	22	<b>257</b>
<b>Euthanize-Owner Turn in</b>	1	1	0	4	6	2	6	2	0	1	1	2	<b>26</b>
<b>Adoption Exchange</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Safekeeping/Quarantine Return</b>	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>5</b>
<b>Escape from Impound</b>	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	<b>6</b>
<b>Died While Impounded</b>	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	<b>6</b>
<b>Licensed issued by CITY</b>	0	14	0	0	2	27	2	15	2	1	0	1	<b>64</b>
<b>Licensed issued by VET</b>	54	36	53	27	60	61	145	54	26	21	16	26	<b>579</b>
<b>Resident Surrendered</b>	4	2	0	2	0	0	1	15	0	0	2	4	<b>30</b>
<b>Non-Resident Surrendered</b>	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Humane Rescue</b>	0	0	2	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	<b>8</b>

\*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:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Impounded	0	0	2	2	2	0	10	2	0	4	0	0	22
Adopted	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	8
Returned to Owner	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Euthanized	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
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 Impounded	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	2	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	1	13
Non-Resident Surrendered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Humane Rescue	0	0	0	2	2	0	10	0	0	0	0	1	15

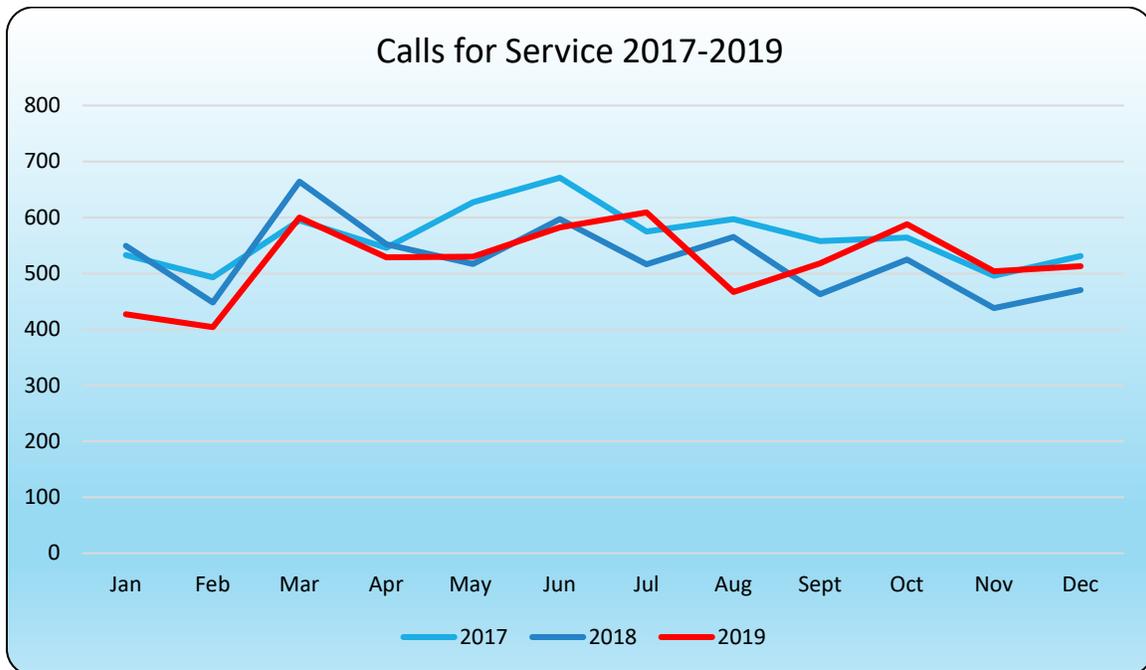
WILDLIFE/LIVESTOCK:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Impounded	13	10	33	38	46	50	35	45	48	61	35	12	426
Reclaim	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Return to Nature	10	6	20	25	33	30	30	39	41	30	11	6	281
Euthanized	2	4	7	2	9	5	3	6	6	3	5	6	32
Humane Rescue	0	0	7	7	5	9	4	0	1	0	0	0	33
Permit Issued (Exotic)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Animal Carcass (Deer)	14	11	8	6	12	15	17	12	20	16	24	19	174
Animal Carcass (All Other)	35	36	41	33	55	52	50	37	43	54	37	38	511
Livestock Surrendered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>BITE REPORTS</b>	7	10	14	9	16	8	10	7	8	4	12	10	115

MONTHLY TOTALS	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Domestic Impounded	117	129	139	151	186	193	188	160	150	191	157	155	1916
Domestic Adopted	43	39	44	52	58	63	60	44	58	68	34	71	634
Domestic Returned	41	45	45	48	28	45	42	37	34	62	60	52	539
Domestic Euthanized	24	17	39	19	48	55	39	38	32	42	37	33	423
Euthanize-Owner Turn In	6	15	14	19	18	7	15	15	5	12	6	16	148
Domestic Humane Rescue	2	1	4	5	6	1	11	0	5	3	2	1	41
Owner Permission to Euthanize After Bite	3	4	4	2	5	1	4	5	1	0	1	3	33



### Calls for Service



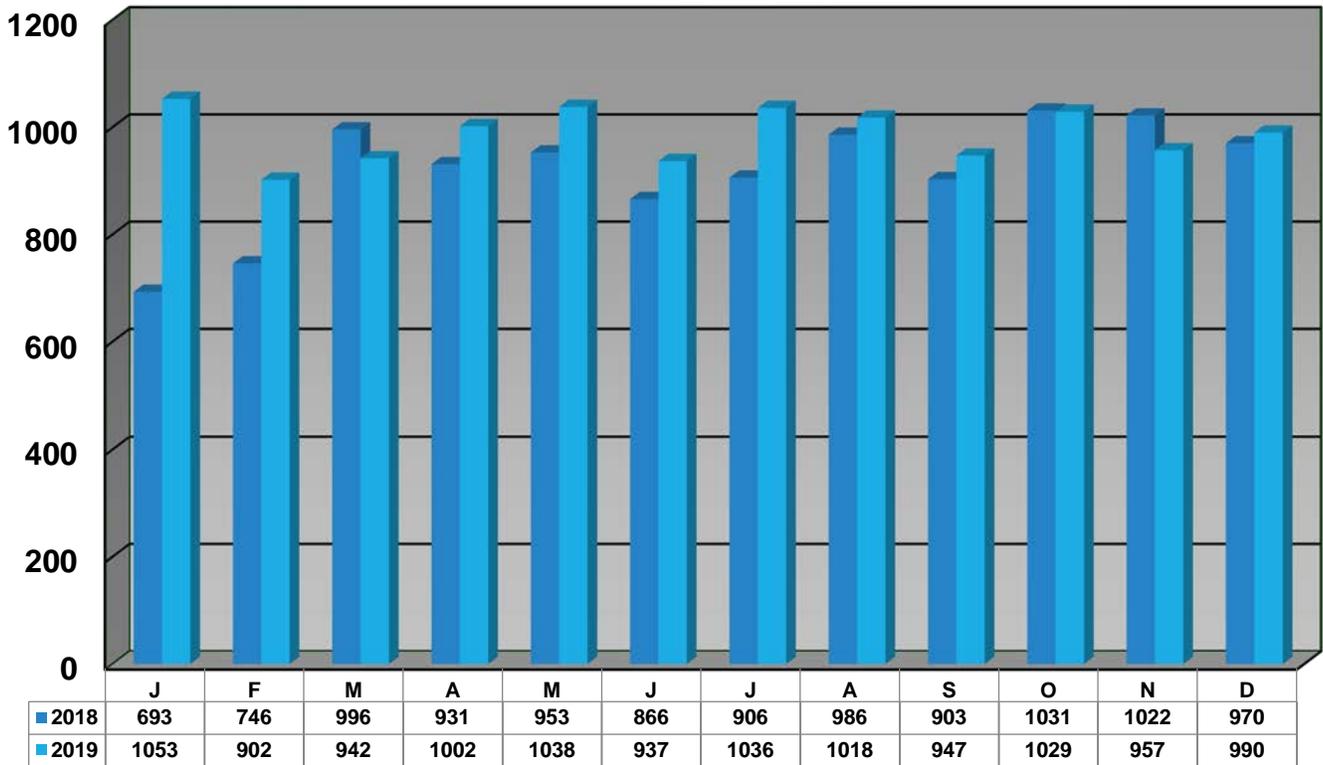
The chart above compares calls for service from 2017 to 2019, reflecting a .5% decrease. Calls are generated by either citizens or the Police Department when requesting assistance to either capture an animal, rescue an injured animal, investigate animal attacks and bites, or any other calls for assistance pertaining to animals. After normal work hours, calls for assistance for Animal Control are made through the Police Department.

Total calls for service in 2019 was 6271 as compared to 2018 when 6304 were received.





### Hours Worked

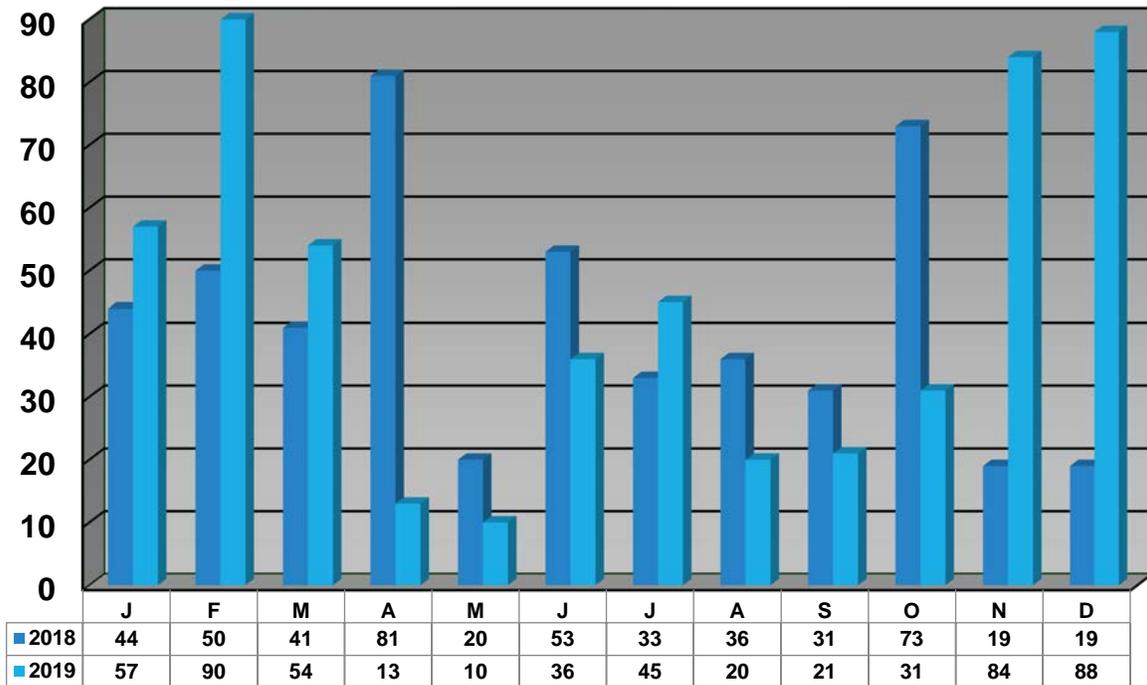


Animal Control Officers normally work a 40-hour week but are subject to a 24-hour on-call status to perform duties after normal business hours. The chart above compares hours worked for 2018 and 2019 indicating an 8% increase.





### Citations Issued



An increase of 10% in the number of citations issued is reflected when comparing 2019 to 2018. In 2019, there were 551 citations issued compared to 500 citations issued in 2018. A breakdown of the specific charges filed can be found on the following page of this report.



Positive Rabies Cases in Coryell County:

2018 total = 4 (2 bats), (2 raccoons)

2019 total = 1 raccoon



### Charges Filed

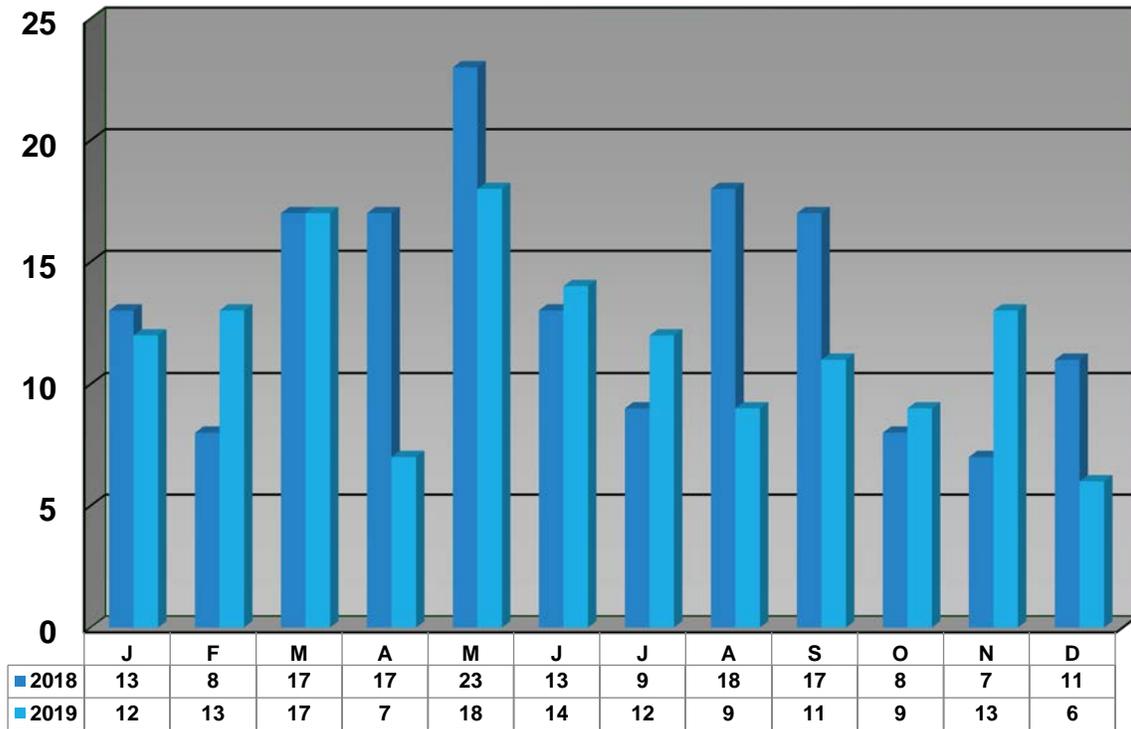
CITY ORDINANCES	TOTAL
Sec. 3-29 – No Collar and City License	65
Sec. 3-38 – Domestic Pet at Large	115
Sec. 3-43-1 – Failure to Microchip	72
Sec. 3-48 – No Rabies Vaccination	72
Sec. 3-49 – Vaccination of Impounded Animal	85
Sec. 3-75 – Violation of Administrative Order	13
All Other Violations	13
<b>Total City Ordinance Charges</b>	<b>435</b>
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE	TOTAL
822.043 – Failure to Report Change of Address	1
828.002 – Fail to Sterilize Animal	115
CITY ORDINANCE (ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)	TOTAL
Sec. 3-72 – Dangerous Animal	28
<b>Total Charges Filed</b>	<b>579</b>



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



### Incident Reports



141 total incident reports were taken in 2019 reflecting a 12% decrease over 2018 when 161 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	2018 - 2019	2017 - 2018
Salaries & Benefits	\$208,201	\$209,439
Supplies & Materials	22,825	23,999
Maintenance & Repair	4,550	4,950
Contractual Services	15,444	17,139
Designated Expenses	2,000	2,000
Capital Outlay	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$253,020</b>	<b>\$257,527</b>

