

ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION -- PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

10,000 Calls/Complaints received annually

Animal Services Officer Responses – 2009/10
Include:

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| • Loose Animals | 2,903 |
| • Animal Bites | 625 |
| • Aggressive Dogs | 562 |
| • Barking Dogs | 939 |
| • Animal Neglect and Abuse | 584 |
| • Dead Animal pick up | 872 |
| • Sheriff/Police/Fire Assist | 128 |
| • Sick/Injured transport | 330 |

Many calls for service result in an animal in custody.

Animal Services needs to shelter about 3,000 animals annually.

LAWS ENFORCED BY Animal Services

- Penal Code: prohibits dog fighting/bird fighting; investigate/confiscate animals in vehicles/heat; must investigate complaints for neglect and abuse
- Civil Code: Depository for animals; provide food and vet care; prohibits euthanasia of treatable/ adoptable injured animals; reasonable efforts to find owners
- Food/Ag Code: potentially dangerous dog laws required; stray animals pickup and impound required; dog licensing; holding period for relinquished animals; spay and neuter adoptable animals before release
- Health/Safety Code: Investigation & quarantine; chaining law; pickup and impound stray animals
- County ordinances: Dangerous Dog ord; unattended in vehicle; rabies vaccinations and dog license required.

PRIORITIES

- Prevent rabies
- Protect against potentially dangerous dogs
- Neglect/cruelty cases and injured animals at large
- Shelter stray/lost; reunite; adoptions
- Control pet overpopulation
- Emergency/Disaster Response