

Animal Services News
November 19, 2014

COMMUNITY SPAY/NEUTER

- *YTD there have been 371 pets sterilized through the community spay/neuter program.*
- *November 11 Spay/Neuter Event – 35 names were submitted and to date 26 people have signed up their pets for free spay/neuter.*
- *Reminder – we would like to have the BOCC adopt a resolution to support Spay Day in February as we have done in previous years. The resolution will be prepared for your review in January 2015.*

RABIES

- *YTD we've had 20 confirmed rabies cases (12 raccoons, 3 foxes, 3 bats and 2 skunks).*
- *YTD we vaccinated 1,166 animals (692 dogs, 474 cats) at low cost rabies vaccination clinics. There is one final clinic this month that is not included in these totals.*

PET INSURANCE

- *We are looking into a partnership with a company named Trupanion to offer a 30 day free trial to all owners who adopt a pet from us.*
- *Trupanion covers 90% of all associated costs for a pet's medical care after an initial \$500 deductible is met.*
- *Example: A dog is adopted and chews up and swallows 12 socks in his new home. The vet bill for this incident totals \$2500. Trupanion will pay for \$1800 and the adopter will be responsible for the remaining \$700.*

STAFFING UPDATES

- *A new Animal Control Officer joined our staff last week.*
- *One of our contract veterinarians gave notice that she will be relocating next month; the process is underway to find a replacement.*
- *Staffing efforts are also in progress to fill three (3) vacant FTEs: one (1) Animal Control Officers, one (1) Veterinary Health Care Technician, and one (1) Animal Care Technician.*

SHELTERING HIGHLIGHTS

- *We received 254 pets in October. Of these animals, 173 were "live releases," and our live release rate was 85% (adjusted) for the month.*
- *We adopted out 63 dogs and 136 total pets during "Adopt a Dog Month."*
- *We euthanized 82 animals during October. The average number of animals euthanized in October from 2009-2013 was 140 pets. This translates to a 41% reduction in euthanasia.*
- *Comparing the first 3 quarters of 2013 and 2014*
 - *Intakes are down 10.86% (2,266 vs. 2,542), and we still seem to be on pace to receive less than 3,000 animals for the year for the first time in our history.*
 - *We adopted 1,144 pets, an increase of 2.33% compared to last year.*
 - *The number of animals euthanized is down 13.53% (556 vs. 643). As with intakes, last year was our previous record low for this statistic.*