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Monthly Report Orange County Animal Services August 2005

Departmental Highlights

1. Organization of Animal Services Department
 - a. Opening of Administrative Office, 501 W. Franklin Street, Suite 106, Chapel Hill.
 - b. Asset and Personnel Transfers from Health Department to Animal Services Department
 - c. Realignment of resources along departmental lines to service both Divisions-Animal Control and the Animal Shelter:
 - i. Centralization of payroll and payable functions
 - ii. Centralization of other administrative and technical functions, e.g., Chameleon support, website interfacing with Information Technology Department, service reports, etc.
2. Personnel
 - a. Recent Hiring:
 - i. Jessica Allison, Shelter Operations Manager, Animal Shelter Division
 - b. Ongoing Searches:
 - i. Animal Health Technician
 - ii. Animal Control Officer
 - iii. Animal Control Manager

Animal Shelter Highlights

The August 2005 figures show a higher level of activity than we saw in 2004, reversing the trend to smaller numbers since the transition. This is particularly true of animal intakes which were 547. This is slightly lower than the 573 animal received in June 2005 but for the first time exceeds the number taken in during the corresponding month in 2004, which was 504.

Shelter Activity

	Dogs	Cats	Others	Total	
In Shelter Custody as of August 1 2005 (1)	112	136	8	256	
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Total Admitted August 2005	213	319	15	547	Returns: 0 dogs, 1 cat
Sheltered in August 2005	325	455	23	803	
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Dispositions for August 2005	217	312	19	548	
Remaining in Shelter Custody on September 1 2005 (1)	108	143	4	255	

(1) This includes foster animals

There were more animals placed this month than for August of 2004 – specifically, 253 this year versus 211 for last year (an increase of 20 percent). The placement rate is higher than it was for the same month last year by 3-4 percent despite the fact that the intake number was higher for August 2005 than August 2004. The adoptable placement rates were 53% in 2005 and 50% in 2004. (The gross placement rate for this month is 46% and was 42% in August of 2004.) The higher placement rates are due to increases across the board in Reclaims (43 in 2005 and 32 in 2004) and Adoptions, Transfers and Rescues (210 in 2005 and 179 in 2004).

Dispositions

	Dogs	Cats	Others	Total	% of Total Dispositions	
Reclaimed	37	7	1	43	7.85%	
Adopted	68	105	17	190	34.67%	3 dogs, 4 cats to Rescue
Transfers (2)	9	8	1	20	3.65%	
Euthanized	98	188	0	286	52.19%	5 dogs, 2 cats surrendered for euthanasia 65 cats (34.5%) feral.
Died	1	3	0	4	0.73%	
Other	4	1	0	5	0.91%	
Totals	217	312	19	548	100.00%	

(2) Transfers are all to APS unless specified otherwise at right

Program Report

Volunteer Orientations: Both given by Program Coordinator this month, the Orientation is a requirement of OCAS to protect the health and well-being of both volunteers and animals.

8/4/05 – 20 people attended

8/11/05 – 15 people attended

Policy Procedures /Animal Handling Training: This is an advanced and required training for volunteers wishing to work with direct handling of the animals, such as dog walking and socialization, cat-room

cleaning, and related activities. Given by Program Coordinator, Animal Care Technicians, and senior dog volunteer.

8/13/05 – 17 people attended

Volunteers this month: 45

Volunteer hours total: 265

Outreach Program: Always presented by volunteers, this is a program where we set up a table at a public location, often with select shelter animals, and provide information on adoptions and animal care.

Phydeaux: August 6

Petsmart- August 13

Walmart – August 20

Southern States – August 27

August 17 – Tour of Shelter for YMCA Teen Summer Camp: The camp did a Kong Drive for us and brought the Kongs (dog chew toys) to shelter, then went on a tour of the shelter with a Q&A session.

August 24 – A volunteer (who asked to remain anonymous) and Program Coordinator threw Staff an Appreciation Breakfast on behalf of all the animals that have been through the shelter.

August 25 - After Hours Weaver Street Carrboro: OCAS volunteers served grilled chicken and portabella mushrooms, pasta salad and watermelon for a fund raiser. All profits went to shelter, totaling \$501.00

August 27 – Third Annual Dog Swim at Triangle SportsPlex: The SportsPlex opened their pool to dog owners and their pets for an open swim, at a cost of \$5.00 each. 50% of proceeds went to shelter, totaling \$150.00

August 29 – Met with Erin from CHCCS Community Based Vocational Training to set up program for CHHS kids

Animal Control Highlights

Several demographic areas showed a sharp increase in animal intakes this month, most noticeably Chapel Hill and Night Deposit, though activity overall was increased. While the city/town areas all show a greater percentage of animals brought directly to the shelter, the unincorporated areas of the county placed the greatest demands on Animal Control Officers' time.

Demographics

	<u>Animal Control</u>		<u>From Public</u>		<u>Total Incoming</u>
	Strays(3)	Surrender	Strays	Surrender	
Chapel Hill	23	3	42	24	92
Carrboro	10	1	14	2	27
Hillsborough	16	5	13	16	50
Orange County	166	92	16	18	292
Night Deposit	0	0	58	13	71
Other County	0	0	11	4	15
Total	215	101	154	77	547

In August, a stray dog that had been impounded at the shelter began showing distinctive symptoms of the rabies virus, and after progression of these symptoms the dog was euthanized and sent for testing on the recommendation of the shelter veterinarian – the dog tested positive, the first such case in a dog in years within the county. On recommendations of the Health Department, several staff members considered ‘at risk’ for casual exposure received appropriate treatment as a precautionary measure.

Total positive rabies cases for the year reached seventeen (17) this month, with 13 of them coming from raccoons. The remainder are spread among 2 foxes, one bat, and the aforementioned dog.

Rabies Statistics

	Dogs	Cats	Other
Positive Rabies Tests	1	0	3
Vaccinated at Shelter	33	54	
Vaccinated at Vet Clinics	517	750	
Vaccinated at Rabies Clinics	0	0	
Total Vaccinations	550	804	

Appendix

Placement Rate: This is a gross statistic which relates the number of animals placed (adopted, reclaimed, rescued and transferred) to the number of animals admitted in a given time period. This is expressed as a percentage attained by dividing the number of animals placed by the number of animals admitted.

Adoptable Placement Rate: To gain a clearer representation of the placement program, the animals brought to the shelter that are not part of the placement program are excluded, namely feral cats and owners requests for euthanasia. Since the number of feral cats in particular can vary a great deal from month to month, they can obscure the true effects of the program. The adoptable placement rate is obtained by subtracting the number of feral cats and owner’s requests for euthanasia from the total intake number before the number of placed animals is divided by it. This yields a more refined statistic.

% of Total Dispositions, which are given in the statistical report, are different from the placement rates in that they do not relate to the number of animals brought into the shelter. They are, as the title implies, the total number of dispositions broken down by category. Their function is to demonstrate the accuracy of the statistics.