

**Function:**  
Public Safety

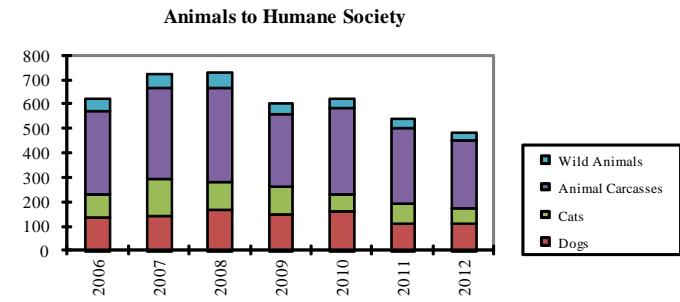
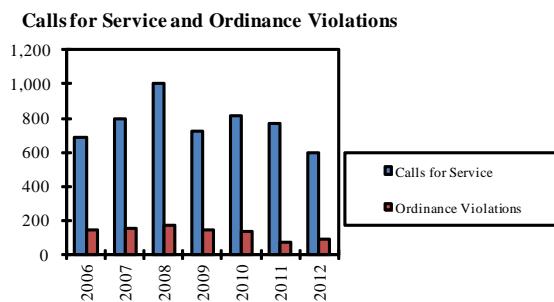
**Department:**  
Police

**Activity:**  
**Animal Control**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Animal Control activity is under the supervision of the Police Department. This budget finances the activities involved in policing the City's Animal Control Ordinance as specified in the City Code. This Ordinance includes regulations to control dangerous and exotic animals and any other animals which are housed by citizens. The Muscatine Humane Society provides shelter facilities for animals picked up by the City.

In 1995 the City Council adopted an animal control ordinance requiring City licensing of all dogs and cats, established fines for unlicensed animals, and increased fines for animals at large. The ordinance was the result of a citizen task force which studied this issue for approximately one year. In 2003 City Council amended the animal control ordinances as follows: (1) Title 4 General Provisions adding Chapter 2 "Keeping of Pit Bull Dogs" to allow citizens to follow required procedures of the ordinance in order to keep their dog and also prohibiting any new pit bull dogs from coming into the City limits, and (2) Title 4 General Provisions, Chapter 1, Animal Regulation, Section 8 Animal Care, Section F requiring that owners of animals that have "invisible fences" are required to notify the U.S. Postal Service and utility companies with the City Clerk's office at City Hall to receive copies of the notifications sent to the U.S. Postal Service and utility companies. The City Prosecutor has made recommendations for updating City Code provisions related to animal control and these will be brought forward in the near future for City Council consideration.



#### **CURRENT TRENDS AND ISSUES**

The 2012/2013 revised estimate is the same as the original budget. The 2013/2014 budget is \$2,000 (1.6%) higher than the 2012/2013 budget due to increased personal services costs. The Muscatine Humane Society's funding request for 2013/2014 is \$60,000, the same as the requested and budgeted funding for 2012/2013.

### **GOAL STATEMENT**

To protect individuals and property against activities and transgressions of animals through the enforcement of the Animal Control Ordinance by establishing a uniform and effective Citywide animal control program which results in an increase of voluntary compliance by citizens as well as a decrease in the number of animal complaints received by the department.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

	<b>Actual 2009</b>	<b>Actual 2010</b>	<b>Actual 2011</b>	<b>Actual 2012</b>	<b>Estimated 2013</b>
Calls for Service	727	783	742	596	600
Ordinance Violations	142	137	72	92	120
Bite Cases	37	42	31	39	37
Animals taken to Humane Society:					
Dogs	148	161	108	108	110
Cats	112	69	84	61	80
Animal Carcasses	296	349	305	279	300
Wild Animals	44	38	40	32	35
County Calls for Service	2	1	1	1	1
Fruitland Calls for Service	42	26	22	15	20

### **RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The department has been providing animal control enforcement and assistance to the City of Fruitland since July 4, 2002. In 2012 the Animal Control Officer responded to 15 calls for service in Fruitland.

The Animal Control Officer transported 169 cats and dogs to the Humane Society or to the veterinarian over the past year. He transported 279 animal carcasses and 32 wild animals to the Humane Society.

The Animal Control Officer continues to maintain a positive relationship with the Humane Society and assists them on a regular basis.

### **OBJECTIVES TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN 2013/2014**

- \* To meet or exceed the number of citations issued in the 2012/2013 fiscal year by utilizing proactive enforcement in conjunction with responding to citizen complaints.
- \* To provide training to the Animal Control Officer with firearms/equipment, safety and defensive driving courses and other job specific training that may become available.

- \* To assist the Muscatine Humane Society and Muscatine County Sheriff's Department in the common goals of animal control and work with the Police Department and organized neighborhood groups to assist with animal complaints in specific neighborhoods.
- \* To review current animal control fines and ordinances.

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	Actual 2010/2011	Actual 2011/2012	Budget 2012/2013	Revised Estimate 2012/2013	Budget 2013/2014	Percent Change
<b>Expenditure Summary</b>						
Personal Services	\$ 57,675	\$ 59,041	\$ 60,900	\$ 61,000	\$ 62,900	3.28%
Commodities	2,010	3,022	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.00%
Contractual Services	42,596	60,841	62,300	62,200	62,300	0.00%
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 102,281</u>	<u>\$ 122,904</u>	<u>\$ 125,900</u>	<u>\$ 125,900</u>	<u>\$ 127,900</u>	1.59%
<b>Funding Sources</b>						
Animal Enforcement Fines	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,105	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,700	0.00%
General Revenues	<u>99,581</u>	<u>120,799</u>	<u>123,200</u>	<u>123,500</u>	<u>125,200</u>	1.62%
Total Funding Sources	<u>\$ 102,281</u>	<u>\$ 122,904</u>	<u>\$ 125,900</u>	<u>\$ 125,900</u>	<u>\$ 127,900</u>	1.59%

	<b>Personnel Schedule</b>					
	Actual 2010/2011	Actual 2011/2012	Budget 2012/2013	Revised Estimate 2012/2013	Budget 2013/2014	Budget Amount 2013/2014
<b>Full Time Position:</b>						
Animal Control Officer	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	\$ 40,100
Employee Benefits						<u>22,800</u>
Total Personal Services						<u>\$ 62,900</u>