

ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION -- PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

10,000 Calls/Complaints received annually

Animal Services Officer Responses – 2009/10
Include:

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