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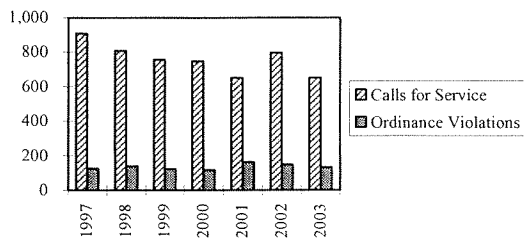
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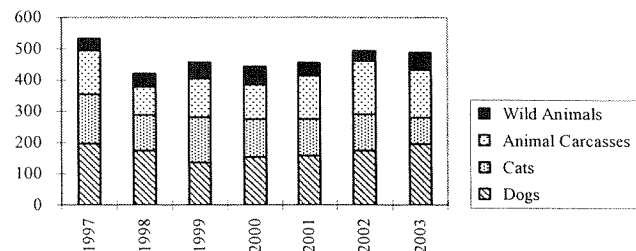
GENERAL INFORMATION

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 continues to provide shelter facilities for animals picked up by the City. A pamphlet entitled "Informational Service for Animals and Pets" has been developed by Animal Control personnel for distribution throughout the Community.

Calls for Service and Ordinance Violations



Animals to Humane Society



CURRENT TRENDS AND ISSUES

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 received copies of the notifications sent to the U.S. Postal Service and utility companies.

The 2003/2004 revised estimate is \$700 less than the original budget. The 2004/2005 budget is 4.3% (\$3,700) higher than the 2003/2004 budget primarily due to increased personnel and capital outlay costs. For 2004/2005, the contribution to the Humane Society from the City of Muscatine is budgeted to remain at \$39,000. The City also will continue to provide in-kind services for lawn care to the Humane Society which began in 2003/2004.

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 City-wide 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

	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Estimated 2004
Calls for Service	749	653	772	613	700
Ordinance Violations	119	165	150	133	140
Bite Cases	46	54	40	33	40
Animals taken to Humane Society*:					
Dogs	154	158	175	196	160
Cats	121	117	116	85	100
Animal Carcasses	110	139	170	152	140
Wild Animals	58	42	33	56	50
County Calls for Service	7	2	0	2	2
Fruitland Calls for Service	0	0	24	38	40

* Animals to Humane Society includes those from Fruitland effective July 1, 2002.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

On July 4, 2002, the department started providing animal control enforcement and assistance to the City of Fruitland. In 2003 the Animal Control Officer responded to 38 calls for service and impounded 6 dogs.

The Animal Control Officer transported 281 dogs and cats to the Humane Society or the veterinarian over the past year and also transported 152 animal carcasses and 56 wild animals to the Humane Society. The Animal Control Officer continues to have a positive working relationship with the Muscatine Humane Society and assists them regularly.

OBJECTIVES TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN 2004/2005

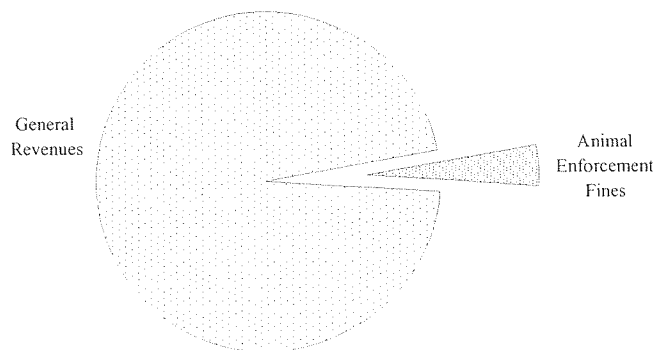
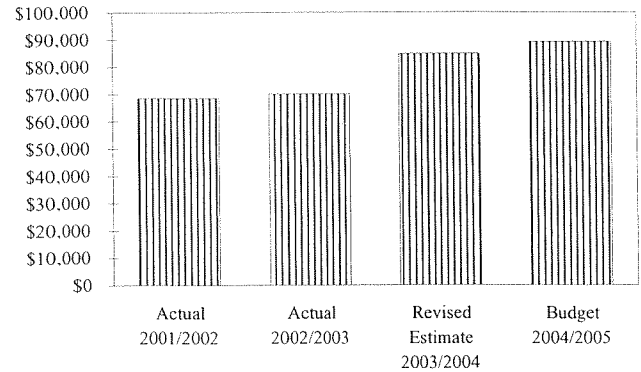
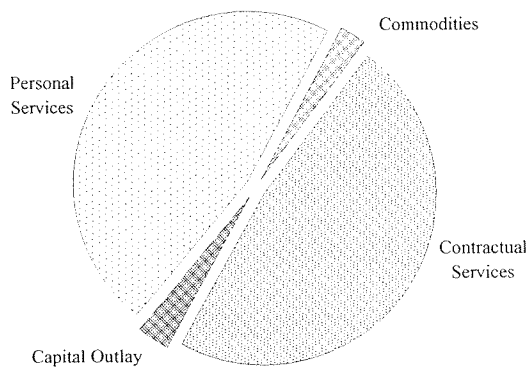
- * To meet or exceed the number of citations issued in 2003/2004 by utilizing proactive enforcement in conjunction with responding to citizen complaints.
- * To provide additional training to the Animal Control Officer with firearms/equipment, safety and defensive driving courses and other job specific 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 to work with the organized neighborhood groups to assist with animal complaints in specific neighborhoods.

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	Actual 2001/2002	Actual 2002/2003	Budget 2003/2004	Revised Estimate 2003/2004	Budget 2004/2005	Percent Change
Expenditure Summary						
Personal Services	\$ 36,003	\$ 37,569	\$ 39,700	\$ 39,600	\$ 41,700	5.04%
Commodities	1,133	1,574	2,200	2,000	2,200	0.00%
Contractual Services	31,424	30,915	43,100	42,600	42,600	-1.16%
Capital Outlay	-	-	500	600	2,700	440.00%
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	\$ 68,560	\$ 70,058	\$ 85,500	\$ 84,800	\$ 89,200	4.33%
Funding Sources						
Animal Enforcement Fines	\$ 3,520	\$ 4,300	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,500	0.00%
General Revenues	65,040	65,758	82,000	81,800	85,700	4.51%
Total Funding Sources	\$ 68,560	\$ 70,058	\$ 85,500	\$ 84,800	\$ 89,200	4.33%



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Personnel Schedule						
	Actual 2001/2002	Actual 2002/2003	Budget 2003/2004	Revised Estimate 2003/2004	Budget 2004/2005	Budget Amount 2004/2005
<i>Full Time:</i>						
Animal Control Officer	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	\$ 28,200
Employee Benefits						13,500
Total Personal Services						<u>\$ 41,700</u>

Capital Outlay			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Replacement</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Portable Radio	1	Yes	<u>\$ 2,700</u>