

**Function:**  
Public Safety

**Department:**  
Police

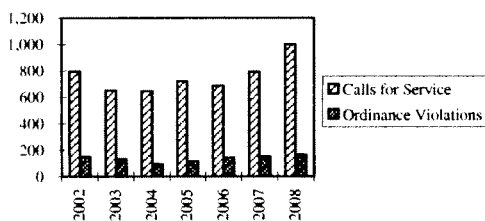
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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

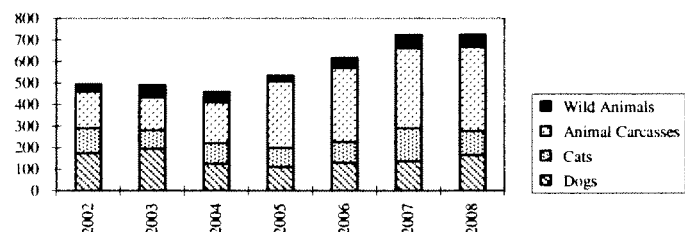
The Animal Control activity is under the supervision of the Police Department. This budget finances the activities involved in policing the City's Animal Control Ordinance as specified in the City Code. This Ordinance includes regulations to control dangerous and exotic animals and any other animals 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.

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.

**Calls for Service and Ordinance Violations**



**Animals to Humane Society**



**CURRENT TRENDS AND ISSUES**

The 2008/2009 revised estimate is \$300 less than the original budget.

The 2009/2010 budget is \$400 (.4%) lower than the 2008/2009 budget primarily due to no capital outlay allocation in 2009/2010. The budget continues the subsidy to the Muscatine Humane Society at the current level of \$40,000. The City will also 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**

	<b>Actual 2005</b>	<b>Actual 2006</b>	<b>Actual 2007</b>	<b>Actual 2008</b>	<b>Estimated 2009</b>
Calls for Service	664	689	795	1,002	1,000
Ordinance Violations	116	143	154	166	170
Bite Cases	28	33	42	39	40
Animals taken to Humane Society:					
Dogs	112	130	138	166	180
Cats	87	98	153	111	110
Animal Carcasses	309	342	370	390	400
Wild Animals	27	47	63	58	60
County Calls for Service	1	3	2	3	3
Fruitland Calls for Service	57	47	41	61	60

**RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The department has been providing animal control enforcement and assistance to the City of Fruitland since July 4, 2002. In 2008 the Animal Control Officer responded to 61 calls for service in Fruitland.

The Animal Control Officer transported 277 dogs and cats to the Humane Society or to the veterinarian over the past year and also transported 390 animal carcasses and 58 wild animals to the Humane Society. He continues to maintain a positive relationship with the Humane Society and assists them on a regular basis.

**OBJECTIVES TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN 2009/2010**

- \* To meet or exceed the number of citations issued in 2008/2009 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 to work with the Police Department and organized neighborhood groups to assist with animal complaints in specific neighborhoods.

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	<b>Actual 2006/2007</b>	<b>Actual 2007/2008</b>	<b>Budget 2008/2009</b>	<b>Revised Estimate 2008/2009</b>	<b>Budget 2009/2010</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Expenditure Summary</b>						
Personal Services	\$ 49,671	\$ 53,216	\$ 56,300	\$ 55,500	\$ 57,800	2.66%
Commodities	2,724	3,520	3,200	4,200	4,200	31.25%
Contractual Services	41,908	43,931	42,700	42,800	42,800	0.23%
Capital Outlay	-	-	3,000	2,400	-	-100.00%
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 94,303</b>	<b>\$ 100,667</b>	<b>\$ 105,200</b>	<b>\$ 104,900</b>	<b>\$ 104,800</b>	<b>-0.38%</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>						
Animal Enforcement Fines	\$ 4,390	\$ 3,725	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	16.67%
General Revenues	89,913	96,942	102,200	101,400	101,300	-0.88%
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$ 94,303</b>	<b>\$ 100,667</b>	<b>\$ 105,200</b>	<b>\$ 104,900</b>	<b>\$ 104,800</b>	<b>-0.38%</b>

<b>Personnel Schedule</b>						
	<b>Actual 2006/2007</b>	<b>Actual 2007/2008</b>	<b>Budget 2008/2009</b>	<b>Revised Estimate 2008/2009</b>	<b>Budget 2009/2010</b>	<b>Budget Amount 2009/2010</b>
<b>Full Time Position:</b>						
Animal Control Officer	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	\$ 36,500
Employee Benefits						21,300
<b>Total Personal Services</b>						<b>\$ 57,800</b>