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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Cherie Harris, Chief of Police
Mike St. Jean, Deputy Chief of Police

Date: April 23, 2021

Subject: Animal Services Quarterly Report – Q1 2021

Recommendation:

City Council receives an update on the Animal Services Program.

Background:

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to prevent pet license canvassing. To counter this impact, the decision was made in the 2nd quarter of 2020, to waive late fees and rescind the requirement to provide proof of rabies vaccination at the time of license renewal. Both actions remain in effect.

Effective April 16, ACO Mattison has accepted a job offer with the Kirkland Police Department to be a commissioned police officer. A job posting has been published utilizing both social media and traditional means of advertisement. Several applications have been received and interviews have been scheduled with a number of promising candidates. In the absence of a full time ACO, the Community Service Unit (CSU) and Patrol are handling emergent animal issues. The Department has also developed excellent working relationships with regional partners that are willing to provide mutual aid in an emergency.

The following categories of information were developed in collaboration with the previous Council Public Safety Committee:

Expenditures vs. licensing revenue:

2021	Expenditures	Revenue	Donations
1st Quarter	\$41,825.46	\$40,700.00	\$1,692.00

The following table depicts 1st quarter sheltering and intake activity:

Everett Shelter Intakes				
Dogs	Cats	Other	Total	Est. Total \$
10	0	0	10	*\$2,460.00
*Shelter Costs - \$660.00 Boarding: Case 19-2780 - \$1,800.00 (see below)				
KPD Intake				
Dog	Cats	Other	Total	Est. Total \$
2	1	0	3	\$0
Veterinary Care				
Dogs	Cats	Other	Total	Est. Total \$
0	0	0	0	\$0
Meow Cat Rescue/RASK acceptance of Kirkland Pets				
Dogs	Cats	Other	Total	Est. Total \$
0	0	0	0	\$0
Total Intake and Cost				
12	1	0	13	\$2,460.00

*Case 19-2780: boarding costs related to this case continued, due to several cancellations and continuations surrounding the court proceedings and COVID related delays. On May 5, 2021 in collaboration with the City Attorney's office this dog was released for adoption.

Pet Data activity by month:

Kirkland 2020	Year 1	Year 2	Replace	Total	Kirkland 2021	Year 1	Year 2	Replace	Total
January	379	47	0	426	January	362	39	0	401
February	409	38	1	448	February	302	29	0	331
March	347	50	1	398	March	475	41	0	516
Total	1,135	135	2	1,272	Total	1,139	109	0	1,248

Animal Control Officer Activity:

Activity	Quantity
Calls for Service Responded To	150
Lost Animals Reunited with Their Owners	4
Off Leash Dog Warnings	11
Off Leash Dog Tickets	1
On-view (Foot Patrol etc.)	25
Community Events / Meetings Attended	0
Warnings Given	13
Criminal Citations Issued	0
Notices of Infraction Issued	2
Cases Written	4
Cases Filed with the Prosecutor	0
Barking Dog Complaints Responded To	10
Hobby Kennel/ Cattery License	0
Dog Bite Complaints Responded To	2
OUR Kirkland Service Request	19

Parks Enhanced Leash Law Enforcement (Park Rangers - Parks Department):

Activity	Quantity
Written warnings	95
Tickets	14
Contacts	307
License pamphlets handed out	0

Notes from a selection of calls Officer Matison responded to during the 1st quarter:

21-00002605:

ACO J. Matison responded to a follow-up requested by patrol for a welfare check of puppies residing in a van. ACO J. Matison contacted the owner of the dogs, who stated the dogs are currently staying with a friend and no longer in his possession. ACO J. Matison had the owner show her the back of the van where the two dogs were living for the last eight days. The back of the van was covered in feces and had a strong odor of urine. The owner stated he knew it was "wrong" to allow the dogs to live in those conditions but had no other choice as he had just moved from CA to WA. ACO J. Matison explained to the owner he would receive an Animal Cruelty Warning in the mail based on the unsanitary conditions. An email was sent to Bothell ACO as informational only since the owner currently resides in Bothell.

21-00008391:

ACO J. Matison and the Community Services Unit assisted Seattle Animal Control with a search warrant for a subject who was in violation of a court order following her conviction of Animal Cruelty. Seattle ACO's removed six animals from her residence. Nine animals were left at the residence, as they belong to the subject's son. The animals appeared in good health and had

access to food and water. The backyard dog-run was moderately covered in animal feces. A written warning was mailed to the address to obtain a current Kirkland Pet License and clean the dog-run.

21-00010209:

ACO J. Matison received a call for service for a found Corgi that was running at large within the neighborhood. The corgi was wearing a pink collar with Kirkland Pet License. ACO J. Matison was able to identify the owner and return the pup home.



ACO J. Matison helping "Honey-Penny" get her Kirkland Pet License.



This handsome boy escaped his backyard and was safely returned home to his owners.