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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

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

Date: August 19, 2021

Subject: Animal Services Quarterly Report – Q2 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.

As reported in the Animal Services 1st Quarter Report, the previous Animal Control Officer Jennifer Mattison, accepted a job offer with the Kirkland Police Department to be a commissioned police officer with a starting date of April 16. She is currently attending the WA Basic Law Enforcement Academy and doing well. A job posting was published utilizing both social media and traditional means of advertisement. Several applications were received, and multiple rounds of interviews have been completed. The Department has issued a conditional job offer to an experienced applicant that is currently in the final background phase of hiring. In the absence of a full time ACO, the Community Service Unit (CSU) and Patrol handled emergent animal issues, to include responding to Q-Alert inquiries. In addition, due to the Department having an excellent working relationship with regional partners, Bothell PD's ACO has responded on several occasions to assist Patrol and participated on the hiring oral board panels.

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

Expenditures vs. licensing revenue:

2021	Expenditures	Revenue	Donations
1 st Quarter	\$41,825.46	\$40,700.00	\$1,692.00
2 nd Quarter	\$15,917.00	\$43,825.00	\$1,912.00

The following table depicts 2nd quarter sheltering and intake activity:

Everett Shelter Intakes				
Dogs	Cats	Other	Total	Est. Total \$
3	5	0	8	*\$1,560.0
*Shelter Costs - \$1,540.00 Boarding: Case 19-2780 - \$680.00 (see below)				
KPD Intake				
Dog	Cats	Other	Total	Est. Total \$
8	1	2	11	\$660.00
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				
11	6	2	19	\$2,220.00

*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	410	40	0	450
February	409	38	1	448	February	324	36	0	360
March	347	50	1	398	March	511	44	0	555
April	261	16	0	277	April	454	36	1	491
May	603	61	0	664	May	482	41	0	523
June	506	37	3	546	June	393	38	1	432
Total	2,505	249	5	2,759	Total	2,574	235	2	2,811

Animal Control Officer Activity: The Officer Mattison only worked 15 days during this quarter, the below numbers are a combination of ACO, Patrol and CSU contacts and does not include many of the normal categories that are captured on the quarterly Department reports.

Activity	Quantity
Calls for Service Responded To	201
Cases Written	17
Cases Filed with the Prosecutor	0
Dog Bite Complaints Responded To	20
OUR Kirkland Service Request	45

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

Activity	Quantity
Written warnings	44
Tickets	10
Contacts	604
License pamphlets handed out	n/a

Notes from a selection of calls patrol and CSU responded to during the 2nd quarter:

- 21-17228 – A baby owl (nestling) was reported to be injured and possibly unable to fend for itself. Concerns grew when the RP heard coyotes howling in the darkness at the time the owl was observed along a busy road. Officers responded and took custody of the owl. Officers later transported the owl (in a crate) to Carnation, where a bird rescue sanctuary is located.

