# **Department Mission:**

## EDUCATE-ENFORCE-ASSIST-PROTECT

- To **Educate** the public in public safety and humane issues pertaining to Oregon State Law and Klamath County Ordinances.
- To **Enforce** the Klamath County Ordinances and Oregon State Statutes pertaining to animals.
- To Assist the public in resolving animal issues with courtesy and professionalism.
- To Protect the safety and welfare of the citizens and animals of Klamath County.

## **Animal Control Vision Statement**

"To protect and serve our community through courteous education, professional enforcement and competent leadership."

## **Mandated Services:**

- Selling dog licenses, issuing dog license tags, and keeping record of all dog licenses issued. (ORS 609.030 and 609.100)
- Enforcing all of the county and state laws relating to the control of dogs within the county, including that of making arrests and performing such other duties as assigned by the county governing body. (ORS 609.030)
- Enforcing state statutes concerning animal abuse and animal neglect. (ORS 133.379; ORS 609.500; ORS 686.460)

Klamath County Animal Control investigates cruelty, abuse and neglect complaints concerning dogs. Animal Control Officers are deputized as Special Deputies by the Sheriff and have been asked to investigate the complaints of cruelty, abuse and neglect on other small domestic animals as well. Klamath County Animal Control also maintains a working relationship between the District Attorney's office and Klamath Falls Police Department to investigate cases inside Klamath Falls city limits. Animal Control Officers interview witnesses and suspects, gather evidence and may seize or impound animals as governed by state law and county ordinance.

# **Self Imposed Services**

 Acting as an authorized representative of the Klamath County Public Health Department for the purpose of investigating and enforcing Oregon health laws pertaining to dog bites and other animal bites where rabies may be a concern.

Klamath County Animal Control maintains a working relationship with the Klamath County Public Health Department in order to investigate animal bites that may require capture and / or quarantine of the animals involved. Animal control officers also work to enforce health laws involving inoculation of dogs against rabies as it is a requirement for licensure of dogs. (ORS 433.365; ORS 433.375 and ORS 609.100)

· Assisting other law enforcement agencies in situations involving animals.

Klamath County Animal Control provides other agencies instruction in animal control techniques; assist outside agencies in the capture and / or control of dangerous domestic animals; assisting in accidents that involve animals and arrange transportation of injured animals to the appropriate treatment facilities.

Although the above services are not mandated and do not generate revenue, the services provided by Klamath County Animal Control do take the burden off of other agencies that might have to provide these services at a cost to the general fund or may not be able to provide these services. This also provides an improved public image for Klamath County Animal Control and Klamath County at large. Impact to the Klamath County Animal Control budget is negligible, as animal control officers are already involved in many similar aspects of the work due to mandated services.

# **Department Overview:**

Klamath County Animal Control is a small department that provides services to all of Klamath County.

The Animal Control Office also acts as a clearing house for animal control information to both the public and other agencies.

From 1980 until the early 1990's, dog control was handled by two agencies, one county and one city, consisting of about eight people at the peak. In 1992, the city of Klamath Falls closed their dog control program, leaving dog control completely to the county.

Mostly due to changes in state law, Klamath County Animal Control is currently handling an even larger workload with a staff of three people; the Animal Control Officer, an assistant Animal Control Officer and an Office Technician. We strive to improve our efficiency through training and technology where applicable.

The assistant Animal Control Officer is currently conducting a special program that is working to increase the number of licensed dogs in Klamath County. The license compliance program is a door-to-door style program that has a focus on increasing revenues to the department through dog license purchases rather than increasing licensing rates on those dog owners who already license their dogs without enforcement action. The assistant Animal Control Officer is issuing enforcement citations at any residence that he has probable cause to believe houses dogs that are not currently licensed per state law and county ordinance.

Although door-to-door style licensing programs are conducted in many other areas of the nation, staffing can make this a challenge for our department. Many of the normal mandated daily animal control duties, including criminal investigations, requests for public assistance and calls for service are left to the Animal Control Officer while the

assistant Animal Control Officer is working the license compliance program. Many times these calls require both the Animal Control Officer and the assistant to respond due to safety issues.

The long-range goal of the licensing compliance program is to increase licensing revenues to the department so that the second assistant Animal Control Officer position may be re-opened and filled. Licensing rolls tend to fluctuate in cycles, based on economy, enforcement action and the purchase of two or three year dog licenses by dog owners. License revenues have been low as a result of economy, loss of an enforcement officer, and low cycle in multi-year license purchases.

# Successes and Challenges:

# Service to the public (by budget year)

	2005- 2006	2006- 2007	2007- 2008	2008- 2009	2009- 2010	2010-2011 (to current)
Call Volume	3095	2123	2301	2500	3039	2200
Calls for Service	578	660	613	466	±050	681
Incidents (Criminal)	18	26	14	10	15	9.
Citation Totals	453	369	338	286	420	. 276
No Dog License Citation Totals	101	85	70		217	154

<sup>\*</sup>Note change in service between two officers and three officers (hi-lighted years.) Service provided is directly tied to revenue; ie. citations for no dog license.

## **Budget Overview:**

<u>Major revenue</u> sources for Animal Control are dog license fees, late license fees, court fines and impoundment fees. The bulk of the revenue is generated by license fees and late fees.

Although citations issued by the department generate revenue through court fines, those revenues are fully dependent on payment of citations by the violator and disbursement to the State of Oregon and other agencies. Citation enforcement of dog licenses usually generates more revenue by word-of-mouth voluntary compliance to avoid the chance of receiving a citation.

Impoundment fees paid to the county are fully dependent on dog owners who redeem their dogs at the contracted care facility and many dog owners do not redeem their dogs, leaving the animal control budget to pay for the cost of the dog's care.

The Animal Control budgeted revenues depend mainly on dog license fees, late license fees, court fines and impoundment fees. In order to develop the Animal Control budget each year, the number of license renewals that will be sent for the next budget year is first determined.

Although the number of dogs that will actually be renewed is unknown, when used in conjunction with trends of previous years, it provides an estimated amount of revenue that may be received for the next budget year.

The number of new licenses that will be sold is estimated by trends of previous years as are late fees and impoundment fees.

# Major expenditures for the Animal Control office come in two parts:

1. The enforcement of dog control laws.

The major cost that is associated with enforcement is the personnel required to handle the volume of calls received from all over Klamath County.

A call in the northern part of the county may consume a whole work day, or more, in order to adequately resolve the matter and pulls from the human resources that may be required to handle calls in another part of the county.

Criminal investigations can take many work hours and require special training. Also, requirements of the court and law that are placed upon officers may require hours of investigation for certain violations.

Quite often, Animal Control Officers are dealing with individuals that are also involved in other types of crimes. Animal Control Officers have training in how to deal with these individuals appropriately. The majority of this training has been obtained by the officers at no cost to the county. Both the Animal Control Officer and the assistant Animal Control Officer have attended the Reserve Police Officer Academy.

2. Care of impounded and / or stray dogs.

The second major cost to the Animal Control budget is the care of impounded and / or stray dogs. Klamath County currently has a contract with the Klamath Humane Society for the care of impounded and / or stray dogs. This contract was historically paid by the general fund.

The current contract currently pays \$60,000.00 per contract year to the Klamath Humane Society. Dogs that are required to remain longer than 90 days due to a judicial or administrative order are billed at a rate of \$10.00 per day / per dog, each month. This is a rare event, however, there is potential in the future for a large abuse or neglect investigation that could significantly impact the Animal Control budget. The contract with the Klamath Humane Society automatically renews for successive one-year terms unless terminated and is open for re-negotiation prior to April 1st of every year.

# Significant Changes:

In the past, Klamath County Animal Control, with a full staffing of an Animal Control Officer, two assistant Animal Control Officers and an Office Technician, has been able to manage the high volume of calls we receive on a daily basis with good coverage and protection for the public.

Starting in the 1985-1986 budget year, when contracted care for impounded dogs was paid out of general funds, the department was able to build a good carry-over. Since care for impounded dogs was paid for out of general funds, carry-over was created by expense funds saved and revenue generated by the sale of two and three year dog licenses. Those monies would be carried over into the next budget year.

Beginning in the 2003-2004 budget-year, our department only received half funding from the general fund (ORS 609.090(2)) for the contracted care of impounded and stray dogs.

In the 2004-2005 budget-year, the Animal Control budget completely funded contracted care to the Klamath Humane Society by departmental carry-over. Officer Angrimson made the budget committee of 2004-2005 aware that without assistance of the general fund, the departmental carry-over would be gone in about four to five years and that the department would have to ask for general fund monies to pay for contracted care of impounded dogs.

In the 2010-2011 budget year, those carry-over funds were completely expended.

From November 2007 until June 2009, the Animal Control department had to work with only one of the two assistant Animal Control Officer positions filled. This has contributed to a decline in licensing revenue due to decreased licensing enforcement through citation. The challenge for our department will be to succeed in increasing licensing revenues and at the same time, keep up with the same high volume of calls until a second assistant officer position can be filled. It will be difficult and the department will need to continue to "triage" calls by public safety elements and type of call.

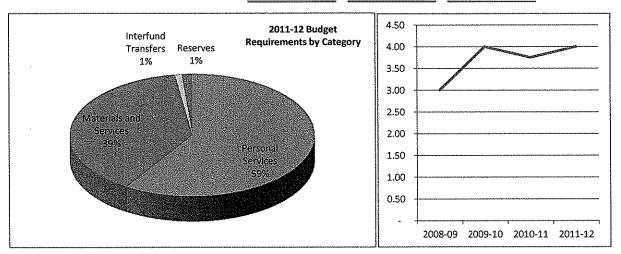
# **Key Issues**

- ✓ Maintaining and improving revenue streams to the department through increased license checking and providing for follow-up on impounded dogs where an owner can be located. Improved revenue will allow:
  - Filling and keeping two assistant Animal Control Officers. Currently with only one assistant Animal Control Officer, follow-up can be limited due to time constraints of other mandatory duties. Addition of the second assistant Animal Control Officer will improve ability to follow-up on owners that fail to redeem stray dogs and add extra "feet-on-the-street" to enforce license compliance. This in itself will improve revenue flow.
  - Improved productivity by replacing outdated and/or faulty equipment (i.e.; Dog traps and snare poles) and purchase new items to improve productivity (i.e.; Throw nets, snappy-snares and possibly a net-gun.)

# Klamath County, Oregon 2011-2012 Budget Financial Presentation 251 Dog Control

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
Requirements by Budgetary Category				
Personal Services	-	209,638	217,424	214,084
Materials and Services	-	128,579	138,030	140,228
Interfund Transfers	-	3,719	3,719	3,218
Subtotal Current Expenditures	-	341,936	359,173	357,530
Reserves	-	~	25,000	5,000
Unappropriated Fund Balance	-	73,579	-	-
Subtotal Noncurrent Expenditures	-	73,579	25,000	5,000
Total Requirements by Budgetary Category	-	415,515	384,173	362,530
Requirements by Fund				
Dog Control (710)	-	415,515	384,173	362,530
Total Requirements by Fund	_	415,515	384,173	362,530
Resources by Budgetary Category				
Licenses, Fees and Permits	-	269,145	321,735	270,951
Charges for Services		1,705	1,800	1,800
Fines and Forfeitures	•	13,028	6,000	6,000
Investment Earnings	-	1,187	250	250
Beginning Fund Balance	-	130,451	54,388	83,529
Total Resources by Budgetary Category		415,516	384,173	362,530
Full-Time Employee Equivalents	3.00	4.00	3.75	4.00

<u>Mandate</u>	Total Cost	Personal Services	FTE
Juvenile	362,530	214,084	4.00
Total Mandates	362,530	214,084	4.00



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2012 Requested					\$211,751.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$28,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$270,951.00		\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00		\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00		\$250.00	\$250.00
2011 Amended Budget	14.37 m 2 14.37 m 2				\$235,297.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$52,438.00	\$23,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$321,735.00		\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00		\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00		\$250.00	\$250.00
2010 Actual Amount				:	\$211,213.80	\$206.00	\$0.00	\$1,140.00	\$23,312.00	\$20,081.12	\$13,191.95	\$269,144.87		\$1,705.00	\$1,705.00		\$11,976.55	\$1,051.50	\$13,028.05		\$1,186.59	\$1,186.59
2009 Actual Amount				rmits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Account Number Description	Fund: 710 . Dog Control		Department: 251. Dog Control	Account Classification: LP . Licenses, Fees and Permits	Licenses - Dog	Fees - NSF Check	Licenses - Kennel	Deposits - Rabies	Fees - Late	Fees - Impound	Fees - Boarding	Account Classification Total: Licenses, Fees and Permits	Account Classification: CS. Charges for Service	Microchips	Account Classification Total: Charges for Service	Account Classification: FF. Fines and Forfeitures	Fees - Court	Fines and Forfeitures	Account Classification Total: Fines and Forfeitures	Account Classification: IN , Interest	Investments - Interest On	Account Classification Total: Interest
Account Nu	Fund: 710.	Revenue	Departme	Account	32130	34231	35060	35061	35070	35080	35081	Account Clasand Permits	Account	34224	Account Service	Account	34300	35090	Account Cl Forfeitures	Account	39150	Account

2012 Reguested		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$83,529.00	\$83,529.00	\$362,530.00	\$362,530.00			\$26,370.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,448.00	\$75,851,00	\$11,615.00	\$117.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,400.00	\$174.00
2011 Amended Budget		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54,388.00	\$54,388.00	\$384,173.00	\$384,173.00			\$0.00	\$21,138.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54,404.00	\$80,054.00	\$11,904.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,408.00	\$175.00
2010 Actual Amount		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$130,450.83	\$130,450.83	\$415,515.34	\$415,515.34	(1) 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		\$0.00	\$19,119.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54,643.42	\$77,370,69	\$11,514.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$171.90	\$27,100.69	\$172.19
2009 Actual Amount		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Account Number Description	Account Classification: TI. Interfund Transfers	Trans - General Non Dept	Account Classification Total: Interfund Transfers Account Classification: FB . Fund Balances	Beginning Fund Balance	Account Classification Total: Fund Balances	Department Total: Dog Control	ials	Department: 251 . Dog Control	Account Classification: PS . Personal Services	Office Technician	Öffice Assistant II	Office Assistant III	Office Specialist	Animal Control Officer	Asst Animal Control Officer	FICA	Workmans Compensation Tax	Workmans Compensation	Oregon Premium Tax	Medical Insurance	Life Insurance
Account Nun	Account Cl	36330	Account Cl Transfers Account Cl	31001	Account Cl	Department	Revenue Totals Expenses	Department	Account Cl	61495	61600	61610	61675	63420	63430	63930	63940	63941	63949	63950	63951

2012 Requested	\$82.00	\$15,111.00	\$3,476.00	\$1,440.00	\$214,084.00		\$600.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$50.00	\$15,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,692.00	\$12,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,630.00	\$1,952.00	\$30,054.00	\$0.00
2011 Amended Budget	\$82.00	\$15,560.00	\$3,579.00	\$120.00	\$217,424.00		\$600.00	\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$50.00	\$12,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$11,744.00	\$4,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,630.00	\$1,952.00	\$30,054.00	\$0.00
2010 Actual Amount	\$79.90	\$15,107.61	\$3,597.00	\$760.00	\$209,637.78		\$651.90	\$1,508.54	\$3,506.11	\$0.00	\$8,597.68	\$1,844,18	\$434.97	\$1,249.86	\$1,748.53	\$3,808.00	\$4,078.81	\$60,000.00	\$989.04	\$1,630.00	\$1,952.00	\$30,054.00	\$6,525.36
2009 Actual Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Ş	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Account Number Description	Short Term Disability	Retirement - General	Unemployment Compensation	Cell Phone Allowance	Account Classification Total: Personal Services	Account Classification: MS . Material and Services	Mgmt Travel & Training	Supplies - Office	Supplies - Other	Dues / Fees	Vehicle Fuel	Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	Uniform Maintenance & Repair	Fees for Service	Telephone	Rent	Postage	Contract Services	Vet Expense	Insurance/Liability	Insurance/Workmans Compensation	Administrative Services	Space Rent
Account Nun	63952	63960	63980	63990	Account Cl. Services	Account CI	44010	44100	44110	44200	44250	44260	44290	44570	44640	44650	44700	45020	45920	99760	99765	02266	99780

Account Numb	20 Account Number Description	2009 Actual Amount	2010 Actual Amount	2011 Amended Budget	2012 Requested	
Account Clas Services	Account Classification Total: Material and Services	\$0.00	\$128,578.98	\$138,030.00	\$140,228.00	
Account Clas	Account Classification: IF . Interfund Transfers					
99460	Trans - Equip Rent & Revolving	\$0.00	\$3,521.00	\$3,521.00	\$0.00	•
99781	Trans - Steering Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,700.00	
99782	Trans - EMail Accounts	\$0.00	\$198.00	\$198.00	\$210.00	
99783	Trans - Phones	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$308.00	
99830	Trans - Vehicle Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Account Clas Transfers	Account Classification Total: Interfund Transfers	\$0.00	\$3,719.00	\$3,719.00	\$3,218.00	
Account Clas	Account Classification: CR. Contigencies and Reserves					
99750	Operating Contingency	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
08666	Reserve Future Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Account Class Reserves	Account Classification Total: Contigencies and Reserves	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Department T	Department Total: Dog Control	\$0.00	\$341,935.76	\$384,173.00	\$362,530.00	
Revenue Totals:	iά	\$0.00	\$415,515.34	\$384,173.00	\$362,530.00	
Expense Totals		\$0.00	\$341,935.76	\$384,173.00	\$362,530.00	
Fund Total: Dog Control	ig Control	\$0.00	\$73,579.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	

**Budget Worksheet Report** 

Net Grand Totals:

Revenue Grand Totals: Expense Grand Totals:

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