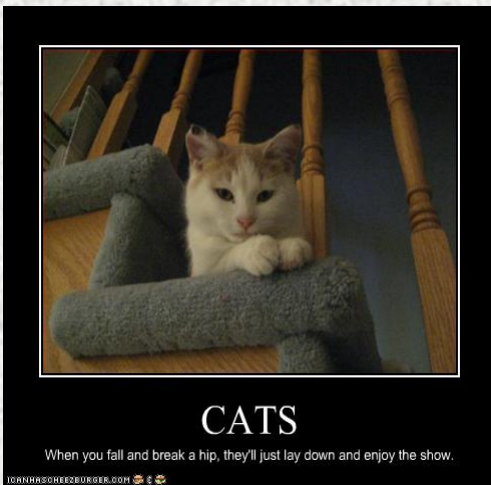




City of Montrose Animal Services
2009 Annual Report



City of Montrose Animal Services



Our Mission

To maintain animal sheltering excellence by attracting and retaining capable, professional and compassionate staff with the goal of placing adoptable, healthier, safer companion animals into caring and responsible permanent homes.

To promote, provide and maintain programs that help reduce companion animal overpopulation thus reducing the need for euthanasia.

To promote a healthier and safer community by educating companion animal owners of the benefits of vaccinating, spaying or neutering and training of their pets.

To attract and retain capable, professional and compassionate Officers with the goal of promoting and enforcing City Ordinances that result in a safer and healthier community for our citizens and our animals.

To prevent cruelty, neglect and abuse of all animals and to encourage responsible companion animal ownership through education, enforcement and community involvement.

Services Provided

The City of Montrose Animal Services welcomes any stray animal from the City or County of Montrose, City of Olathe, Ridgway State Park, and Switzer State Park. The Animal Shelter takes owner relinquished animals. The Animal Shelter also holds animals for rabies quarantine (normally 10 days) or dangerous and nuisance animals pending a disposition by the Court. We also hold animals whose owners are involved in accidents, are incarcerated by law enforcement or have an emergency situation that is referred to us by governmental or non-profit agencies. The City of Montrose Animal Services provides live animal traps to city residents. We provide animal rescues in cooperation with other regional agencies. There are 4 full-time Animal Control Officers who provide animal control services and 5 Animal Shelter Technicians providing care for animals at the shelter.

Saving More Lives

The year 2009 was both exciting and challenging for the City of Montrose Animal Services. We had a slight reduction in our number of calls for service and the number of companion animals that we impounded. We hope that this is due to the fact that we are having an impact on the animal population by spaying and neutering all pets adopted from our Shelter, the Spay / Neuter Clinics that we have been hosting, and the great job that our Officers are doing with our community's pet population and their owners.

We have continued to reduce euthanasia of companion animals (from 1,156 in 2007 to 588 in 2008, and to 334 in 2009). 48.5% (186), of these animals euthanized in 2009 were feral cats. This was made possible by our dedicated volunteers transferring dogs and cats to other agencies in need of adoptable pets as well as neighboring agencies like Mesa County Animal Services, Second Chance Humane Society, CARE and other animal rescue agencies around Colorado.

Our Dependable Volunteers

A new system of managing volunteers was instituted and integrated into the city wide volunteer program this year. Each volunteer now goes through an orientation program prior to their assuming any volunteer duties. This is supplemented with handouts that were designed or modified this year. The orientation sessions, along with handouts, have been helpful in assuring that safety and health issues are covered and that volunteers are exposed to the complete range of opportunities available at the shelter. Volunteer service is now more easily tracked with individual folders and time sheets.



A small group of our volunteers continue to perform the majority of our volunteer help. Several individuals put in hundreds of hours working on the transfer of animals. This program has been significant in finding homes for our pets and has reduced euthanasia of adoptable animals significantly. Without volunteer help, this program would be considerably reduced in scope.

A great deal of help in cleaning the shelter was received from students from Vista, Montrose and Olathe High Schools as well as from several very dedicated individuals. Others helped with walking dogs and socializing both dogs and cats on a regular basis. The animal fostering program was reorganized to include home checks to assure that the foster homes provided are of good quality. Foster families helped reduce overcrowding at the shelter by taking puppy and kitten litters as well as older and other sometimes hard to place animals.



The boys and staff of the Robert Brown Center received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for their consistent efforts during the year in the cleaning of the shelter kennels and grounds. Six individuals were also recognized with this award and were honored at a luncheon for their dedication and efforts.



Montrose Animal Protection Agency (MAPA)

Montrose Animal Protection Agency (MAPA), continues to be an integral part of our animal community and offered vouchers for over 1,121 pet animal spays / neuters in 2009. Their group consists of 35 volunteers, 12 of which are active members. MAPA offers a series of classes for elementary school children that include “Choosing Your Pet”, “Training Your Pet”, “Taking Care of Your Pet”, and “What are Therapy Dogs”. Adult education classes offered are “Understanding Cat Behaviors”, “Understanding Dog Behaviors”, “First Aid for Your Dog”, and “Caring for an Aging Pet”. Fundraisers include “Santa paws”, Trivia Night, and Howl-O-Ween with Ashley Furniture. They have a web site for anyone interested in their group (www.montrosepets.org) and they produce an Annual Letter to report each year’s accomplishments.

Low Cost Spay/Neuter, Vaccination and Microchip Clinics

In 2009 we have hosted 7 Spay / Neuter Clinics at the Animal shelter resulting in 190 additional pets being spayed/neutered in our community.

Spay / Neuter

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Canine Spays..... | 40 |
| Canine Neuters..... | 38 |
| Feline Spays..... | 56 |
| Feline Neuters..... | 56 |
| Total Surgeries | 190 |

Vaccines

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Canine Rabies Vaccines..... | 167 |
| Feline Rabies Vaccines..... | 72 |
| Canine Distemper..... | 118 |
| Feline Distemper..... | 53 |
| Leukemia..... | 13 |
| Total Vaccinations | 423 |

Tests

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Heartworm..... | 3 |
| Leukemia Test..... | 13 |
| Microchips Implanted..... | 74 |





WeCARE
Western Colorado



The Pet Rescue Foundation

WeCARE Maddie's Fund Grant

We continue to be active members with the Western Colorado Animal Resources (WeCARE) coalition. In addition to sharing resources between agencies, our coalition has been focused on interagency transfers, emergency preparedness, and the Maddie's Fund Grant. We greatly appreciate the \$4,400 starter grant that we received from Maddie's Fund this year, which was used entirely for the spay/neuter of adopted pet animals. The coalition has also been able to bring more reduced cost training to our western slope agencies. WeCARE now encompasses 13 contiguous counties and 28 agencies in Western Colorado, which includes 35 members and 18 Animal Control Officers.

Asilomar Accords



In August 2004, a group of animal welfare industry leaders from across the nation met at the Asilomar Convention Center in Pacific Grove, California. Their purpose was to build bridges across varying philosophies among those involved in animal welfare, to develop relationships, and to create goals focused on significantly reducing the euthanasia of healthy and treatable companion animals in the United States.

A common vision for the future was adopted—the Asilomar Accords. The Accords set forth guiding principles for animal

welfare organizations to work together to save the lives of all healthy and treatable companion animals. The Asilomar document aims to cut through the rhetoric of 'no kill' vs. 'open admission' shelters and to dispel the murkiness of what defines adoptable animals. To achieve this, there is a national effort for all organizations that shelter animals to utilize the same statistical record keeping.

Now that there's a standard language that all shelters can use, we can more easily compile statistics to help us compare the work that we do at the City of Montrose Animal Services with other shelters both locally and nationally.

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Animals Saved (adopted, returned to owner, transferred) | 1257 |
| Placement rate for healthy dogs and cats | 100% |
| Live Release Rate | 76.8% |

The Live Release Rate is the percent of all dogs and cats received that were adopted, returned to owner or released to other rescue organizations. This percentage is determined under standardized criteria established by the Asilomar Accords.

This does not include 3 court ordered euthanasia requests which were unhealthy & untreatable and 9 dogs and cats that died or were lost in the shelter/care.

Maddie's Data Collection Grant
MONTHLY REPORTING FORM
Animal Control & Traditional Shelters
YEAR: Annual 2009



The Pet Rescue Foundation

| | NAME OF ORGANIZATION: City of Montrose Animal Services | Annual | | |
|----------|---|------------|------------|-------------|
| | | Dog | Cat | Total |
| A | BEGINNING SHELTER COUNT | 23 | 14 | 37 |
| | INTAKE (Live Dogs & Cats Only) | | | |
| | <i>From the Public</i> | | | |
| | Healthy | 700 | 551 | 1251 |
| | Treatable – Rehabilitatable | 14 | 77 | 91 |
| | Treatable – Manageable | 43 | 45 | 88 |
| | Unhealthy & Untreatable | 7 | 203 | 210 |
| B | Subtotal Intake from the Public | 764 | 876 | 1640 |
| | <i>Incoming Transfers from Organizations within Community/Coalition</i> | | | |
| | Healthy | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | Treatable – Rehabilitatable | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | Treatable – Manageable | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Unhealthy & Untreatable | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C | Subtotal Intake from Incoming Transfers from Organizations within Community/Coalition | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | <i>Incoming Transfers from Organizations outside Community/Coalition</i> | | | |
| | Healthy | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Treatable – Rehabilitatable | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Treatable – Manageable | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Unhealthy & Untreatable | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| D | Subtotal Intake from Incoming Transfers from Organizations outside Community/Coalition | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | <i>From Owners/Guardians Requesting Euthanasia</i> | | | |
| | Healthy | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Treatable – Rehabilitatable | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Treatable – Manageable | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Unhealthy & Untreatable | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| E | Subtotal Intake from Owners/Guardians Requesting Euthanasia | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| F | TOTAL INTAKE [B + C + D + E] | 765 | 877 | 1642 |
| G | Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only) | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| H | ADJUSTED TOTAL INTAKE [F minus G] | 762 | 877 | 1639 |

Maddie's Data Collection Grant
MONTHLY REPORTING FORM
Animal Control & Traditional Shelters
YEAR: Annual 2009



The Pet Rescue Foundation

| | | | |
|--|------------|------------|-------------|
| ADOPTIONS (Only dogs and cats adopted by the public) | | | |
| Healthy | 255 | 230 | 485 |
| Treatable – Rehabilitatable | 3 | 20 | 23 |
| Treatable – Manageable | 19 | 7 | 26 |
| Unhealthy & Untreatable | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| I TOTAL ADOPTIONS | 277 | 257 | 534 |
| OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations within Community/Coalition | | | |
| Healthy | 32 | 16 | 48 |
| Treatable – Rehabilitatable | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Treatable – Manageable | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Unhealthy & Untreatable | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J TOTAL OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations within Community/Coalition | 36 | 19 | 55 |
| OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations outside Community/Coalition | | | |
| Healthy | 43 | 186 | 229 |
| Treatable – Rehabilitatable | 0 | 19 | 19 |
| Treatable – Manageable | 8 | 13 | 21 |
| Unhealthy & Untreatable | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| K TOTAL OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizatios outside Community/Coalition | 51 | 218 | 269 |
| L RETURN TO OWNER/GUARDIAN | 356 | 43 | 399 |
| DOGS & CATS EUTHANIZED | | | |
| M Healthy (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| N Treatable – Rehabilitatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia) | 11 | 49 | 60 |
| O Treatable – Manageable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia) | 15 | 16 | 31 |
| P Unhealthy & Untreatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia) | 23 | 269 | 292 |
| Q TOTAL EUTHANASIA [M + N + O + P] | 49 | 334 | 383 |
| R Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only) | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| S ADJUSTED TOTAL EUTHANASIA [Q minus R] | 46 | 334 | 380 |
| T SUBTOTAL OUTCOMES [I + J + K + L + S] Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only) | 766 | 871 | 1637 |
| U DIED OR LOST IN SHELTER/CARE | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| V TOTAL OUTCOMES [T + U] Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only) | 768 | 878 | 1646 |
| W ENDING SHELTER COUNT | 17 | 13 | 30 |

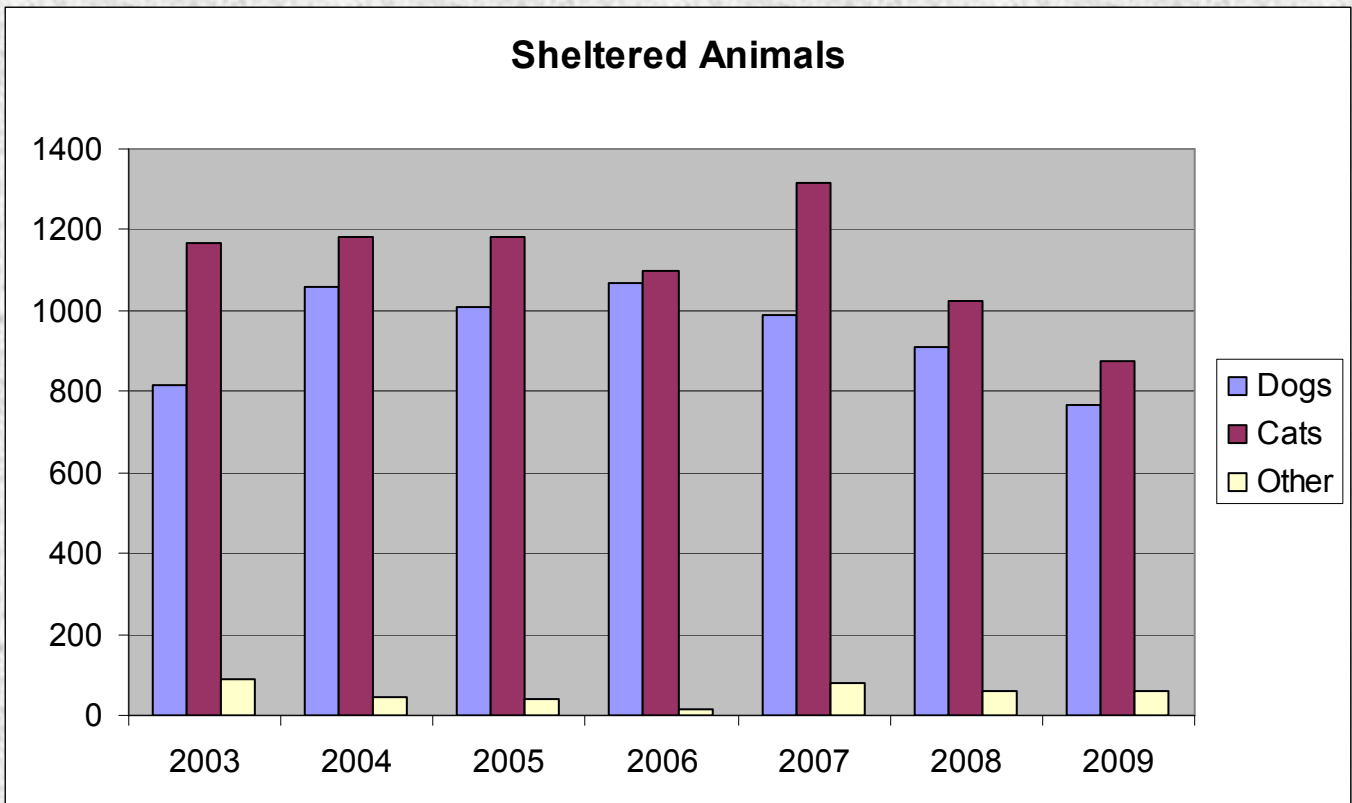
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SHELTERED ANIMALS



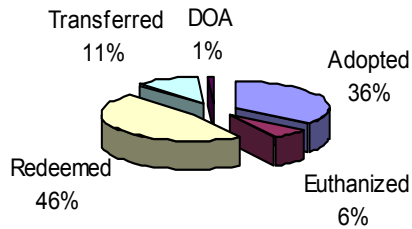
| | <u>2003</u> | <u>2004</u> | <u>2005</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Dogs | 815 | 1058 | 1011 | 1070 | 987 | 911 | 765 |
| Cats | 1168 | 1182 | 1180 | 1100 | 1314 | 1023 | 877 |
| Other | 89 | 43 | 40 | 17 | 81 | 57 | 58 |
| Total | 2072 | 2283 | 2231 | 2187 | 2382 | 1991 | 1700 |



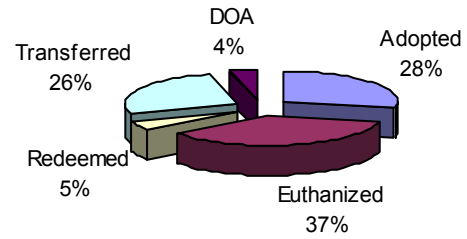
*** Other animals includes raccoons, skunks, bats, guinea pigs, ferrets, birds, and rabbits.**

PET ANIMAL DISPOSITIONS 2009

Canine Dispositions 2009

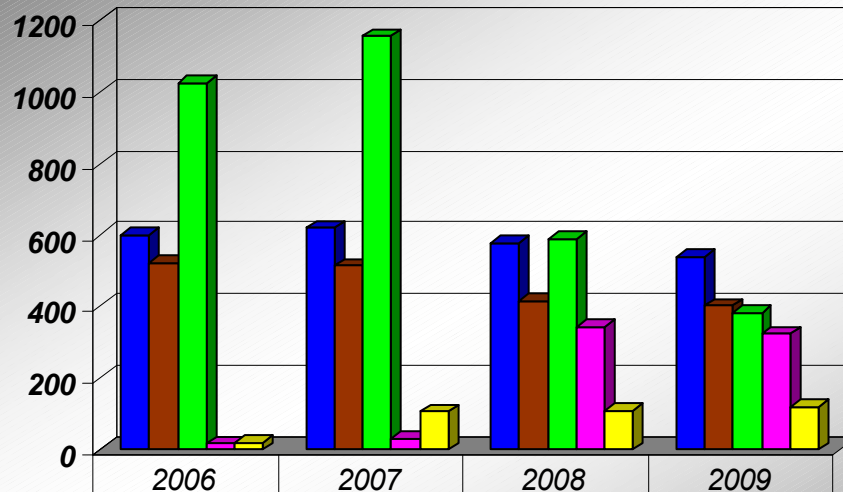


Feline Dispositions 2009



Pet Animal Dispositions 2006—2009

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Adopted | 600 | 620 | 579 | 537 |
| Redeemed | 523 | 514 | 416 | 401 |
| Euthanized | 1026 | 1156 | 588 | 383 |
| Transferred | 17 | 30 | 344 | 324 |
| Other/Wildlife | 20 | 106 | 109 | 120 |
| Totals | 2186 | 2426 | 2021 | 1765 |

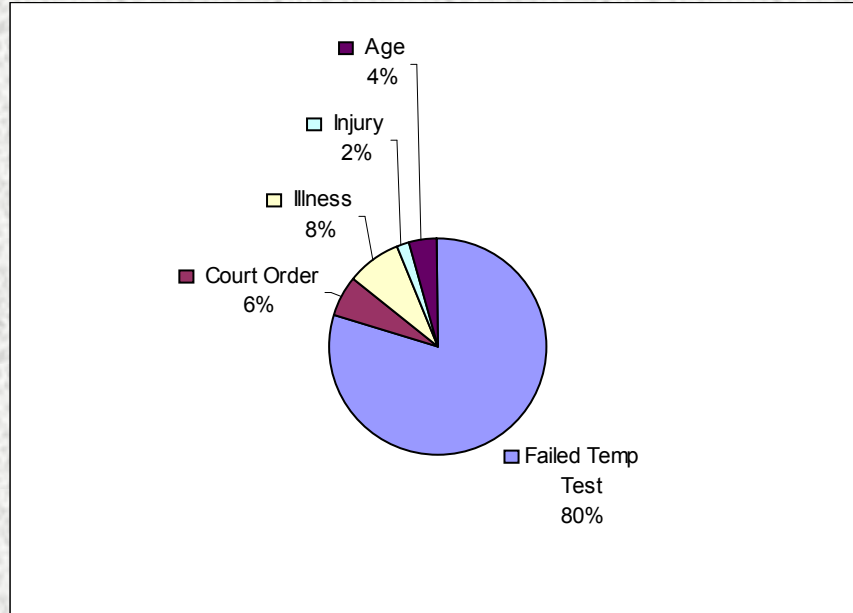


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|----------------|------|------|-----|-----|
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*** Other indicates wildlife, DOA, animals that died while at the shelter, and 1 dog that was stolen from the shelter.**

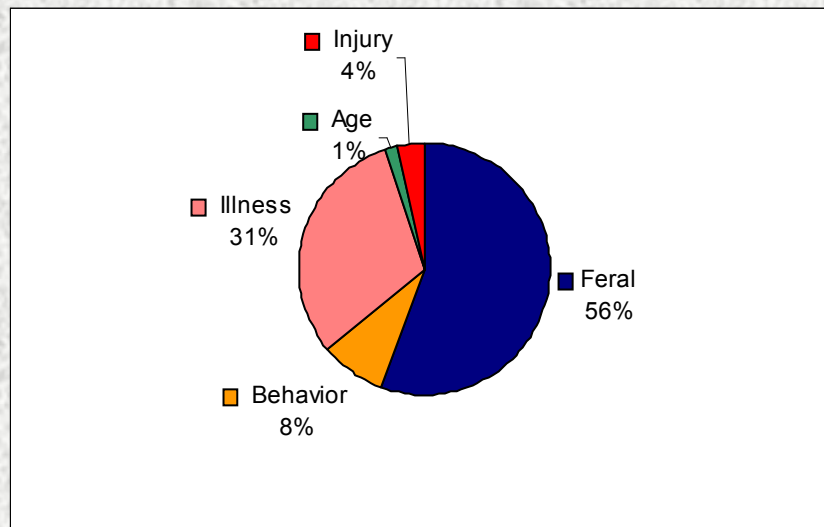
EUTHANASIA STATISTICS - 2009

EUTHANIZED CANINES



| Healthy | Failed Temp Test | Court Order | Illness | Injury | Age | Total |
|---------|------------------|-------------|---------|--------|-----|-------|
| 0 | 39 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 49 |

EUTHANIZED FELINES

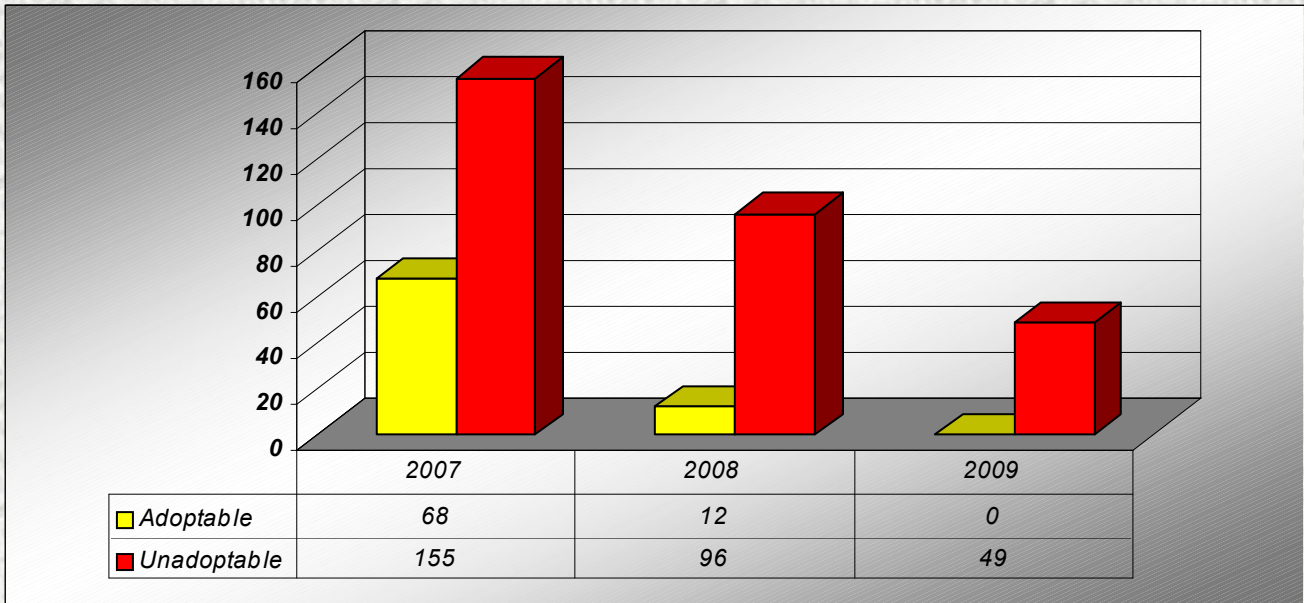


| Healthy | Feral | Behavior | Illness | Injury | Age | Total |
|---------|-------|----------|---------|--------|-----|-------|
| 0 | 186 | 27 | 104 | 12 | 5 | 334 |

EUTHANASIA STATISTICS—2009

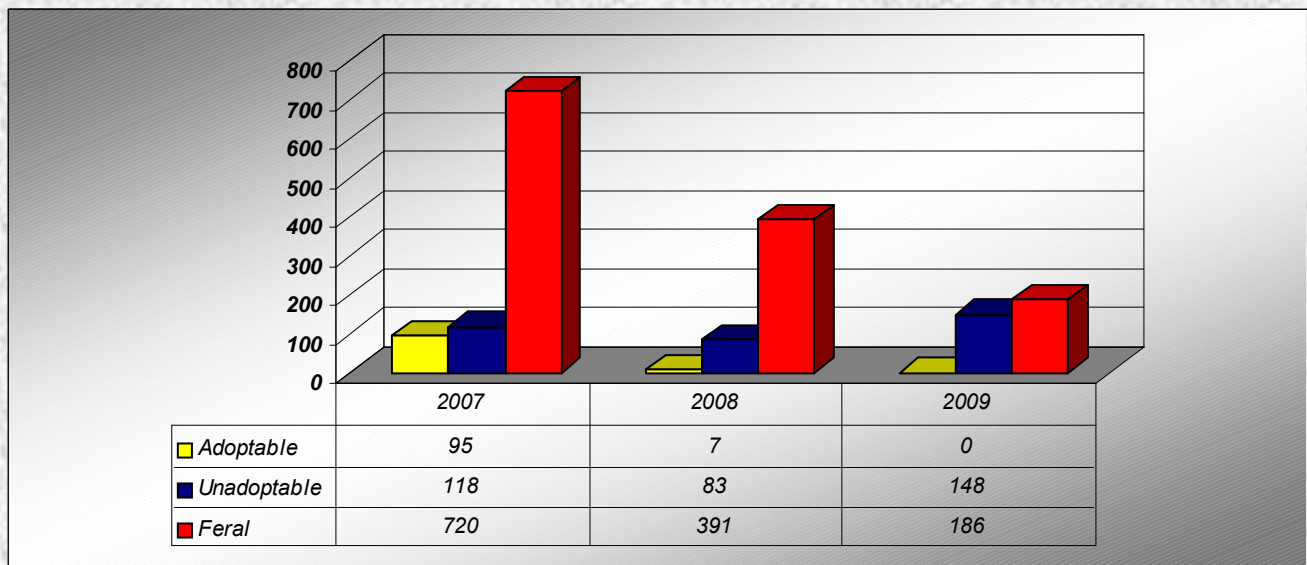
CANINES

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Adoptable | 68 | 12 | 0 |
| Unadoptable | 155 | 96 | 49 |
| TOTAL | 223 | 108 | 49 |



FELINES

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Adoptable | 95 | 7 | 0 |
| Unadoptable | 118 | 83 | 148 |
| Feral | 720 | 391 | 186 |
| TOTAL | 933 | 481 | 334 |

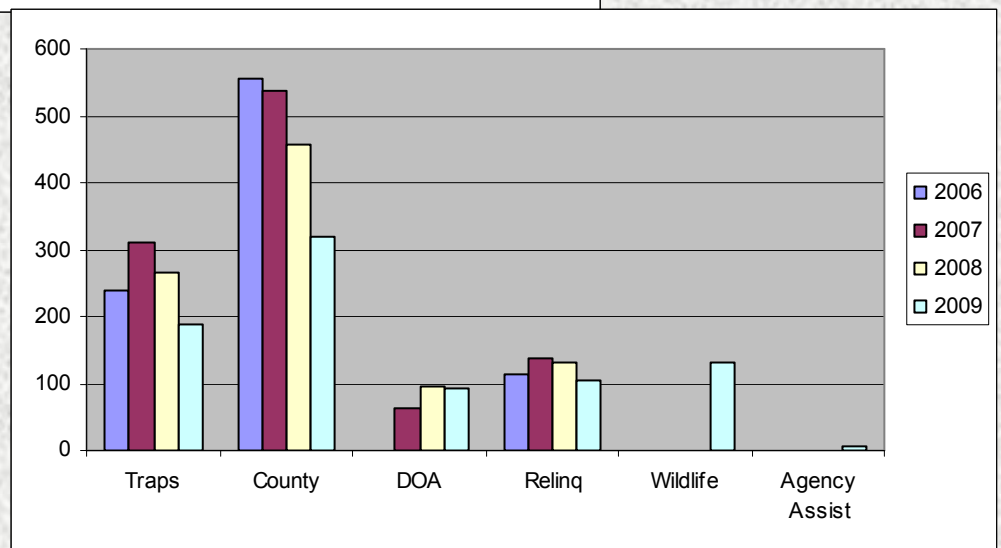
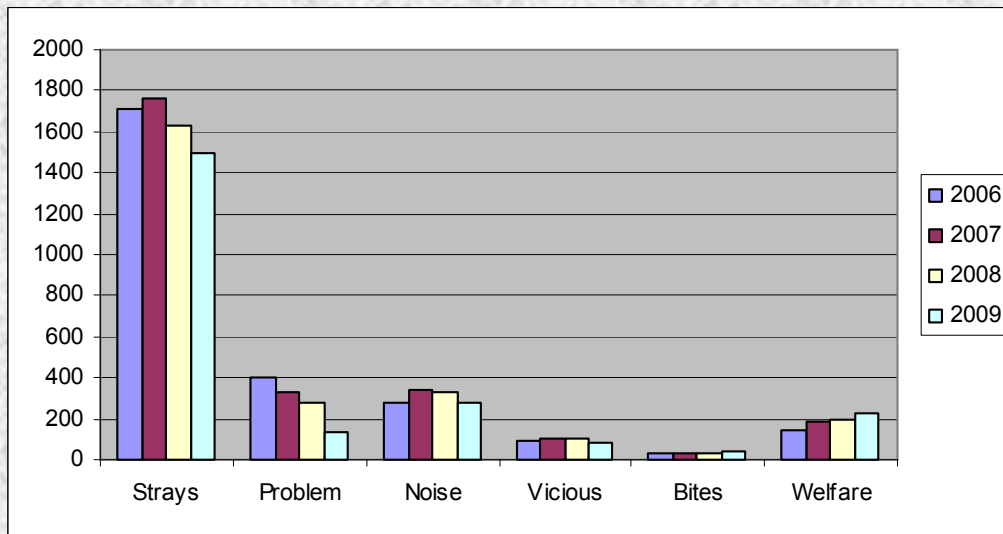


- ◆ **Unadoptable animals were those with serious behavior issues, such as extreme fear or aggression, and those with untreatable illnesses and injuries.**

ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS FOR SERVICE

| | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Strays | 1712 | 1763 | 1628 | 1500 |
| Problem | 401 | 330 | 274 | 137 |
| Noise | 281 | 344 | 333 | 274 |
| Vicious | 97 | 98 | 107 | 80 |
| Bites | 30 | 36 | 35 | 43 |
| Welfare | 145 | 186 | 200 | 225 |
| Traps | 240 | 309 | 266 | 188 |
| County | 556 | 538 | 457 | 302 |
| DOA | | 64 | 97 | 92 |
| Relinquishments | 112 | 138 | 131 | 103 |
| Wildlife | | | | 131 |
| Agency Assist | | | | 7 |
| Total | 3574 | 3806 | 3534 | 3082 |

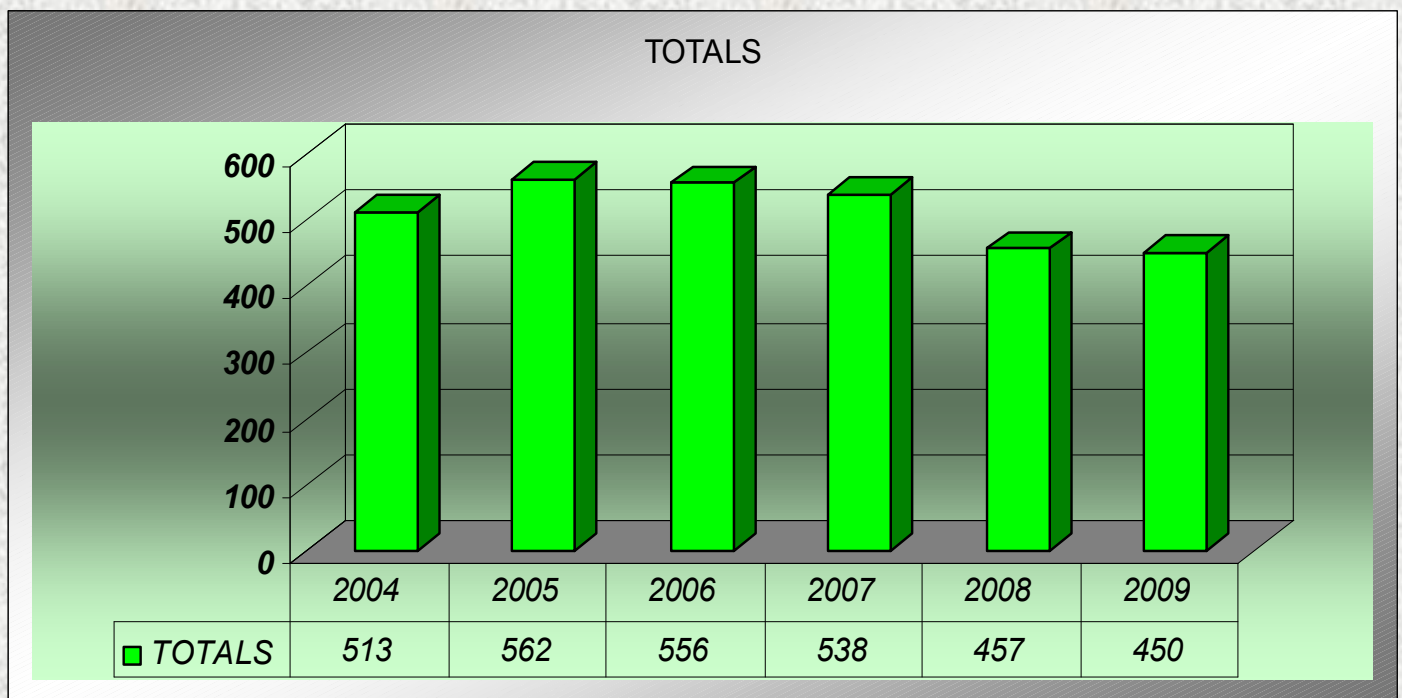
*In 2009 wildlife and agency assist calls for service were separated into their own categories.



MONTROSE COUNTY ANIMAL INTAKE REPORT

| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| January | 31 | 53 | 21 | 54 | 40 | 43 |
| February | 20 | 35 | 26 | 43 | 27 | 34 |
| March | 33 | 36 | 37 | 21 | 27 | 28 |
| April | 37 | 29 | 29 | 29 | 40 | 29 |
| May | 38 | 33 | 53 | 44 | 37 | 50 |
| June | 39 | 65 | 59 | 47 | 31 | 43 |
| July | 69 | 60 | 57 | 48 | 55 | 40 |
| August | 42 | 70 | 65 | 58 | 43 | 38 |
| September | 40 | 57 | 64 | 55 | 39 | 51 |
| October | 55 | 42 | 51 | 55 | 43 | 37 |
| November | 54 | 43 | 57 | 43 | 36 | 25 |
| December | 55 | 39 | 37 | 41 | 39 | 32 |
| TOTAL | 513 | 562 | 556 | 538 | 457 | 450 |

The County Animal Control Officer impounds dogs only. Their new officer began providing services for the County in June 2009. 188 County dogs were impounded, 20 by the County Animal Control Officer .



“Good Fences Make Good Neighbors”

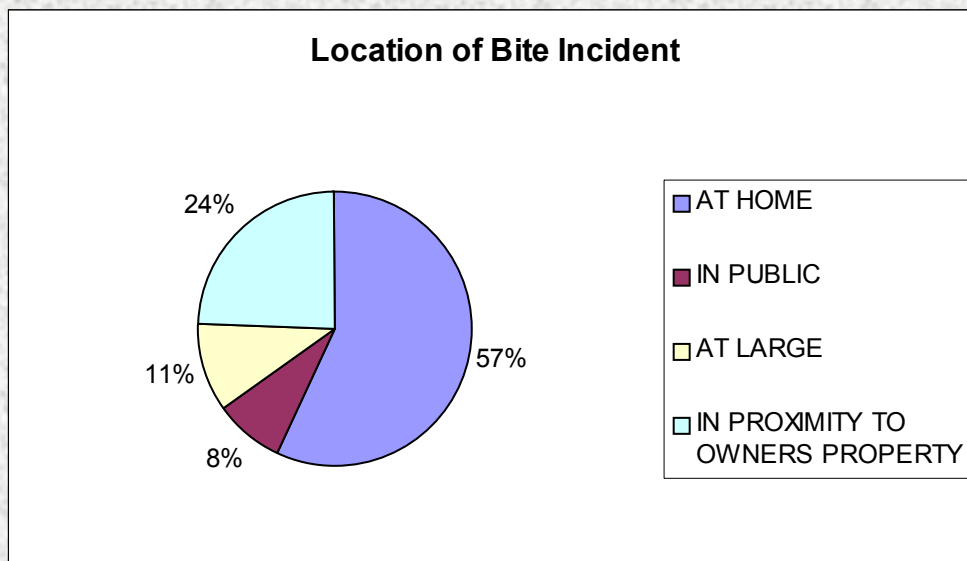


VICIOUS DOG COMPLAINTS 2009

In 2009, Montrose Police Department and Animal Control received 80 complaints of vicious dogs. 57 of these complaints involved one or more dogs escaping from the owners' property out into the public and acting aggressive towards people. No bites were sustained during these incidents. 14 incidents involved one or more dogs escaping from the owners' property and attacking other animals. Some of these injuries to the other animals were severe, two dogs died as a result of being attacked. The remaining 9 incidents involved one or more dogs acting aggressively, but never left the owners' property.

DOG BITE SUMMARY 2009

In 2009, 37 dog bites were reported to the Montrose Police Department and Animal Control. Of these 37 reported bites, 9 involved either the owner or a family member being bitten by the family dog. 24 bites involved non-family members and occurred on the owners' property, in proximity to the owners' property or in the presence of the owner. 4 bites occurred while the dog was at large completely out of site of its owner or owners' property.



BITE INJURY LEVEL BY BREED

Of the 37 total dog bites reported, 28 resulted in minor injuries, 6 resulted in moderate injuries, 2 resulted in severe injuries, and one was reported as unknown. Minor injuries were classified as injuries from minor bruising to abrasions, small punctures and/or small lacerations requiring no suturing. Moderate injuries were classified as injuries ranging from multiple deep punctures to lacerations, some requiring suturing. Severe injuries were those ranging from multiple large deep lacerations to injuries requiring surgery to repair.

The breeds of dogs involved in the 37 reported bite incidents were determined by the victim and/or the dog owner. Some dog breeds were reported as unknown. There was no trend to the level of injury with regards to breed or gender of dog, gender or age of victim or location of incident.



The dog breeds shown below in bold are the 9 dogs that had bitten their owner or family member.

The 28 reported breeds of dog that inflicted minor injuries:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pit Bull Mix | Labrador Retriever Mix | Labrador Retriever |
| Rhodesian Ridgeback Mix | Dachshund Mix | Unknown Breed |
| Boston Terrier Mix | Chihuahua | Shih Tzu |
| Shiba Inu | Poodle Mix | Great Dane |
| Chihuahua | German Shepherd | Newfoundland Mix |
| Unknown Mix Breed | Malinois Mix | Schipperke Mix |
| Pit Bull Mix | Miniature Pinscher | Unknown Breed |
| Unknown Breed | Poodle Mix | Blue Tick Hound |
| Unknown Mix Breed | Dashchund, Miniature | |
| Australian Shepherd Mix | Poodle, Miniature | |

The 6 reported breeds of dog that inflicted moderate injuries:

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Unknown Mix Breed | Shepherd Mix |
| Pit Bull | Unknown Mix Breed |
| Boxer | Pit Bull Mix |

The 2 reported breeds of dog that inflicted severe injuries:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Australian Shepherd/Heeler Mix | Australian Shepherd Mix |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|

ANIMAL WELFARE REPORTS 2009



In 2009, the Montrose Police Department and Animal Control received 225 animal welfare complaints. The complaints varied from insufficient food, water or shelter, dogs being left in vehicles in warm weather, lack of providing veterinary care when reasonably required, confinement complaints, physical abuse and lack of grooming. 179 of the 225 complaints were either unfounded, meaning no violation of the law was occurring or were so minor in nature that the issue was resolved after contacting the owner. The remaining 46 complaints resulted in a warning or a citation being issued for the violation. Animal Control Officers impounded 7 animals as a result of individual cruelty investigations. The majority of the 225 complaints were for food, water and shelter concerns and dogs left in parked vehicles during warm weather.



MONTROSE MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

Court Report

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 6-2-2 Cruelty to Animals | 3 Filings |
| 6-2-11 Nuisance (Barking, Excessive Feces) | 13 Filings |
| 6-2-2 Rabies Control | 13 Filings |
| 6-2-2.A Licensing of Dogs in the City | 45 Filings |
| 6-2-4 Limit on Dogs and Cats | 3 Filings |
| 6-2-6 Running at Large Prohibited | 80 Filings |
| 6-2-9 Dangerous Animals | <u>21 Filings</u> |
| Total | 178 Filings |

Court Summary

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Plea Not Yet Entered | 17 |
| Guilty | 91 |
| No Contest | 41 |
| Acquitted | 4 |

FINANCIALS



REVENUES

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Shelter Fees : | \$42,684.35 |
| Relinquishments—\$ 3,310.35 | |
| Adoptions— \$34,708.00 | |
| Impound Fees— \$ 4,666.00 | |
| Licenses : | \$ 5,365.60 |
| Municipal Contracts: | \$100,198.00 |
| County of Montrose—\$99,678.00 | |
| City of Olathe— \$ 520.00 | |
| Total Revenues: | \$148,247.95 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Administrative Costs: | \$ 432,839.41 |
| Animal Care: | \$ 40,473.82 |
| Operating Expenses/ Facility Repair/Utilities: | \$ 34,390.07 |
| Spay/Neuter (shelter animals): | \$ 36,896.24 |
| General Fund Budget— \$25,601.24 | |
| Maddie's Fund Grant— \$ 4,400.00 | |
| Animal Benefit Fund— \$ 6,895.00 | |
| Total Expenditures: | \$ 544,599.54 |



ANIMAL BENEFIT FUND

The Animal Benefit Fund was established as an avenue for the public to make donations, which directly benefit the companion animals at the City of Montrose Animal Shelter. Sometimes the donors make specific requests for the use of the donation. A few particular donors have asked that the funds be used specifically for spays / neuters of pets and for purchases of items such as kennels and cages.

Funds are also used for the treatment of an illness or injury that is above what we could normally justify, such as an amputation or an extraordinary surgical procedure. At Christmas time people will ask that we use their donations for blankets, pet toys, pet food, and treats.

We feel that this fund allows us to use donations in the way that they are intended that will directly benefit our stray, abandoned, injured, and ill companion animals.

Despite the economic situation, our community continues to support our efforts with generous donations.

| | YTD Actual | Budget | Unexpended | Percent |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 270-6000-221-000 Operating Supplies | 549.62 | 1,875.00 | 1,325.38 | 29.3 |
| 270-6000-348-000 Spay and Neuter | 11,295.00 | 0.00 | -11,295.00 | 0.00 |
| 270-6000-353-000 Other Professional Services | 3,892.92 | 13,800.00 | 9,907.08 | 28.2 |
| | 15,737.54 | 15,675.00 | -62.54 | 100.4 |

The fund balance at the end of 2009 was \$38,675. The following is an expenditure summary:



A LONG ROAD TO ADOPTION

Carney was a female Vizsla, a breed of hunting dog. Typical of the breed; she had a smooth golden rust coat, low set long ears, eyes of a color identical to her coat and a long retriever-like nose. Like most Vizsla's she was very affectionate and friendly with a very high energy level.

A family fell in love with Carney; took her home and after a few days in late August returned her to the shelter. Her high energy level made her a bouncing, bounding, chewing machine that when left unattended in the new owner's house did some remodeling of the furniture, curtains and etcetera.

Within a week a second person decided to adopt her. The new owner told us the dog was perfect and just loved him. We explained that Carney was very energetic and had been returned because when left alone, she had gone on a rampage and nearly destroyed the previous owner's house. Not to worry, the new owner to be said he was a professional dog trainer. While the adoption was being completed the new owner sat in a chair while the dog climbed all over him. Suddenly he bellowed out, "I'm gonna call her Goldilocks!" Ear splitting refrains of, "Come to daddy Goldilocks echoed down the halls of the shelter" as Carney, AKA Goldilocks, jumped wildly around the reception area.

Within a week, the "professional dog trainer" returned the still untrained dog after she completed a second remodeling, this time of the new owners premises.

Things didn't look good for Carney. The staff continued to showcase Carney prefaced with a warning that she didn't like being left alone. Carney didn't advertise her self very well as she would pant, yip, jump and bound wildly around her kennel begging anyone looking at her to take her home.

It was now early October. One staff member read in a publication about an organization called, Search Dog Foundation. She made a call. They were looking for high energy goofy sorts of dogs. Dogs with high energy, that could be redirected toward finding people; people that were lost or were victims of disasters such as the recent earthquakes in Haiti. Carney was put through a series of tests and passed!

Carney was temporarily housed by a foundation member in a local community for the early part of her training. When we called to check on her, we were told she was doing great. Great meant she was fitting right in with his Border Collie. He said for the last three hours all he could see through his patio window was a red streak followed by a black and white streak and then a black and white streak followed by a red streak. After it was decided that Carney fit into a family environment she was flown to Ojai, California where she was put through additional testing.

Unfortunately, in the long run, she didn't quite have the drive to be in search and rescue. As promised however, the search foundation placed her in a prearranged loving home where she entertains her new forever-owners by being a red streak back and forth past their patio window.

BOB CORNELIUS



ANIMAL SERVICES STAFF

We now have an officer that is certified by the Bureau of Animal Protection with the State Agriculture Dept. We have a member of the board for the Colorado Federation of Animal Welfare Agencies (CFAWA). We are participants of “The Coalition For Living Safely With Dogs”, members of Western Colorado Animal Resources Coalition (WeCARE), and recipients of the prestigious Maddie’s Fund Grant.



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Left to right: Bob Cornelius-Animal Shelter Custodian, Mike Duncan-Animal Services Supervisor, John Bennett-Animal Control Officer, Gene Lillard-Police Commander, Kory Bailey-Animal Control Officer, Kari Kishiyama-Animal Shelter Manager/Animal Control Officer, Kathy Harris-Animal Shelter Custodian, Janice Oatman-Animal Shelter Technician, Kim Scott-Animal Control Officer, Janet Green-Animal Shelter Technician and Panther-Animal Shelter mascot.

Under the direction of Police Chief Tom Chinn (not pictured).



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