



City of Montrose Animal Services

2010 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 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. We provide animal rescues and emergency management 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.

Our changing economy has challenged us all to tighten our belts and work with reduced budgets. Volunteers have been the saving grace for reaching our accomplishments with fewer resources this year. We were able to maintain our "Adoption Only" (no kill), status due to the continued efforts and many hours of our transfer volunteer Beth Jones and several of her assistant volunteers as well as the continued efforts of our staff.

Our volunteers at the Animal Shelter logged 1,421.5 hours of service and our Community Service (court ordered) workers logged 1,026.25 hours. Our animal foster families and the volunteers



photographing our pets to be placed on "Pet Finder" for adoption provided other significant hours of service.

Transfers of pets increased from 324 in 2009 to 385 in 2010. Euthanasia continued to decrease from 383 in 2009 to 354 in 2010, 66 (47%) of which were feral cats. The other euthanized pets were untreatable or aggressive and were not candidates for adoption.

Our local area veterinarians continue to support the City's mandatory spay/neuter program of all pets adopted from the Animal Shelter by offering a reduced rate for spay/neuter surgeries. Two of our local area veterinarians have participated in low cost spay/neuter clinics at the Animal Shelter and three local

veterinarians participated in a clinic funded by a grant from Spay Colorado.

We worked with Petco placing pets in their store to gain more exposure for our pet adoptions. We also participated in "Main in Motion" to display pets for adoption.

Some of our other accomplishments for the year included public education, such as speaking in the elementary schools for "Be Kind To Animals Week" with MAPA, Citizens Police Academy, Police Youth Academy, Career Options Student program, Colorado Mountain Community College volunteer training, "Hug-a-Bear Pet Talks", and "Career Day" at the Middle School. We remain active participants in State animal legislation through Colorado Federation of Animal Welfare Agencies (CFAWA). We continue to broadcast Public Service Announcements about Rabies Virus, Animal Cruelty and Abandonment.

The total number of Animal Control calls for service was 2,357. Animal Control Officers dealt with 236 concerns for animal welfare cases, several of which resulted in Cruelty to Animals charges and convictions. We responded to 299 Animal Noise complaints and 1,231 animal stray calls. Police Officers responded to 354 "after hours" animal calls this year, saving a significant amount of overtime hours for Animal Services.

In 2010 we made the decision to discontinue trapping wildlife for the public unless the wildlife posed a threat to the public or had gained entry to peoples' homes or other buildings on their property. The Colorado Division of Wildlife responds to all other wildlife nuisance issues.

In 2010 the Montrose City Council supported an amendment to our City Dog Licensing ordinance to allow City Dog Licenses to be distributed by local area Veterinarians and for the license term to correspond with the administration and expiration dates of the rabies vaccine. This made licensing of our community's dogs much more convenient and still serves the purpose of returning dogs to their owners as quickly as possible.



Montrose Animal Protection Agency (MAPA)



Montrose Animal Protection Agency (MAPA) continues to be a great resource for our community and an important ally for the City of Montrose Animal Services. In the past MAPA has relied primarily on funding from foundations to help subsidize spay/neuter costs for pets belonging to lower-income families. In the slowed economy of 2010, grant funds proved more difficult to obtain. Our local businesses and individuals responded generously to requests for help. In addition, grant funds were provided by Colorado Overpopulation Fund, Animal Assistance Foundation, Edmund T and Eleanor Quick Foundation, Bates Foundation and Trust, and Freda Hamrick Foundation. Through those donations and grants, MAPA was able to spay/neuter 311 animals, resulting in \$17,395 in expenditures.

Their education staff arranged for three speakers at the Montrose Animal Shelter on topics such as animal training and behavior. MAPA's after school programs helped children learn how to be safe around animals and how to care and interact appropriately with them.

MAPA broadcasts PSA's warning about the dangers to animals such as hot weather, tethering animals, and animals riding in the back of pick-ups, as well as the benefits of spaying and neutering your pets. MAPA now has the support of nine local veterinarians for providing vouchers to the public.

Low Cost Spay/Neuter, Vaccination and Microchip Clinics

In 2010 the City of Montrose hosted 7 Spay/Neuter, Vaccination and Microchip Clinics at the Animal shelter resulting in 218 additional pets being spayed/neutered in our community.

Spay / Neuter

Canine Spays.....	25
Canine Neuters.....	35
Feline Spays.....	69
Feline Neuters.....	85
Total Surgeries	218

Vaccines

Canine Rabies Vaccines.....	105
Feline Rabies Vaccines.....	78
Canine Distemper.....	99
Feline Distemper.....	67
Canine Bordatella.....	4
Leukemia.....	7
Total Vaccinations	361

Tests

Heartworm.....	2
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Microchips Implanted.....	55
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WeCARE
Western Colorado



The Pet Rescue Foundation

WeCARE

Our thirteen county coalition for sharing resources remained active and a vital resource for our organization. One of this year's goals was to provide local affordable training to our member agencies. Secondly, we continued to compile statistics under the Asilomar Accords in order to continue our Maddie's fund grant process.

Mesa County hosted a mock disaster for an Emergency Preparedness drill. Under the direction of Mesa County Animal Services, we evacuated their old Animal Shelter and moved all the animals to the new shelter several miles away. This was a great coordinated exercise for all members involved.



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)	1345
Placement rate for healthy dogs and cats	100%
Live Release Rate	81.4%
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 2 court ordered euthanasia requests which were unhealthy & untreatable and 10 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 2010



The Pet Rescue Foundation

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: City of Montrose Animal Services		Annual		
		Dog	Cat	Total
A	BEGINNING SHELTER COUNT	17	13	30
	INTAKE (Live Dogs & Cats Only)			
	<i>From the Public</i>			
	Healthy	721	476	1197
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable	31	93	124
	Treatable – Manageable	80	75	155
	Unhealthy & Untreatable	2	188	190
B	Subtotal Intake from the Public	834	832	1666
	<i>Incoming Transfers from Organizations within Community/Coalition</i>			
	Healthy	1	8	9
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable	0	0	0
	Treatable – Manageable	0	0	0
	Unhealthy & Untreatable	0	0	0
C	Subtotal Intake from Incoming Transfers from Organizations within Community/Coalition	1	8	9
	<i>Incoming Transfers from Organizations outside Community/Coalition</i>			
	Healthy	0	0	0
	Treatable – Rehabilitatable	0	0	0
	Treatable – Manageable	2	0	2
	Unhealthy & Untreatable	0	0	0
D	Subtotal Intake from Incoming Transfers from Organizations outside Community/Coalition	2	0	2
	<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]	837	840	1677
G	Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)	2	0	2
H	ADJUSTED TOTAL INTAKE [F minus G]	835	840	1675

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ADOPTIONS (Only dogs and cats adopted by the public)			
Healthy	248	193	441
Treatable – Rehabilitatable	12	35	47
Treatable – Manageable	23	26	49
Unhealthy & Untreatable	0	0	0
I TOTAL ADOPTIONS	283	254	537
OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations within Community/Coalition			
Healthy	10	15	25
Treatable – Rehabilitatable	1	1	2
Treatable – Manageable	2	2	4
Unhealthy & Untreatable	0	0	0
J TOTAL OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations within Community/Coalition	13	19	32
OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations outside Community/Coalition			
Healthy	91	186	277
Treatable – Rehabilitatable	6	24	30
Treatable – Manageable	21	23	44
Unhealthy & Untreatable	0	2	2
K TOTAL OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizatios outside Community/Coalition	118	235	353
L RETURN TO OWNER/GUARDIAN	378	45	423
DOGS & CATS EUTHANIZED			
M Healthy (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	0	0	0
N Treatable – Rehabilitatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	8	34	42
O Treatable – Manageable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	14	6	20
P Unhealthy & Untreatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	16	232	248
Q TOTAL EUTHANASIA [M + N + O + P]	38	272	310
R Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)	2	0	2
S ADJUSTED TOTAL EUTHANASIA [Q minus R]	36	272	308
T SUBTOTAL OUTCOMES [I + J + K + L + S] Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)	828	825	1653
U DIED OR LOST IN SHELTER/CARE	1	9	10
V TOTAL OUTCOMES [T + U] Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)	829	834	1663
W ENDING SHELTER COUNT	23	19	42

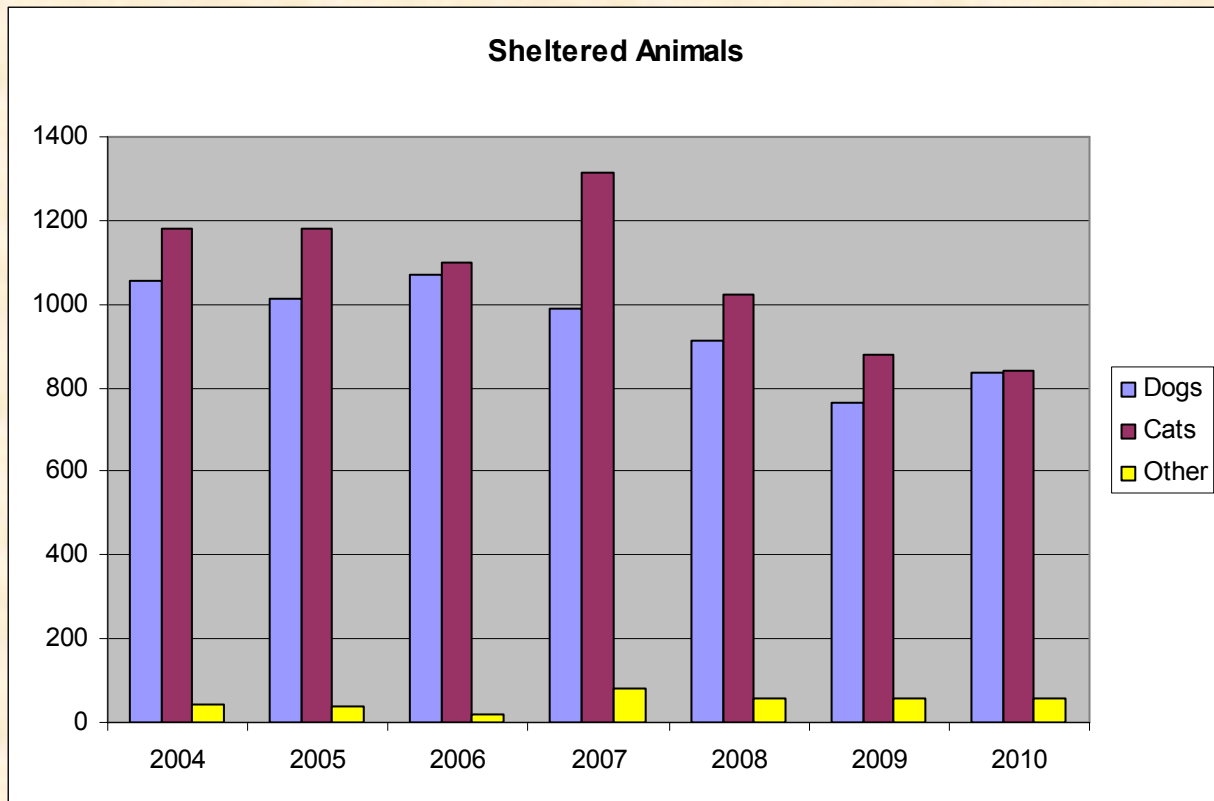
In a perfect world, the Ending Count is equal to the Beginning Count (A) plus Total Intake (F) minus all Outcomes (R+V). ----->

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SHELTERED ANIMALS

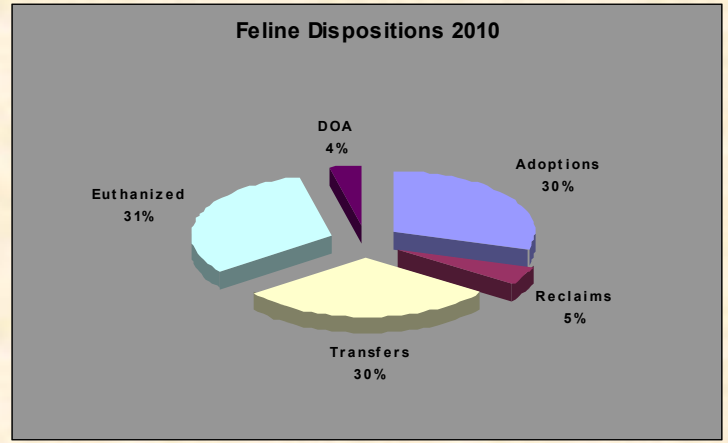
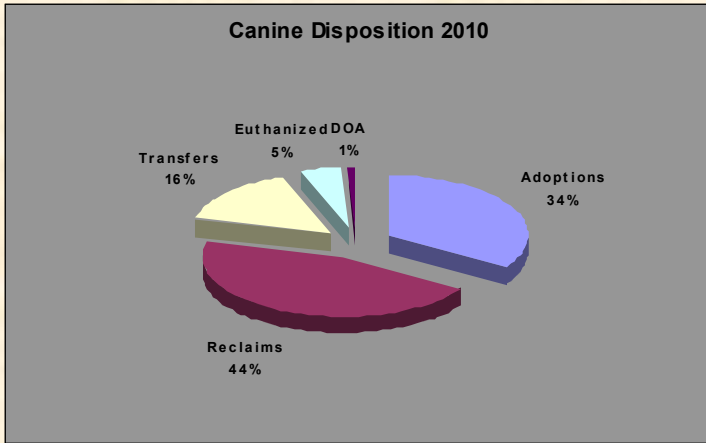


	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Dogs	1058	1011	1070	987	911	765	837
Cats	1182	1180	1100	1314	1023	877	840
Other	43	40	17	81	57	58	55
Total	2283	2231	2187	2282	1991	1700	1732



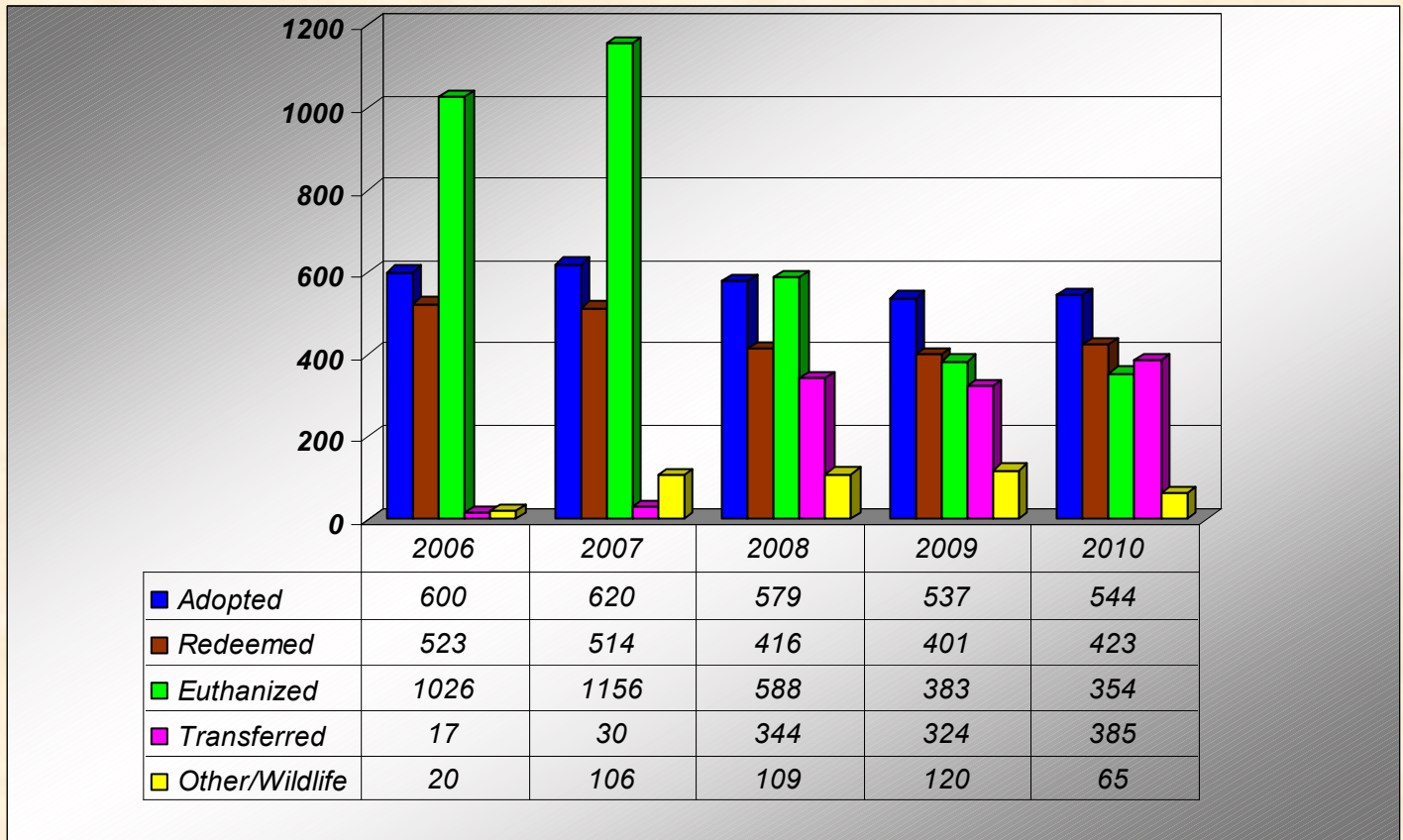
* Other animals includes raccoons, skunks, guinea pigs, ferrets, birds, and rabbits.

PET ANIMAL DISPOSITIONS 2010



Pet Animal Dispositions 2006 – 2010

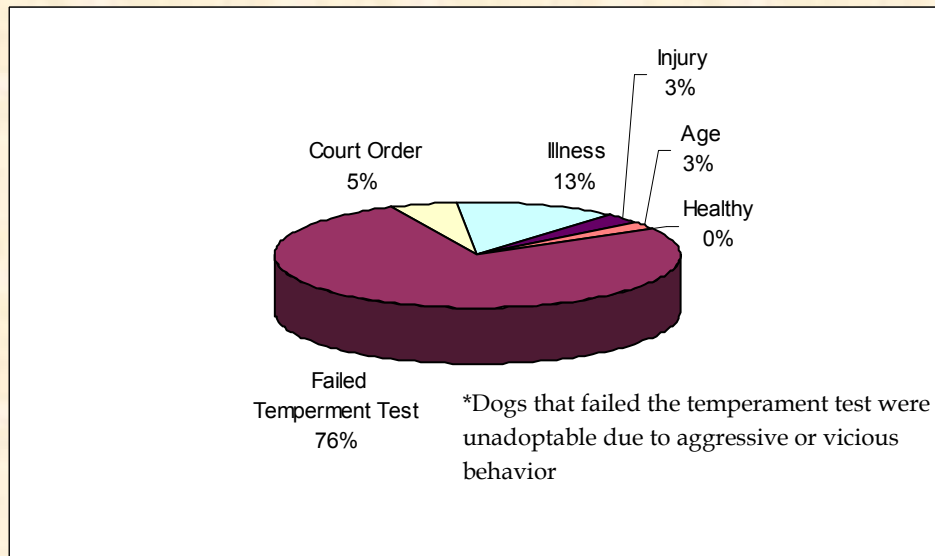
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adopted	600	620	579	537	544
Redeemed	523	514	416	401	423
Euthanized	1026	1156	588	383	354
Transferred	17	30	344	324	385
Other	20	106	109	120	65
Totals	2186	2426	2021	1765	1771



* Other indicates deceased animals and animals that escaped from the shelter (2).

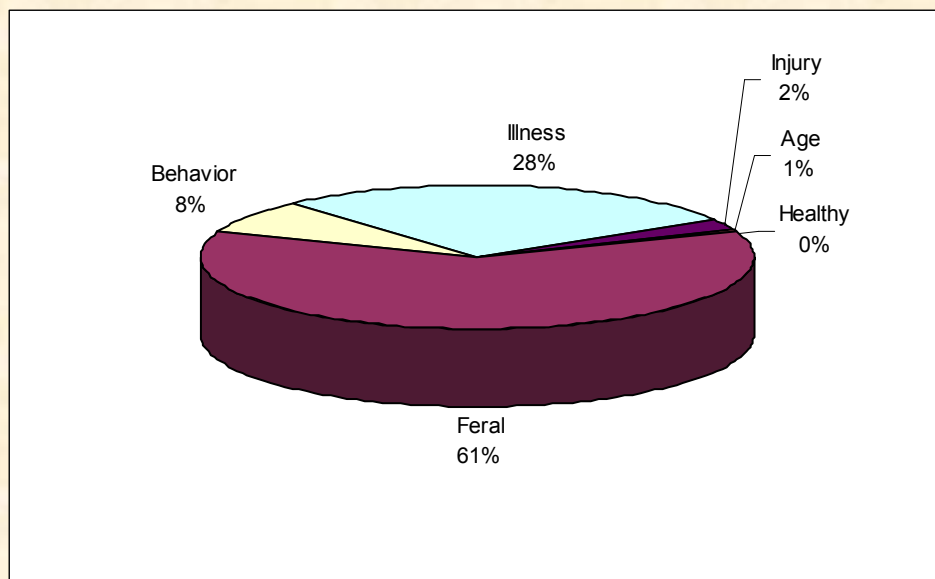
EUTHANASIA STATISTICS - 2010

EUTHANIZED CANINES



Healthy	Failed Temp Test	Court Order	Illness	Injury	Age	Total
0	29	2	5	1	1	38

EUTHANIZED FELINES



Healthy	Feral	Behavior	Illness	Injury	Age	Total
0	166	21	77	6	2	272

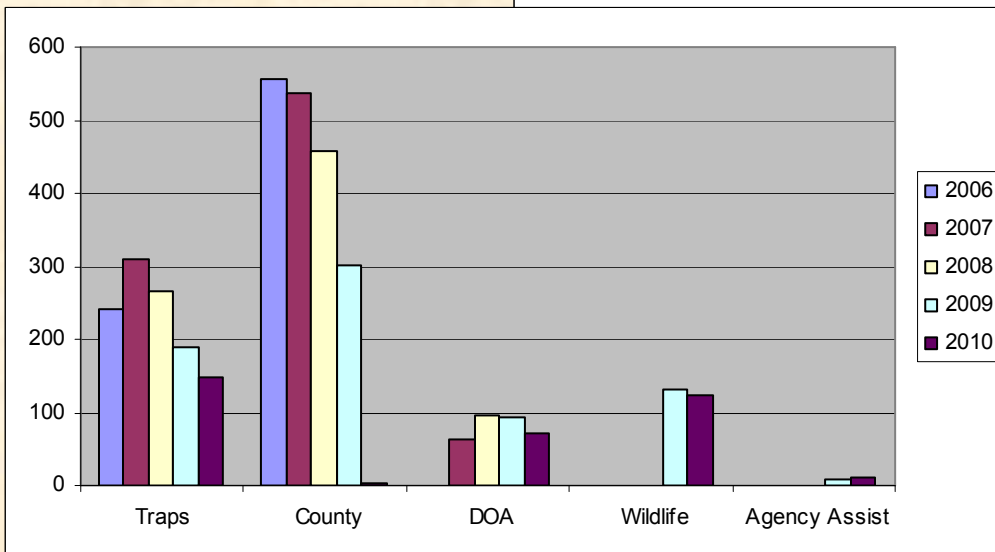
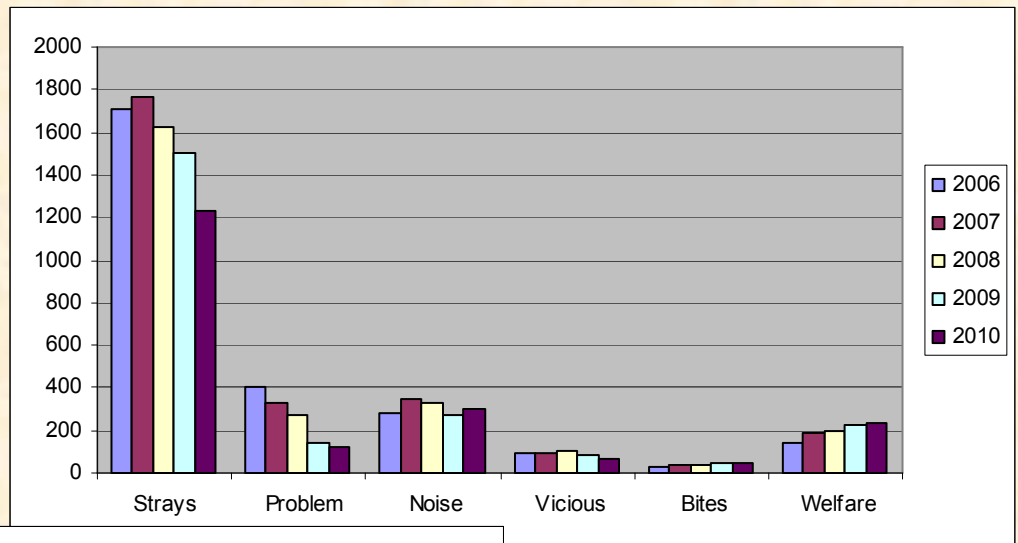
ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service 2006 - 2010

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Strays	1712	1763	1628	1500	1231
Problem	401	330	274	137	123
Noise	281	344	333	274	299
Vicious	97	98	107	80	66
Bites	30	36	35	43	43
Welfare	145	186	200	225	236
Traps	240	309	266	188	149
County	556	538	457	302	5
DOA		64	97	92	70
Wildlife				131	125
Agency Assist				7	10
Total	3462	3668	3534	2979	2357

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

STRAYS – The reason for the decline in strays in 2010 is due to separating strays brought into the shelter by the public from stray animals calls for service handled by Animal Control Officers.

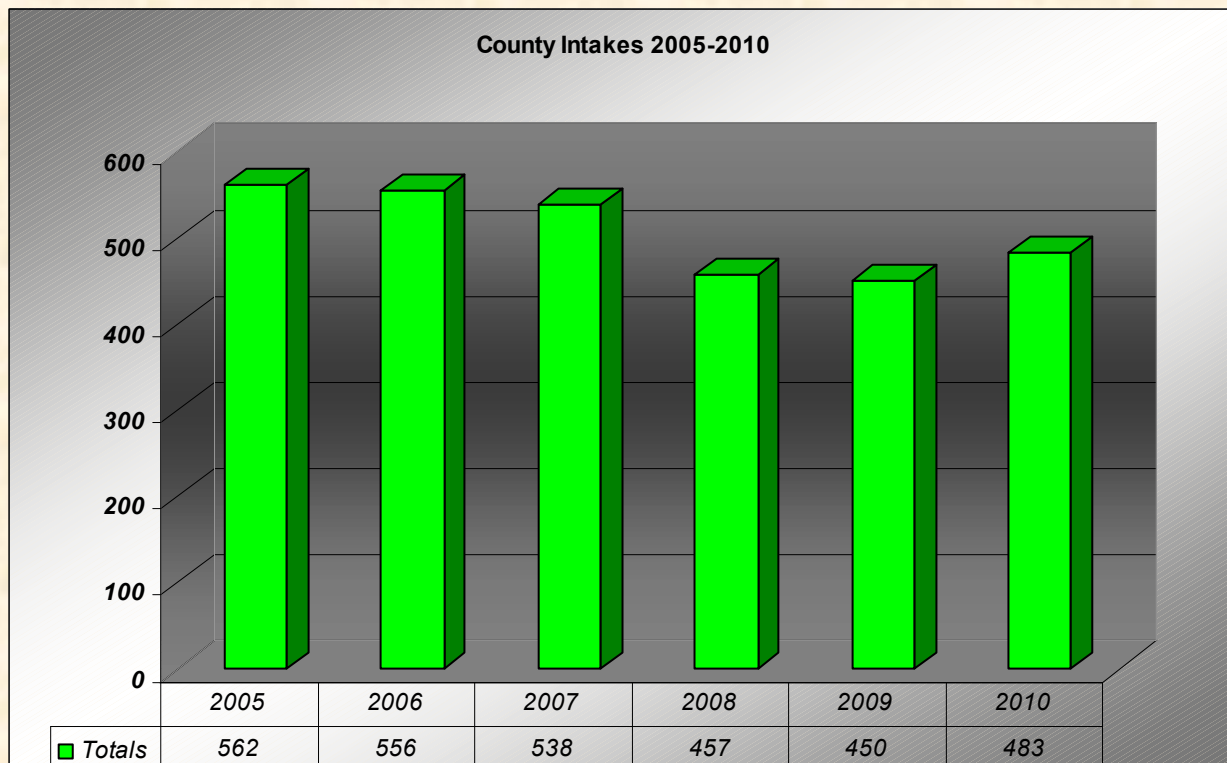


COUNTY – The reason for the decline in 2010 County calls for service is that previous years included County animals brought to the shelter by the public. This year's statistics represent only calls that were handled by City Police and Animal Control Officers.

MONTROSE COUNTY ANIMAL INTAKE REPORT

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
January	53	21	54	40	43	34
February	35	26	43	27	34	21
March	36	37	21	27	28	36
April	29	29	29	40	29	33
May	33	53	44	37	50	38
June	65	59	47	31	43	61
July	60	57	48	55	40	50
August	70	65	58	43	38	58
September	57	64	55	39	51	38
October	42	51	55	43	37	52
November	43	57	43	36	25	32
December	39	37	41	39	32	30
TOTAL	513	562	556	457	450	483

These numbers include animals brought to the shelter by the public and by the County Animal Control Officer.



ANIMAL WELFARE COMPLAINTS 2010



In 2010, the Montrose Police Department and Animal Control received 236 animal welfare complaints. The complaints varied from insufficient food, water or shelter, dogs left unattended in vehicles in warm weather, lack of providing veterinary care, confinement complaints, physical abuse, and animals injured in the roadway. 188 of the 236 complaints were regarded as “unfounded” meaning no violation of the law had occurred. The remaining 49 complaints resulted in 43 warnings and 6 citations for Cruelty to Animals being issued. Animal Control Officers impounded 3 animals as a result of cruelty investigations, 1 of which was voluntarily relinquished, the other 2 were court ordered removed from the owner permanently.

DANGEROUS DOG COMPLAINTS AND DOG BITE SUMMARY 2010



In 2010, the Montrose Police Department and Animal Control responded to 66 complaints of Dangerous/Vicious dogs. Of these 66 complaints, 15 citations were issued to the dogs’ owners for ownership of a Dangerous Animal. 33 complaints involved dogs off the owner’s property and acting aggressive towards people without biting. 25 complaints involved one or more dogs running loose and attacking someone else’s dog. 1 complaint involved 2 dogs attacking another dog from the same household. These attacks resulted in 6 dogs needing veterinary care, 2 of which had to be euthanized due to their injuries. 5 complaints were reported as “vicious animal”, but did not specify if they involved people or other animals, these dogs were not located. 2 complaints involved dogs attacking cats. 2010 saw a decrease in the overall number of complaints of Dangerous/Vicious animal from the 81 complaints in 2009.

In 2010, the Montrose Police Department and Animal Control responded to 36 reported dog bites. Of these 36 reported bites, 10 citations were written for Dangerous Animals. Of the 36 reported

bites, 12 dogs were running at large off the owner’s premises when they attacked and bit their victims, the dogs and owners were located, 7 dogs were running at large when they attacked and bit, but the dogs and owners were never found, 9 of the reported bites were family pets that bit mostly minor children in the household and almost always in the face. One of these attacks resulted in the child having to be transported to Saint Mary’s Hospital in Grand Junction. Of the remaining 8 bites reported, 3 were on the owner’s property and involved a flower delivery person and two maintenance workers, 3 were Animal Shelter personnel bit at the Animal Shelter by shelter dogs and the last 2 were dogs in the bed of their owners trucks when they bit passersby. Of the 36 reported bites, 2 dogs were euthanized as a result of biting. One was court ordered, the other was owner initiated. In 2010, out of the 36 dogs that bit, 3 were repeat offenders.

MONTROSE MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT



Court Report

6-2-2 Cruelty to Animals	6 Filings
6-2-11 Nuisance (Barking, Excessive Feces)	11 Filings
6-2-2 Rabies Control	11 Filings
6-2-2.A Licensing of Dogs in the City	40 Filings
6-2-4 Limit on Dogs and Cats	1 Filings
6-2-6 Running at Large Prohibited	74 Filings
6-2-9 Dangerous Animals	<u>25 Filings</u>
Total	168 Filings

Court Summary

Plea Not Yet Entered	2
Guilty	105
No Contest	50
Acquitted	2
Withheld	2
Dismissed	4
Dismissed Prosecution	2
Deferred	<u>1</u>
Total	168



FINANCIALS

REVENUES

Shelter Fees :	\$ 42,733.16
Relinquishments —	\$ 3,390.00
Adoptions —	\$34,717.16
Impound Fees —	\$ 4,626.00
Licenses :	\$ 3,686.70
Municipal Contracts:	\$ 70,325.00
County of Montrose —	\$69,925.00
City of Olathe —	\$ 400.00
Total Revenues:	\$ 116,744.86

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Costs:	\$ 441,385.75
Animal Care:	\$ 46,867.98
Operating Expenses/ Facility Repair/Utilities:	\$ 25,575.43
Spay/Neuter (shelter animals):	\$ 38,889.00
Total Expenditures:	\$ 552,718.16

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 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.

The fund balance at the end of 2010 was \$55,488.50. The following is an expenditure summary:

		YTD Actual	Budget	Unexpended	Percent
270-6000-221-000	Operating Supplies	679.58	6,575.00	5,895.42	10.3
	Other Professional				
270-6000-353-000	Services	8,990.77	7,550.00	-1,440.77	119.1
270-6000-544-000	Equipment (<\$5,000)	475.41	0.00	-475.41	0
		10,145.76	14,125.00	3,979.24	71.8



IN MEMORY OF A SHELTER VOLUNTEER

AND DEAR FRIEND

Dear Bill,

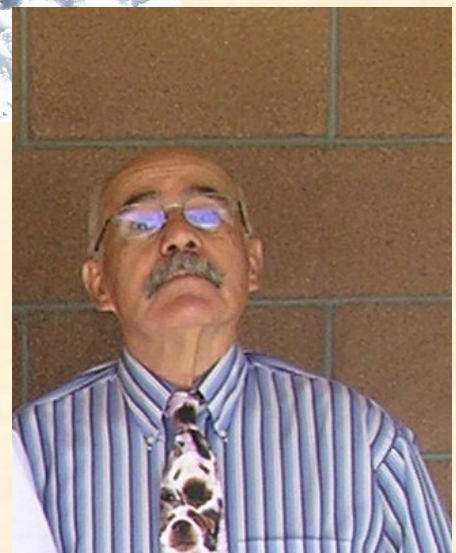
When you became ill, we knew it was serious and so we prayed for a miracle. We prayed we'd see you drive up to the Animal Shelter once again in your little car. You were always so faithful; we could expect you about eleven every day of the week. When you had to stop volunteering the place just wasn't the same. We'd come to expect you and looked forward to your funny jokes, your kidding and other antics.

The dogs especially missed you. They missed the long walks and they missed the way you talked to them and showed them unconditional kindness. Countless dogs that had been mistreated regained a trust in humans through you. You became their first friend on the sometimes steep road to recovery and eventual adoption.

When you'd go away for a few days, you'd call and let us know; probably so we'd be sure the dogs got walked, since you wouldn't be there to do it. You're no longer with us but we know you're in a better place and we know there's a pup around needing your kind words and some heavenly exercise. Oh, by the way, we'll see that the dogs down here get walked and treated with kindness; we know you'd want it that way.

We all love and miss you.

You're Friend,
Bob



HAPPY TAILS



Proof that animal shelter dogs often make good pets!

Aeira was adopted from the Montrose Animal Shelter two years ago by Delta resident Tracey and her 10 year old son, Cohen. This summer, Cohen and Aeira were the Delta County Fair Reserve Champions, Junior Showman, Champion Novice Rally, and Champion Pre-Novice Obedience winners!

Cohen's mother reports Aeira is a wonderful dog and they are very happy to have found a new "forever friend" at the animal shelter.

Hi there,

Just wanted to send some photos of Barney who we adopted yesterday at the Wheat Ridge PetsMart. He is everything we thought he would be and has such a fabulous temperament. He has tried out every couch in the house and, as you can see, he's having SUCH a hard time settling in!!! We love his name and won't be changing it - poor guy doesn't need to be confused any more than he already has been. We're so glad he has found a home in ours...we will take great care of him.

Kind regards



John and Jerrie were looking for a new canine companion after losing their lab just a short time ago when they spotted Champ on our website. After a few phone calls and a meet and greet, Champ has found his champions in John and Jerri. He is going to get daily walks in the morning with Jerri and enjoy hiking in the mountains and swimming (he will have his very own water vest) during the summer. He also gets to go to work with Mom and Dad. What a lucky boy!

HAPPY TAILS



Hello,

I wanted to send you a photo of the dog we adopted from you on August 14th named Buddy Holly.

We named him Buster. He is doing great with our other dogs and he is quite the character. He has already started training and we are very impressed how Buster learns quickly. We just wanted to send you this picture and to tell you again thank you for holding him for us

Laura and Randy
From Littleton, CO

I have re-christened my puppy "Rivers," for symbolic reasons similar to naming Easter. She has been such a joy already, and so easy to train. Rivers took to her name immediately, and already seems to look up to Easter. Right now, my girls are both passed out after a little play out on Blue Mesa Reservoir (I know, I know, take it easy!).

I just wanted to write you another thanks because you were soooo helpful and went way above and beyond. I can't tell you how much I appreciated it, since I lived a couple hours away and wanted my girl as soon as possible. :) Thank you for getting Rivers into the vet so quickly so I could take her home with me first thing this morning; thank you for staying late and helping me with the adoption



ANIMAL SERVICES STAFF



City of Montrose Police Department Animal Services staff includes:

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

Under the direction of Police Chief Tom Chinn (not pictured) and Commander Gene Lillard (not pictured).



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