



CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND INFORMATION REPORT

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Originating Department: Public Services Department

Topic: Animal Welfare Report

Strategic Plan Objective: #4 – Enhance safety and quality of enforcement to advance our reputation as a safe City.
#1 - Innovate and improve City services to enhance quality, value, and accessibility for all of our residents.

Reason For Report:

Staff has prepared this report in response to questions raised about operational efficiency since the City placed Animal Welfare Committee activities on hold in July 2023.

The Animal Control program is currently staffed by two officers, one full time and one part time. The part time ACO, joined staff on April 15th and will begin unaccompanied patrol of the City with the start of the new fiscal year on or about July 1, 2024.

For calendar year 2023, the full time ACO has worked with on-call staff, registered foster care providers, and through the Laurel Petco location to care for a number of cats, dogs and other species. All while responding to 266 calls for service throughout the City. These calls for service include the collection of animals from across the City, returning them to their owners, relocating them with foster care providers and transporting them to facilities outside of the City to such as the Prince George's Animal Management in Upper Marlboro. The full time ACO has also processed 19 adoptions.

We attach, for your review, tables summarizing ACO activity as well as the Animal Control Survey submitted to the Maryland Department of Agriculture which lists intakes and dispositions of dogs and cats for calendar year 2023.

Other activities of note were the two rabies clinics held in CY23, one prior to the pause staffed by volunteers and paid staff. The full time ACO has represented the program at multiple events in the City such as National Night Out, Maryland Day, College Park Day and career day at Hollywood Elementary School.

Activities of note for CY24 are the upgrades to the City's shelter, the hiring of a part time ACO, Municipal Scene articles, creating and presenting a public safety presentation on avoiding a bite incident, and working with Planning staff to submit a grant application to the Maryland Department of Agriculture Grant.

Staff appreciates the suggestions regarding more advocacy, volunteers, and foster help, please note that the AC program has continued to operate without incident despite the July 2023 pause. We do, however, anticipate other improvements to existing service and expansion during the coming fiscal year.

Council Options:

N/A – This is for informational purposes.

Attachments:

1. Summary of ACO activities for CY 2023
2. Maryland Department of Agriculture Report for CY 2023

Animal Control and Welfare Activities CY2023

INTAKES			
Type		Dog	Cat
Stray		18	25
Surrendered by Owner		6	4
Owner Requested Euthanasia		0	0
Transfer In		0	0
All other intake		0	0
Total		24	29
DISPOSITIONS			
Type		Dog	Cat
Adoption		2	17
Return to Owner		7	3
Transferred to Other*		15	3
Other		0	0
Died/lost in care		0	1
Owner Requested Euthanasia		0	0
Euth- all other		0	0
Total		24	24
*Disposed by Transfer			
Dogs	Reason	Neighborhood	
1	Aggression- to County	Hollywood	
1	Poodle to Rescue	Estates	
2	Aggression-County	Estates	
1	County requested return to their shelter	Berwyn	
1	Owner surrender-Pitbull type	Old Town	
1	Pitbull type- stray	Hollywood	
1	No room in shelter- to County	Hollywood	
1	Pitbull type dog-to County	Hollywood	
1	Transferred to rescue	Lake Artemesia	
3	Pitbull type dogs- County	Hollywood	
1	Multiple bite history-County	Cherry Hill	
1	Pitbull type dog	Sunnyside	
Cats			
1	Transferred to the County	UMD	
2	Transferred to rescue agency for adoption	Hollywood	
Other Activity		CY2023	CY2024 (Q1)
Calls for service		266	65
Adoptions through Foster, Petco location, and shelter		19	3
Rabies Clinics		2	1
Returned to owner by ACO		10	0

2023 MARYLAND ANIMAL SHELTER STATISTICS REPORT



Name of Shelter/Facility: **City of College Park Animal Control**

Activity for Calendar Year 2023 (January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023)

	DOGS	CATS
LIVE INTAKE:		
Stray/At Large	18	25
Relinquished by Owner	6	4
Owner- Requested Euthanasia	0	0
Transferred In From Another Agency	0	0
All Other Live Intakes (<i>impounds, births, etc.</i>)	0	0
TOTAL LIVE INTAKE	24	29
DISPOSITION:		
Adoption	2	17
Returned to Owner	7	3
Transferred Out To Another Agency	15	3
Other Live Outcome (<i>includes TNRs released</i>)	0	0
Died/Lost in Care	0	1
Owner-Requested Euthanasia	0	0
Euthanasia-All Other	0	0
TOTAL DISPOSITION	24	24