

# Animal Field Services

- Lawrence, KS -



# Welcome

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# Organizational Overview

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- The Lawrence Humane Society (“LHS”) provides a safe and humane shelter for the city of Lawrence’s lost, homeless, and displaced pets. 6,000 animals per year served through sheltering and community support services.



# Sheltering Services

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- Provided by Agreement with the City of Lawrence:
  - Shelter and care for stray and surrendered animals, bite quarantines, and court seizures
  - 24-hour pick up and medical care for injured or ill stray animal
  - Lost & displaced pet reunification
- Intake diversion through community support services
  - Low cost spay/neuter, microchipping, vaccines
  - TNVR for community cats
  - Crisis Pet Retention program



# 2022 In Review

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- 2,541 animals from the city of Lawrence were housed and cared for at LHS
- 1,865 animals were helped through community support services provided by LHS
- Over 61,000 pounds of pet food in 2022, primarily distributed to residents of the city of Lawrence
- Served 629 animals from 480 households through monthly vaccine clinics.
- Provided \$37,153 in subsidized medical care for 491 owned animals from 348 households through the Crisis Pet Retention program.



# Animal Control - Today

- A division of the Lawrence Police Department
- Staffed with 2 full-time officers
  - (1) 5-8s, Mon-Fri, 7 am to 3:15 pm patrol
  - (1) 4-10s, Fri-Mon, 8 am to 6 pm patrol
  - No coverage when an officer is out for illness or vacation
    - Ex: No officer this Saturday & Sunday due to officer on PTO.
- In 2022, the LHS received 335 stray animals through Animal Control, and 1,096 stray animals directly from the public, for a total of 1,431 stray animals from the city of Lawrence.



### Total Animals Impounded From Lawrence

Year	ACO	ACO %	Public	Public %	Total
2022	387	15%	2154	85%	2541
2021	466	21%	1713	79%	2179
2020	445	21%	1658	79%	2103
2019	510	22%	1854	78%	2364
2018	525	25%	1598	75%	2123
2017	650	29%	1604	71%	2254
2016	644	30%	1498	70%	2142
2015	493	26%	1373	74%	1866

# Animal Field Services Proposed

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The vision of the LHS Animal Field Services Division is to enhance enforcement and compliance in the city. With this partnership, quality, efficacy, and innovation for field services will improve. LHS will increase data collection and accountability with specialized training and customer service-based staffing, in concert with our built-in programmatic components on the sheltering side of the organization. As the City of Lawrence works to meet its strategic plan outcomes, providing continuity of service for all animal-related matters will achieve many of the strategic plan progress indicators.





# Impact & Metrics

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- Free rides home for pets picked up with identification
- Compliance-based resource distribution and education to pet families in need, with warnings and follow-up when appropriate
- Targeted programs to reduce unowned pet populations
- Enhanced animal welfare, neglect, and cruelty investigations and effective prosecutions
- Efficient disposition of animals that are subject to court cases
- Mapping, tracking, and enforcement of nuisance of dangerous animals, with vicious animal offender tracking as well
- Law enforcement training for animal handling and welfare investigations
- Partnerships with human service organizations to provide safe housing to at-risk families' pets
- Shelter intakes as percentage of animal calls
- Dispatched calls for service and resolution
- Compliance-based resolution
- City population and companion animal population data
- Neglect (poverty) and cruelty to animals (punitive)
- Number of lost pets reunited in the field
- Calls by quadrant, heat mapping
- Overlaying animal services calls with human services needs
- Animals microchipped in the field
- Call types by ordinance violation/complaint
- Number and type of after-hours calls
- Nuisance animal tracking and management
- Dangerous dog tracking and management



# Next Steps

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- Reviewed by City Commission
- Budget
  - Unclear on current budget
  - LHS request: \$418,881
- Complaints
- Suggestions and support



# THANK YOU!



*We look forward to what we can  
accomplish together in 2024!*