

Charges to the Work Groups

Sheriff's Committee:

"... to develop a methodology to determine the cost of an Animal Service Unit (ASU) on behalf of the County"

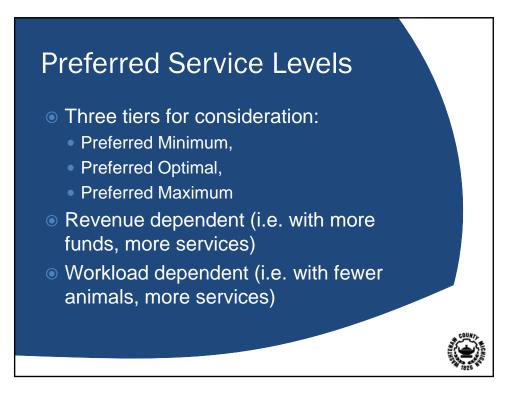
Policy Task Force:

"This group will exist solely for the purpose of developing an animal control policy for the county. This policy will be reflected in the RFP for a scope of services that the county will purchase."









Preferred Minimum Services

Licensing:

- Meet the State requirement for providing a licensing process for dogs (costs included in the Treasurer's budget);
- Meet the State requirement for licensing dog kennels (costs included in the Treasurer's budget)
- Conduct inspections of kennels

Preferred Minimum Services Duty to Hold:

- Meet the State requirement to hold unlicensed dogs for four business days (up to six calendar days);
- Meet the State requirement to hold licensed dogs for seven business days (up to eleven calendar days);
- Meet the State requirement to hold dogs, cats or ferrets suspected of rabies (up to eleven calendar days);
- Meet the State requirement to hold any animal found in a cruelty investigation or dangerous animal investigation (21 days or until the Court relinquishes the animal)

Preferred Minimum Services

Euthanasia

- Euthanize animals showing symptoms of rabies.
- Euthanize animals not removed from the County's care at the end of the holding period.

Animal Cruelty Investigations

 Conduct basic/essential animal cruelty investigations (costs included in the Sheriff's budget)

Preferred Minimum Services

Other Services

- **Urgent Medical Attention:** Address the immediate life-threatening health concerns of animals within the County holding periods;
- **Palliative Care:** Manage the symptoms of sick and injured animals within the County holding periods

Preferred Optimal Services

In Addition to Preferred Minimum

Licensing:

- Provide enforcement of dog licensing via door-to-door census and other means;
- Provide enforcement of kennel licensing via door-todoor census and other means.

Preferred Optimal Services

In Addition to Preferred Minimum

Duty to Hold:

• Hold all animals for 15 calendar days, unless otherwise required by law

Animal Cruelty Investigations

 Provide educational services and follow-ups on unpursued cases

Preferred Optimal Services

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Other Services

- Post information about animals being held by the County to facilitate recovery/adoption;
- Provide medical attention and non-medical care during the County holding period;
- Market adoption services.

Preferred Maximum Services

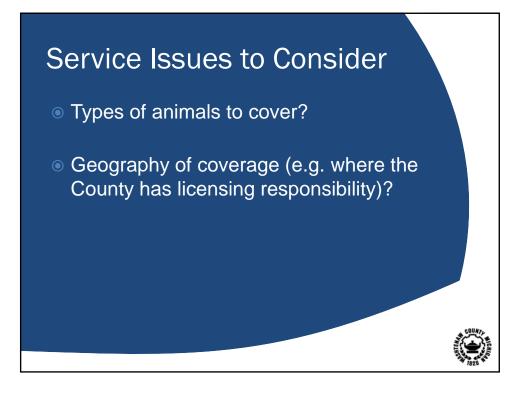
In Addition to Preferred Optimal

Licensing:

- Provide licensing and enforcement services for cats and exotic animals;
- Require electronic chipping of animals kept as pets;

Duty to Hold:

• Hold all animals until they are recovered or adopted, unless otherwise required by law



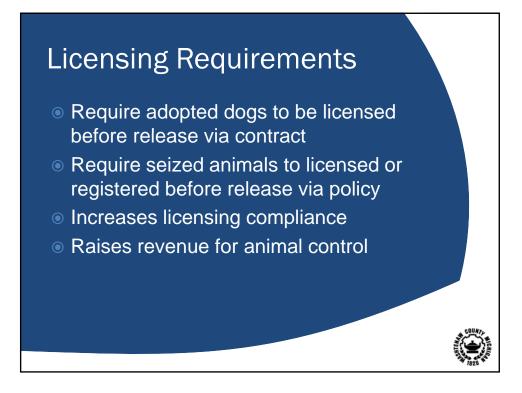


Civil Infractions

- Failure to license currently a misdemeanor – high minimum penalty
- Civil infraction can be a "broken headlight" ticket
- Provides opportunity for enforcement
- Increases revenue for implementation of the Dog Law



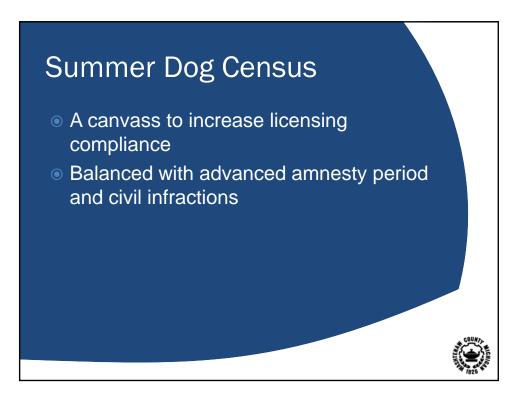
- Voluntary monitoring program
- Registration of cats and exotic pets
- Provides "lost pet" protections/supports
- Creates a revenue stream for services beyond minimum mandate and Dog Law







- Applies to cruelty cases where the County bears the responsibility for housing during trial;
- Reduces the time an animal is in the County's care by either
 - Forfeiting the animal to a shelter for recovery and adoption, or
 - Securing funding from the owner to cover boarding costs during trial

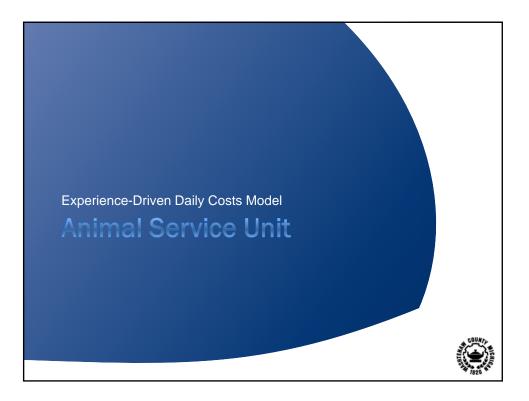


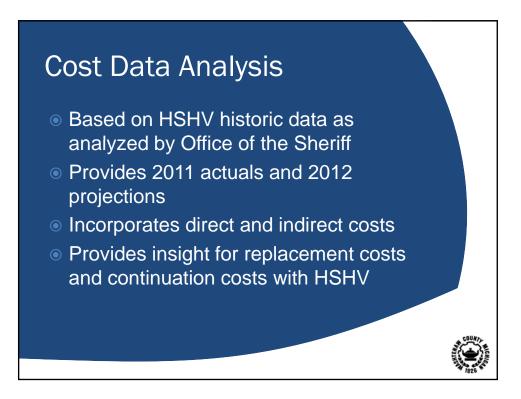
Court Collections

- Compliance with court-ordered restitution demands attentive enforcement
- District Court model proving successful
- Broaden, apply to animal cruelty collections

Veterinary Partnerships

- Vets are primary point of contact for pet owners
- Can be recruited as licensing and registration advocates
- Licenses available online 24/7 but require proof of rabies vaccination – making a trip to the vet an optimal time to get a license

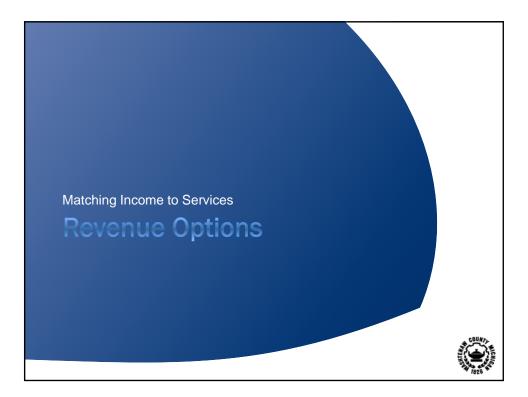


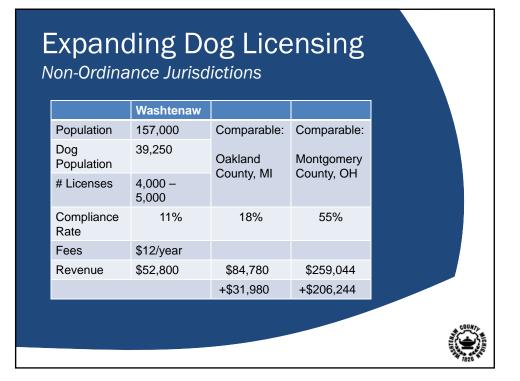


Animal Servi	ce Unit		
	2011	30,560 Days of Care	
Direct Costs	\$571,845	\$18.71	
Indirect Costs	\$54,167	\$1.77	
Overhead	\$58,620	\$1.92	
In Kind Value	\$939,000	\$30.73	
Total Housing	\$1,623,632	\$53.13	



2011 Actuals	Animals	Hard Costs	In Kind Value	Total
Housing Dogs	1,418	\$317,632	\$435,751	\$753,383
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Totals	3,046	\$870,044	\$1,078,108	\$1,948,152





Expanding Dog Licensing

	Washtenaw		
Population	347,000	Comparable:	Comparable:
Dog Population	88,000	Oakland	Montgomery County, OH
# Licenses	4,000 – 5,000	County, MI	County, OH
Compliance Rate	5%	18%	55%
Fees	\$12/year		
Revenue	\$52,800	\$190,080	\$580,800
		+\$137,280	+\$528,000

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Cost Recovery

- Compliance rate currently uncertain
- Cost highly variable due to length of stay
- Potential for full recovery of hard costs
- Lower potential for in kind cost recapture

New Pet Registrations

- Est. 99,000 cats in Washtenaw
- Assuming 5% compliance, \$12 fee
- Potential revenue \$59,400+

Local Government Partners

- Three communities with independent animal control ordinances account for 65% of stray and seized animals
- Local ordinances include cats and sometimes other animals
- Local units collect their own license fees; county bears costs of housing impounded animals





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Program		Metric	Metric	
Expanding Dog Licenses 33% comp		33% compliance \$		
Cost Recovery		50% savin	gs	\$142,750
Pet Registration	Pet Registrations 33% comp		33% compliance \$392,040	
Local Government Partnerships (licenses or			or fees)	\$193,050





