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ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION

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City Council  
Sacramento, CA

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: REPORT BACK ON NON-STATE MANDATED ANIMAL CONTROL  
ACTIVITIES**

### **SUMMARY**

In response to a request from the City Council at the June 5, 1991 special meeting regarding the 1991-1993 operating budget, this report identifies the non-state mandated (council discretionary) animal control activities currently conducted by the Animal Control Division.

### **BACKGROUND**

City Code sections relating to animal control determine which non-state mandated tasks are performed by Animal Control Division staff. Most sections are not related to state mandated activities but are discretionary in nature. These sections were adopted by the City Council to respond to the needs of the community. The Animal Control Division presently investigates and enforces the following non-state mandated animal control activities:

- Vicious animal statutes
- Animal impoundment and redemption laws
- Regulations regarding the control and care of animals
- Barking dog regulations
- Leash law requirements
- Mini-pig regulations
- Livestock regulations
- Wild and/or exotic animal requirements
- Three (3) dog/pig limit

The division also operates and participates in:

- A spay/neuter program
- Animal adoption program
- Animal care educational program
- A vaccination program
- Animal obedience training

Animal Control also investigates and resolves animal ownership disputes and assists the Sacramento Police Department during arrests when animals are involved and provides kennel services at the request of SPD. Additionally, Animal Control picks up live, injured, or dead animals when requested by the public.

The veterinary unit of the California Department of Health Services (DOHS) has declared Sacramento County a rabies control area. Every City and County in a rabies control area is mandated by the state to: (1) license dogs; (2) provide rabies control; (3) receive and investigate bite reports; (4) quarantine rabies suspect animals; and (5) capture and kennel injured, abandoned, or neglected animals.

### **FINANCIAL DATA**

Providing only mandated services eliminates ten (10) animal control positions and results in a budget reduction of \$469,000.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

The policy issue is whether or not to continue to provide discretionary services to the community.

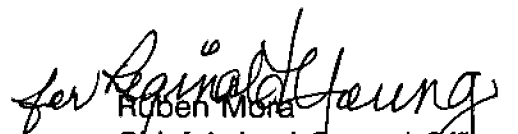
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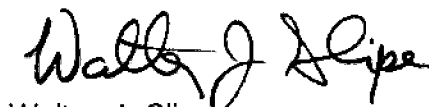
**RECOMMENDATION**


This report is for information purposes only.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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