



## Lane County Animal Services • Historic Partnership Since 1976

### 2009-2010 IMPACT:

**2,063 animals** impounded for care at the shelter, of which **665 were returned** to their owner

**1,020 animals** were adopted to new homes

**6,642 calls for service** were responded to by Animal Welfare Officers

**506 cases of abuse** and neglect were investigated

**8,704 licenses** were sold

**731 vouchers** issued for low-income spay/neuter services



### LCAS working with the Community

#### Public Safety

Animal Welfare Officers work to keep both people and animals safe. LCAS responds when animals pose a safety risk to people, whether involving dog bites or other potentially dangerous behavior, or when animals pose other dangers, such as running loose in traffic. Officers investigate cases of abuse and neglect involving companion animals and livestock, enforcing animal code and removing animals to protect them from dangerous and unhealthy situations as necessary. Animal Welfare Officers also assist local law enforcement by responding to accident or crime scenes where animals are present.

#### Public Health

LCAS plays an important role in the prevention of rabies and other zoonotic diseases, both through the required rabies vaccination reporting system and through public information. Public health and welfare is also supported through LCAS work to shelter stray animals who would otherwise be loose in communities.

### Lane County Animal Services

(LCAS) provides animal-related services to residents in unincorporated Lane County and the City of Eugene. We also provide sheltering services for the City of Springfield. The three jurisdictions work together to ensure public animal health, safety, and quality of life within the community.

#### Return to Owner

The pet licensing program at LCAS provides a free phone call home for animals who otherwise can't tell us where they live—often without even having to be impounded at the shelter. Any animal displaying an LCAS license can be reunited with its owner around the clock through a call to local law enforcement.

#### Help for Low-Income Owners

Many in our community have fallen on hard times, and LCAS does what it can to help. A portion of license revenue supports vouchers for discounted spay/neuter surgeries for qualified low-income residents, and owners who are struggling to afford food for their animals can also receive assistance at LCAS by sharing pet food donated to the shelter.

**1976** .....

Tri-Agency created by Lane County, Eugene, and Springfield

**1981** .....

Lane County created Lane County Animal Regulation Authority to deliver animal services

**2002** .....

County Commissioners appoint Animal Regulation Advisory Task Force, producing a comprehensive report titled Findings and Recommendations that covers a wide range of issues including licensing, spay and neuter, legal, public education, facilities and staffing, and funding issues.

**2007** .....

County Commissioners appoint Save Adoptable Animals Task Force, producing Save Adoptable Animals Report & Recommendations targeting a set of recommendations that would have the greatest effect on saving animals. Renamed division to Lane County Animal Services (LCAS)

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**Community Commitment**

In addition to the partnership between Lane County, Eugene, and Springfield, LCAS works closely with the other cities in Lane County to provide assistance to them on animal related issues as requested. Additionally, LCAS has developed a strong partnership with veterinarians throughout the County, who provided more than \$10,000 in pro-bono veterinary care to LCAS's homeless and stray animals during the year. In cooperation with Lane County Veterinary Medical Association (LCVMA) and Greenhill Humane Society, LCAS plays a significant role in disaster preparedness through the local Animals in Disaster coalition. This year LCVMA donated funds for response equipment and actively trains volunteers for responding to a local emergency.

**Partnerships**

**Community Engagement**

The programs and services at LCAS continue to be shaped by the values of the community in which we live. Volunteers logged about 600 hours of volunteer time each month, walking shelter dogs, cuddling cats, improving the grounds and facility, fostering animals in their own homes, and supporting the office, among many other jobs. The community has further assisted by donating more than \$76,000 in funds, and even more in-kind (food, medicines, equipment) directly to LCAS in 2009-2010.

In 2007, in response to significant public input, the County Board of Commissioners adopted a policy directing that LCAS do everything within its resources to

**Saving Adoptable and Treatable Animals**

avoid euthanizing adoptable animals in the absence of serious medical or behavioral problems. This policy expanded LCAS's program to enhance opportunities for rescues, foster placement, adoptions, expanded spay and neuter, and medical and behavioral assessment and rehabilitation. LCAS

**Live Release Rate**

works collaboratively with the community to ensure positive outcomes for stray and homeless animals in our care.

In 2009-2010, LCAS posted an overall 93% live release rate for animals impounded at the shelter. The Live Release Rate is calculated according to the Asilomar Accords, establishing a consistent method for calculating and comparing euthanasia rates across shelters in the US. The Annual Live Release Rate does not include owner requested euthanasia which were unhealthy and untreatable, and animals that died or were lost or stolen from the shelter.

