

**JOINT ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSION  
MEETING AGENDA  
AUGUST 7, 2023 AT 5:30PM  
IN-PERSON AND REMOTE MEETING  
CITY OF LACEY – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
420 COLLEGE STREET SE, LACEY, WA 98503**

**In-person attendance:** Lacey City Council Chambers, 420 College St SE, Lacey WA 98503

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

**1 ROLL CALL:**

**Board Members:**

- Lisa Parshley, City of Olympia – Chair
- Peter Agabi, City of Tumwater – Vice Chair
- Ed Kunkel, City of Lacey
- Gary Edwards, Thurston County
- Jo MacGugan, Feline Friends of Olympia
- Vicky Smith, DVM, Deschutes Animal Clinic
- Mike Murphy, DVM, Thurston County Humane Society

**Animal Services Staff:**

- Sarah Hock, Executive Director

**City of Lacey Staff:**

- Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA, Previous Meeting Minutes, and Consent Items:**

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. July 10, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- C. July 2023 Shelter Statistics

2 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

To provide public comment by Zoom, please use the “raise your hand” function.  
To provide public comment by phone, please press \*9.

3 **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- A. JAS Programs & Services
- B. Municipal Code Review

4 **DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

- A. Director’s Report

5 **ADJOURN**

**VISION:**

Our vision is to build a safe and humane community for humans and animals.

**MISSION:**

To foster an environment of respect, responsibility, and compassion for all animals through learning, legislation and leadership.

**GOALS:**

- Ensure and advocate for animal welfare.
- Promote public safety.
- Support responsible animal ownership.

**MINUTES OF THE JASCOM MEETING**  
**July 10, 2023**  
**In-Person and Remote JASCOM Meeting**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lisa Parshley, City of Olympia; Peter Agabi, City of Tumwater; Jo MacGugan, Feline Friends of Olympia; Vicky Smith, Deschutes Animal Clinic; Mike Murphy, Thurston County Humane Society

**STAFF PRESENT:** Sarah Hock, Executive Director of Joint Animal Services

**STAFF LIAISON:** Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

**MEETING BEGAN:** 5:30 PM meeting called to order by Chair Parshley

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA, PREVIOUS  
MINUTES, AND  
CONSENT  
ITEMS:**

COUNCIL MEMBER AGABI MOVED THAT THE AGENDA, PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES, AND CONSENT ITEMS BE ACCEPTED. MEMBER MUPHY SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

**BUSINESS ITEMS:** SHELTER OVERVIEW – Q1 & Q2

Executive Director, Sarah Hock, reviews shelter statistics with JASCOM, noting that intakes have increased by 35%. Positive Outcomes have increased by 34% and euthanasias have unfortunately increased by 7%.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Sarah Hock presented the Director's report highlighting that JAS has begun doing in-house spay and neuter surgeries. Hock also presented other updates related to shelter operations including National Adoption Weekend.

**STAFF  
PRESENTATIONS:** NONE

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, September 11 at 5:30 PM due to Labor Day, In-Person and Virtual Meeting

**Animal Services Shelter Statistics 2022**

23-Jul 22-Jul

**Intake**

**Total Animals Received (live and doa)**

Dogs	97	75
Cats	175	113
Other	11	43
Wild	12	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>241</b>

**Custody-Misc Reasons**

Dogs	5	5
Cats	0	0
Other	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

**Strays Received**

Dogs	79	43
Cats	130	85
Other	5	37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>165</b>

**Owner Surrendered**

Dogs	13	26
Cats	45	26
Other	1	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>55</b>

**Owner Status Refused**

Dogs	0	0
Cats	0	0
Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**WILDLIFE HANDLED**

**Incoming**

Live	7	6
Doa	5	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>

**Outgoing**

Doa	5	4
Euthanized (sick/inj)	5	6
Died	1	0
Bat-Rabies check	0	0
Released/Transferred	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>

**Outgoing Animals**

**Total Animals Out, incl all categories below**

Dogs	95	69
Cats	183	111
Other	9	40
Wild	11	10
Died, esc, stolen	2	1

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>231</b>
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**Animals Adopted**

Dogs	40	15
Cats	125	65
Other	8	35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>115</b>

**Animals Transferred**

Dogs	2	9
Cats	28	19
Other	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>

**Animals Reclaimed**

Dogs	34	24
Cats	3	8
Other	0	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>

**Animals DOA**

Dogs	0	5
Cats	13	6
Other	5	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>

**All Euthanasia, Died, Escaped, Stolen (from pg 2)**

Dogs	19	16
Cats	27	12
Other	12	8
Died, esc, stolen	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>37</b>

23-Jul	22-Jul
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**EUTHANASIA, DIED, ESCAPED, STOLEN**

**Animals Euthanized**

**Unhealthy/Untreatable**

Dogs	15	16
Cats	12	11
Other	7	8

**Treatable - Rehabilitatable**

Dogs	2	0
Cats	0	1
Other	0	0

**Treatable - Manageable**

Dogs	2	0
Cats	2	0
Other	0	0

**Healthy**

Dogs	0	0
Cats	0	0

Other	0	0
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Owner Request (E5)</b>		
Dogs	10	14
Cats	5	7
Other	1	0
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>TOTAL EUTHANASIA</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Died At Shelter</b>	2	1
<b>Escaped/Stolen</b>	0	0
<b>FIELD AND OTHER SERVICES</b>		
<b>Animals Currently</b>		
<b>Court Involved</b>		
Dogs	0	0
Cats	0	0
Other	0	0
<b>Field Response</b>		
Olympia	77	54
Lacey	52	60
Tumwater	24	19
Thurston County	96	76
JBLM	2	1
Other	4	2
Yelm	11	6
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>218</b>
<b>PDD/DD Appeals</b>	0	0

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
<b>INCOMING ANIMALS</b>													
<b>Total Animals Received (live and doa)</b>													
Dogs	73	93	80	86	92	89	97	0	0	0	0	0	610
Cats	88	89	66	249	196	172	175	0	0	0	0	0	1,035
Other	7	6	3	6	9	18	11	0	0	0	0	0	60
Wild	5	40	20	15	15	22	12	0	0	0	0	0	129
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,834</b>
<b>Custody-Misc Reasons</b>													
Dogs	3	1	0	2	6	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	22
Cats	1	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Strays Received</b>													
Dogs	48	63	57	62	66	62	79	0	0	0	0	0	437
Cats	47	48	51	79	106	100	130	0	0	0	0	0	561
Other	6	15	3	2	2	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,037</b>
<b>Owner Surrendered</b>													
Dogs	22	27	22	22	20	22	13	0	0	0	0	0	148
Cats	40	24	14	167	73	71	45	0	0	0	0	0	434
Other	1	5	0	2	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Owner Status Refused</b>													
Unsocialized pets that have lived on the person's property 14 days or more, but the person denies ownership.													
Dogs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>WILDLIFE HANDLED</b>													
<b>Incoming</b>													
Live	1	2	12	11	7	16	7	0	0	0	0	0	56
Doa	4	4	8	4	8	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Outgoing</b>													
Doa	4	4	8	4	8	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	39
Euthanized (sick/inj)	1	2	11	4	4	14	5	0	0	0	0	0	41
Died	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Bat-Rabies check	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Released/Transferred	0	0	0	6	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>OUTGOING ANIMALS</b>													
<b>Total Animals Out, incl all categories below</b>													
Dogs	73	90	75	84	93	83	95	0	0	0	0	0	593
Cats	86	90	67	107	213	185	183	0	0	0	0	0	931
Other	13	24	11	12	7	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	84
Wild	5	6	19	14	15	22	11	0	0	0	0	0	92
Died, esc, stolen	2	1	1	7	3	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,721</b>
<b>Animals Adopted</b>													
Dogs	20	30	20	29	34	35	40	0	0	0	0	0	208
Cats	41	56	29	26	96	104	125	0	0	0	0	0	477
Other	12	13	9	11	10	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>754</b>
<b>Animals Transferred</b>													
Dogs	6	4	11	7	6	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	37
Cats	18	10	14	41	83	24	28	0	0	0	0	0	218
Other	0	0	1	6	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>265</b>
<b>Animals Reclaimed</b>													
Dogs	25	30	24	24	34	23	34	0	0	0	0	0	194
Cats	2	0	3	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	14
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>208</b>
<b>Animals DOA</b>													
Dogs	4	11	4	5	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Cats	12	16	11	22	10	22	13	0	0	0	0	0	106
Other	4	14	8	5	8	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>190</b>
<b>All Euthanasia, Died, Escaped, Stolen (from pg 2)</b>													
Dogs	18	15	16	19	15	17	19	0	0	0	0	0	119
Cats	11	8	10	12	15	33	27	0	0	0	0	0	116
Other	2	3	12	4	7	16	12	0	0	0	0	0	56
Died, esc, stolen	2	1	1	7	3	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	21







# Joint Animal Services Commission

## Services & Programs

When people think of Joint Animal Services (JAS), they usually think that all we do is humane law-enforcement, adoptions, a place to bring stray animals, or to license your pet. But JAS encompasses so many more programs and services that benefit the animals and people of our community. The overarching goals for all of these programs are to ensure that pets can stay with their families, to prevent unnecessary intakes, and to make our community a safe haven for animals.



**Volunteer Program** – for many organizations including JAS, the support our volunteer program provides is essential to day-to-day operations. Without their contributions and dedication, JAS would not be able to care for the 2,600 that come through our doors annually. They do all day-to-day activities such as laundry, cleaning kennels, helping to match make with potential adopters, and are out in the community at events representing JAS. In 2023, year-to-date, we have had **187 volunteers** provide **3,592 hours!**

**Foster Program** – our dedicated fosters help to reduce the number of animals within our shelter, providing care in a safe and less stressful environment. They truly are the reason JAS is able to have



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double the number of animals in our care than the JAS shelter has capacity for. For example, we currently have 193 animals in our care, but 71 are in foster homes. This is often the case during the summer months when foster homes are filled with underage and neonate kittens. Last year, we had **77 foster homes** caring for **267 animals!**

**Advocacy** – plays an important role for JAS both through local and state legislation. JAS was proud to support **HB 1424**, Concerning consumer protection with respect to the sale and adoption of dogs and cats, and **HB 1234**, Concerning the civil forfeiture of animals seized for abuse or neglect, during the lasted legislative session. JAS Executive Director gave testimony in support of HB 1234 and was present at the bill signing in May.

**Low-income Spay Neuter Vouchers** – currently JAS works with two other nonprofit entities, Thurston County Humane Society, and SNAP (Spay Neuter Assistance Program) to provide low-cost spay/neuter (s/n) vouchers to pet owners in Thurston County who cannot afford to s/n their pet. **We hand out around 60-75 vouchers per month, all of which are usually gone within 2 days. This totals around 720-900 vouchers a year.**

**Reunification programs** – we use both our website and social media to help reunite owners with their pets. The overarching goal is that the animal does not come through our doors, but is reunited thanks to our community members.

**Community Cat Program** – This new program, piloted last year received \$18,000 in grant funding from Best Friends Animal Society to trap, spay/neuter, vaccinate, and return free-roaming cats to the area that they live as a humane and effective way to manage cat populations for cats that would otherwise be euthanized. Since its inception, we have run **56 cats through this program that would have otherwise been euthanized.**

**Emergency Housing Program (EH)** – provides temporary housing for pets whose owners are having a housing crisis or are in the hospital and do not have someone to care for their pet(s) in the interim. Last year we had **16 animals** become temporary residents in our EH program.



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**Owner Surrenders and Rehoming Services** - The shelter can be a stressful place for animals, we encourage owners to try and work through issues with their pets and provide resources such as veterinarians, a pet behaviorist, or even friends. Many times, alternative solutions can be found other than surrendering your pet.

If unfortunately a community member's circumstances have changed and they need to still rehome their pet, they can do it directly through trusted websites. We utilize both *Home-to-Home* and *Rehoming by Adopt-A-Pet*. Since moving to a more holistic, community-centric approach, total overall numbers have been significantly reduced. **Prior to implementation 41% of all intakes we comprised of owner surrenders, in 2022 that number was 24%.** When the community can rehome their pet directly, they are helping JAS and all pets great and small. Avoiding a shelter surrender helps reduce overcrowding in our shelter and allows more resources to be available to help those animals that have no other option.

**Roof Over Rover** - since the summer of 2005, Animal Services has offered its *Roof Over Rover* program. Using donated dog houses, the shelter provides dog houses to low-income households in need of shelter for their pets.

**Humane Education and Community Events** – Humane Education reduces violence by addressing the troubling link between violent acts toward animals and interpersonal violence. It harnesses young people's natural fascination and affinity with animals as a foundation for building compassion, respect, and social and emotional learning and strengthens academic engagement, and has a measurable impact on increasing the prosocial behaviors of students. We are excited to be relaunching our Humane Education programs this fall!

We are back into full swing this year with our community events, having participated in **14 events** this year so far, and have more on the horizon.

- 2/25 – Harley Davidson Adoption Event
- 4/1 – Dog-Gone Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/16 – Rabbit Adoption Event @ Ashley Furniture
- 4/29 – Adoption Event @ The Wave
- 5/6 – Paws 4 A Cause
- 5/20-5/21 – Lacey Fun Fair
- 6/10 – Dog Days, City of Tumwater
- 6/10 – Kids Day @ The Tenino Farmers Market
- 6/17 – Swede Day in Rochester
- 6/24 – Prairie Days in Yelm
- 6/30 – Nisqually Tribe Health Department's Health Fair and Pride Event
- 7/23 – Pet Day @ Tumwater Farmer's Market
- 7/28 – Craft for Shelter Pets Day
- 7/29 - Cops, Cars, and Kids



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## Municipal Code Review

As part of the five-year strategic plan that the Joint Animal Services Commission (JASCOM) created, Joint Animal Services (JAS) has been reviewing the municipal code for all jurisdictions that we serve (Thurston County and cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater). JAS's goal is that by the end of 2023, or early 2024, we would present to JASCOM recommendations for updates and changes in municipal codes relating to animals and humane law enforcement. Upon review, the most recent overall revision was over 20 years ago for all jurisdictions.

There are a variety of items that we are looking at and identifying throughout the code. For example, the review would include: looking for outdated language, confusing language, enforcement issues, or barriers to providing life-saving programs. Previous review changes include:

- 2022 Community Cats
- 2021 Retail Sales of Dogs and Cats

Current example:

### **Lacey Municipal Code**

#### **7.04.060 Impoundment and redemption.**

B. *Notification of owner.* Upon any pet animal being impounded, Animal Services shall, as soon as feasible, notify the owner or keeper, if the owner or keeper is known, of the impoundment of the pet animal, and the terms required for the pet animal's return to the owner or keeper. Notification will be made by telephone, if possible, and next by written notice if the owner's or keeper's telephone number is unknown. **If the owner or keeper cannot be identified, then notification of impoundment will be posted on a recorded outgoing telephone message (See subsection D of this section) and shall include a description of the pet animal, the reason for impoundment, the general location where the animal was found, and the date the impounding occurred.** Notice shall advise the owner or keeper that the pet animal may be **placed for adoption or euthanized** by Animal Services unless reclaimed within the time limits provided in this section.

Suggested Changes:

### **Lacey Municipal Code**

#### **7.04.060 Impoundment and redemption.**

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Other additional changes to all jurisdictions municipal codes could include:

### Waiver of fees and penalties.

For example:

A. The Director of Animal Services may waive or provide periods of amnesty for payment of outstanding licensing fees, late licensing penalty fees, adoption fees, and redemption and sheltering fees, in whole or in part, when to do so would further the goals of the animal services section and be in the public interest.

B. In determining whether a waiver should apply, the Director of Animal Services section must take into consideration the following elements:

1. The reason the animal was impounded;
2. The reason or basis for the violation, the nature of the violation, the duration of the violation, and the likelihood the violation will not recur;
3. The total amount of the fees charged as compared with the gravity of the violation;
4. The effect on the owner, the animal's welfare, and animal services if the fee or fees or penalties are not waived and no payment is received.

This code change would allow JAS to waive or reduce fees depending on the circumstances, examples of situations would be:

- An adoption special when we are at capacity. Currently, we have to find sponsorships to cover the adoption fees.
- The owner was considered low-income and could not afford redemption fees.
- The dog escaped and was impounded between the time period of July 3-5 when fireworks are being set off.



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**Next Steps:** Once all recommendations are compiled they will be presented to JASCOM for consideration. If approved, a letter from JASCOM with the recommendations will be sent to the jurisdictions.



## Joint Animal Services Commission Director's report

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Operations

#### **BISSELL Pet Foundation's Empty the Shelter Event**

Joint Animal Services participated in the BISSELL Pet Foundation's Empty the Shelter Event on Friday July 20 – Saturday, July 21. Thanks to their generosity we were able to reduce adoption fees to \$25 for both dogs and cats. We had a total of 29 animals adopted!

#### **Space Needs Assessment**

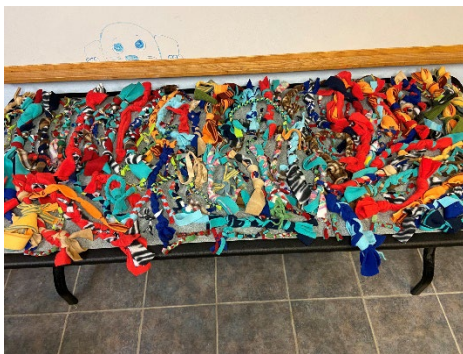
The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Space Needs Assessment has been posted by the City of Lacey. The Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) from interested firms is due by Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Adoption Kennels**

Working with the City of Lacey we have begun looking at kennel options, and costs for the Dog Adoption Room. This was a work item JASCOM approved in the 2023 JAS budget. We have had to draw up some different configurations of kennels for the adoption room, as the size we currently have is not being made any longer. We have been working with kennel companies to provide specs, and will most likely put out an RFQ for contractors qualified for demolition and installation of the new dog adopt kennels.

#### **Craft for Shelter Pets Day**

We had a very successful first Craft for Pets Day here at the shelter. Lots of children and adults joined us for crafts on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Everyone made toys to give out to the shelter pets and new adopters to take with them when they adopt! One of our foster pups even stopped by for a visit.





## Joint Animal Services Commission Director's report

### Happy Tails

Hugo, now Hobo, was brought to the shelter as a stray. He needed a special home since he did not get along with other animals. Here is a letter he wrote to the staff after being adopted:

Hi to all of my friends back at the shelter. I just want to thank you for taking care of me all that time. I'm settling into my new home very comfortably and I'm starting to get my humans trained (though it may take a while to get them doing everything I want). They feed me and they take me on long walks every day and that is fun. I'm even meeting some new friends. But it is going to take me a while to relax around them; I'm going to try though.



So far I only have one personal bed but I've trained them to share their couches with me. It wasn't hard.

Did I mention that they feed me well? My eating habits aren't really what you'd call 'normal' yet, but we're working on it. They think sometime in my previous life I must have been fed a lot of people food because I hang out in the kitchen a lot when they are cooking. I try to give them my best "Can't you see I'm starving? Please feed me some of that good stuff before I wither away to nothing." look, but so far it hasn't worked. I don't think they believe that I'm really, really starving. I'll have to work harder at this.



They are taking me to visit my new vet next Monday to get me all checked out -- they tell me he is really nice so I'm not too worried about it.

By the way, they've changed my name to "Hobo." I don't mind since to me it sounds a lot like Hugo. They even got me a new tag with my name on one side and a bunch of numbers on the other. I don't know why they did this since they must know I can't read and I didn't do well at math when I went to doggie school. Oh, well, I don't mind as long as they keep feeding me and letting me sleep on their couches.

Thanks again for taking care of me when I really needed a place to crash. - Hobo