



ANIMAL SERVICES

Joint Animal Services Commission **Amended*** Regular Meeting Agenda

Refer to the bottom of the agenda for meeting information.

Monday, September 9, 2024

5:30 PM

Lacey City Hall and Online

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

- A. Lisa Parshley, City of Olympia, Chair
- B. Peter Agabi, City of Tumwater, Vice Chair
- C. Malcolm Miller, City of Lacey
- D. Wayne Fournier, Thurston County
- E. Jo MacGugan, Feline Friends of Olympia
- F. Vicky Smith, DVM, Deschutes Animal Clinic
- G. Mike Murphy, DVM, Thurston County Humane Society

3. Approval of **Amended*** Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. July 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes
- C. July and August 2024 Shelter Statistics

4. Public Comment

Refer to the bottom of the agenda for instructions on how to provide public comment.

5. Business Items

***Amended Agenda:** Item 5C was taken up before Item 5A.

- A. **Volunteer Program Update**
Meagan McKay, Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator
- B. **Field Services Update**
Sierra Teas, Field Services Supervisor
- C. **2025 Jurisdictional Assessment Estimates**
Sarah Hock, Executive Director

6. Director Report

7. Adjourn

Attendance and Public Comment

Attend Remote or In-Person

The public may attend the meeting in-person, or you may view or listen to the meeting using one of the following platforms:

In-Person	Council Chambers at Lacey City Hall 420 College Street SE, Lacey, WA 98503
Zoom:	https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zzSS0ctvSUQJiBafPusWFQ
Website:	https://cityoflacey.org/government/public-meetings/
Facebook:	https://www.facebook.com/cityoflacey
YouTube:	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Q4d6FYjHG8
Cable:	Channel 77 with your local cable provider
Phone:	(888) 788-0099 or (877) 853-5247 (Webinar ID 897 9886 7285)

Verbal Public Comment

Each speaker is limited to three minutes. Comments are welcome on matters connected to City business or specific agenda items.

Prior to starting your comments, please provide your:

- a. Name
- b. City of residence or connection to the Commission
- c. Topic or subject matter of your comments

Those wishing to provide verbal public comment may do so in-person or by Zoom:

In-Person:	Use the sign-up sheet located in the Council Chambers.
Zoom:	Preregister using the following Zoom link no later than two hours prior to the meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zzSS0ctvSUQJiBafPusWFQ

Instructions and access details will be provided once registration is complete.



Written Public Comment

Public comments may also be submitted by email to Public.Comment@jointanimalservices.org. The commenting period will close two hours before the meeting time. Written comments will be provided to the Commission electronically prior to the meeting. Comments will not be addressed during the meeting; however, comments received will be added to the official record.





City of Lacey, Washington
Joint Animal Services Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 8, 2024 - Lacey City Hall and Online

1. Call to Order

Chair Parshley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

JOINT ANIMAL SERVICES (JAS) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Lisa Parshley, City of Olympia; Commissioner(s) Malcolm Miller, City of Lacey; Emily Clouse, Thurston County (present after 5:34 p.m.); Jo MacGugan, Feline Friends of Olympia; and Vicky Smith, DVM, Deschutes Animal Clinic

JOINT ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Vice Chair Peter Agabi, City of Tumwater; and Mike Murphy, DVM, Thurston County Humane Society

STAFF PRESENT: Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager; Sarah Hock, Executive Director of JAS; Dave Schneider, City Attorney; Ashley Smith, Design and Construction Manager; and Brandy Legomina, Deputy City Clerk

3. Approval of the Amended Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of the Amended Agenda
- B. May 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes
- C. May 2024 Shelter Statistics

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the amended agenda adding Item 5.A - Space Needs Assessment Update and Appraisal Process, meeting minutes of May 13, 2024, and May 2024 shelter statistics. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

The Commission received no verbal or written public comment.

5. Business Items

A. Space Needs Assessment Update and Appraisal Process

Dave Schneider, City Attorney

Sarah Hock, Joint Animal Services Executive Director

Ashley Smith, Design and Construction Manager

Hock presented the Space Needs Assessment Update and Appraisal Process. This presentation included discussion on the Work Plan timeline and a list of completed tasks including: Task one (1) - Data gathering for current and potential sites; animal intakes and outcomes; strategic planning; current programs; applicable regulations; tours of the current site; and workshops to identify needs and priorities. Task two (2) – Animal Arts prioritized space requirements; adjacency diagrams; and site advantages, disadvantages, and constraints for rebuilding on the current site. Task three (3) will include concept plans. The recommendation is to move forward with a concept floor plan for one (1) alternative site. Discussion among the Commission, Schneider, and Ashley Smith ensued on the description of a potential alternative site, a final concept plan, and a final cost model.

6. Director Report

A. Director Sarah Hock

Hock presented the Director's Report. This presentation included discussion on private contributions; the number of spay/neuter surgeries; staffing and training updates; shelter capacity and waived fees; the Best Friends National Conference; JAS events; and Happy Tails reports for Sasha (aka Christina Wagulera) and Knox (aka Jar Jar Binks).

7. Adjourn

Chair Parshley adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.



Animal Services Shelter Statistics 2024

24-Jul 23-Jul

Intake

Total Animals Received (live and doa)

Dogs	133	97
Cats	163	175
Other	11	11
Wild	24	12
TOTAL	331	295

Custody-Misc Reasons

Dogs	2	5
Cats	2	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	4	5

Strays Received

Dogs	75	79
Cats	132	130
Other	6	5
TOTAL	213	214

Owner Surrendered

Dogs	55	13
Cats	18	45
Other	4	1
TOTAL	77	59

Owner Status Refused

Dogs	0	0
Cats	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	0	0

WILDLIFE HANDLED

Incoming

Live	11	7
Doa	13	5
TOTAL	24	12

Outgoing

Doa	13	5
Euthanized (sick/inj)	11	5
Died	0	1
Bat-Rabies check	0	0
Released/Transferred	0	1
TOTAL	24	12

Outgoing Animals

Total Animals Out, incl all categories below

Dogs	147	95
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Cats	164	183
Other	12	9
Wild	24	11
Died, esc, stolen	0	2
TOTAL	347	300

Animals Adopted

Dogs	52	40
Cats	78	125
Other	7	8
TOTAL	137	173

Animals Transferred

Dogs	12	2
Cats	23	28
Other	2	1
Total	37	31

Animals Reclaimed

Dogs	35	34
Cats	7	3
Other	1	0
TOTAL	43	37

Animals DOA

Dogs	14	0
Cats	8	13
Other	0	5
TOTAL	22	18

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

Dogs	28	19
Cats	23	27
Other	9	12
Died, esc, stolen	0	2
Total	60	60

24-Jul 23-Jul

EUTHANASIA, DIED, ESCAPED, STOLEN

Animals Euthanized

Unhealthy/Untreatable

Dogs	18	15
Cats	15	12
Other	0	7

Treatable - Rehabilitatable

Dogs	8	2
Cats	6	0
Other	0	0

Treatable - Manageable

Dogs	2	2
Cats	2	2
Other	0	0

Healthy

Dogs	0	0
Cats	0	0
Other	0	0
SUB-TOTAL	51	40

Owner Request (E5)

Dogs	10	10
Cats	4	5
Other	0	1
SUB-TOTAL	14	16

TOTAL EUTHANASIA	51	40
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Died At Shelter	0	2
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Escaped/Stolen	0	0
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FIELD AND OTHER SERVICES**Animals Currently**

Court Involved	Dogs	0	0
	Cats	0	0
	Other	0	0

Field Response

Olympia	87	77
Lacey	66	52
Tumwater	36	24
Thurston County	94	96
JBLM	1	2
Other	3	4
Yelm	10	11
SUB TOTAL	297	266

PDD/DD Appeals	0	0
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Animal Services Shelter Statistics 2024

24-Aug 23-Aug

Intake

Total Animals Received (live and doa)

Dogs	136	86
Cats	200	171
Other	3	69
Wild	19	14
TOTAL	358	340

Custody-Misc Reasons

Dogs	6	3
Cats	3	3
Other	0	62
TOTAL	9	68

Strays Received

Dogs	71	63
Cats	143	156
Other	3	1
TOTAL	217	220

Owner Surrendered

Dogs	59	18
Cats	53	12
Other	0	4
TOTAL	112	34

Owner Status Refused

Dogs	0	0
Cats	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	0	0

WILDLIFE HANDLED

Incoming

Live	10	6
Doa	9	4
TOTAL	19	10

Outgoing

Doa	9	4
Euthanized (sick/inj)	10	6
Died	0	0
Bat-Rabies check	0	0
Released/Transferred	0	1
TOTAL	19	11

Outgoing Animals

Total Animals Out, incl all categories below

Dogs	145	90
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Cats	209	163
Other	3	8
Wild	19	14
Died, esc, stolen	9	5
TOTAL	385	280

Animals Adopted

Dogs	54	32
Cats	111	87
Other	2	13
TOTAL	167	132

Animals Transferred

Dogs	12	2
Cats	24	21
Other	0	0
Total	36	23

Animals Reclaimed

Dogs	21	28
Cats	4	11
Other	0	0
TOTAL	25	39

Animals DOA

Dogs	10	6
Cats	18	23
Other	9	6
TOTAL	37	35

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

Dogs	27	20
Cats	39	22
Other	11	8
Died, esc, stolen	9	5
Total	86	55

24-Aug 23-Aug

EUTHANASIA, DIED, ESCAPED, STOLEN

Animals Euthanized

Unhealthy/Untreatable

Dogs	18	20
Cats	18	12
Other	11	6

Treatable - Rehabilitatable

Dogs	6	6
Cats	16	1
Other	0	1

Treatable - Manageable

Dogs	3	1
Cats	5	3
Other	0	0

Healthy

Dogs	0	0
Cats	0	0
Other	0	0
SUB-TOTAL	77	50

Owner Request (E5)

Dogs	9	11
Cats	4	3
Other	0	2
SUB-TOTAL	13	16

TOTAL EUTHANASIA	77	50
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Died At Shelter	9	5
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Escaped/Stolen	0	0
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FIELD AND OTHER SERVICES**Animals Currently**

Court Involved		
Dogs	0	0
Cats	0	0
Other	0	62

Field Response

Olympia	78	76
Lacey	68	55
Tumwater	23	44
Thurston County	115	103
JBLM	1	4
Other	4	5
Yelm	18	8
TOTAL	307	295

PDD/DD Appeals	1	0
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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD24
INCOMING ANIMALS													
Total Animals Received (live and doa)													
Dogs	78	102	108	107	104	90	133	136	0	0	0	0	858
Cats	74	58	138	91	122	167	163	200	0	0	0	0	1,013
Other	2	3	21	3	10	13	11	3	0	0	0	0	66
Wild	7	5	8	6	12	16	24	19	0	0	0	0	97
TOTAL	161	168	275	207	248	286	331	358	0	0	0	0	2,034
Custody-Misc Reasons													
Dogs	2	4	2	6	2	13	2	6	0	0	0	0	37
Cats	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	7
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	5	2	6	2	13	4	9	0	0	0	0	44
Strays Received													
Dogs	51	60	72	68	76	61	75	71	0	0	0	0	534
Cats	57	37	53	56	99	131	132	143	0	0	0	0	708
Other	2	3	1	2	6	13	6	3	0	0	0	0	36
TOTAL	110	100	126	126	181	205	213	217	0	0	0	0	1,278
Owner Surrendered													
Dogs	25	37	34	20	26	16	55	59	0	0	0	0	272
Cats	12	9	67	32	14	22	18	53	0	0	0	0	227
Other	0	0	2	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	11
TOTAL	37	46	103	53	44	38	77	112	0	0	0	0	510
Owner Status Refused													
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
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WILDLIFE HANDLED													
Incoming													
Live	2	0	1	2	4	10	11	10	0	0	0	0	40
Doa	5	5	7	4	8	6	13	9	0	0	0	0	57
TOTAL	7	5	8	6	12	16	24	19	0	0	0	0	97
Outgoing													
Doa	5	5	7	4	8	6	13	9	0	0	0	0	57
Euthanized (sick/inj)	2	0	1	2	3	9	11	10	0	0	0	0	38
Died	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bat-Rabies check	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Released/Transferred	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	7	5	8	6	12	16	24	19	0	0	0	0	97
OUTGOING ANIMALS													
Total Animals Out, incl all categories below													
Dogs	108	105	126	127	124	108	147	145	0	0	0	0	990
Cats	105	67	102	93	119	146	164	209	0	0	0	0	1,005
Other	2	5	14	10	7	5	12	3	0	0	0	0	58
Wild	7	5	8	6	11	16	24	19	0	0	0	0	96
Died, esc, stolen	6	3	4	3	4	3	0	9	0	0	0	0	32
TOTAL	228	185	250	236	261	275	347	376	0	0	0	0	2,181
Animals Adopted													
Dogs	29	31	44	44	50	48	52	54	0	0	0	0	352
Cats	60	20	31	55	64	64	78	111	0	0	0	0	483
Other	1	4	12	8	4	5	7	2	0	0	0	0	43
TOTAL	90	55	87	107	118	117	137	167	0	0	0	0	878
Animals Transferred													
Dogs	11	7	2	7	3	3	12	12	0	0	0	0	57
Cats	9	3	7	2	19	31	23	24	0	0	0	0	118
Other	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Total	20	10	9	10	22	35	37	36	0	0	0	0	179
Animals Reclaimed													
Dogs	21	21	26	30	25	28	35	21	0	0	0	0	207
Cats	4	3	2	3	2	2	7	4	0	0	0	0	27
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	25	24	28	33	27	30	43	25	0	0	0	0	235
Animals DOA													
Dogs	6	3	4	5	5	2	14	10	0	0	0	0	49

Cats	13	7	23	13	15	12	8	18	0	0	0	0	109
Other	0	5	9	5	11	6	0	9	0	0	0	0	45
TOTAL	19	15	36	23	31	20	22	37	0	0	0	0	203

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

Dogs	21	28	1	21	21	16	28	27	0	0	0	0	163
Cats	6	9	3	9	11	30	23	39	0	0	0	0	130
Other	3	0	0	5	5	9	9	11	0	0	0	0	42
Died, esc, stolen	6	3	0	3	4	3	0	9	0	0	0	0	28
Total	36	40	4	38	41	58	60	86	0	0	0	0	363

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
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EUTHANASIA, DIED, ESCAPED, STOLEN

Animals Euthanized

Unhealthy/Untreatable

Dogs	17	27	17	15	15	9	18	18	0	0	0	0	136
Cats	4	9	8	7	10	21	15	18	0	0	0	0	92
Other	3	0	1	2	2	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	19

Treatable - Rehabilitatable

Dogs	1	0	2	3	4	5	8	6	0	0	0	0	29
Cats	1	0	1	0	1	9	6	16	0	0	0	0	34
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Treatable - Manageable

Dogs	3	0	4	3	2	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	19
Cats	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	11
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Healthy

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

SUB-TOTAL	30	37	33	32	34	46	51	77	0	0	0	0	340
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Owner Request (E5)

Dogs	14	20	16	5	10	5	10	9	0	0	0	0	89
Cats	3	4	7	9	2	6	4	4	0	0	0	0	39
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SUB-TOTAL	17	24	23	14	12	11	14	13	0	0	0	0	128
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TOTAL EUTHANASIA	30	37	33	32	34	46	51	77	0	0	0	0	340
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Died At Shelter	6	3	4	3	4	3	0	9	0	0	0	0	32
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Escaped/Stolen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FIELD AND OTHER SERVICES

Animals Currently

Court Involved

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	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11

Field Response

Olympia	41	50	52	56	83	69	87	0	0	0	0	0	438
Lacey	39	45	50	56	56	63	66	68	0	0	0	0	443
Tumwater	14	17	24	21	17	15	36	23	0	0	0	0	167
Thurston County	93	83	121	109	112	101	94	115	0	0	0	0	828
JBLM	2	1	1	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	9
Other	5	1	4	5	1	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	25
Yelm	10	9	8	17	9	10	10	18	0	0	0	0	91
SUB TOTAL	204	206	260	264	281	260	297	229	0	0	0	0	2,001

PDD/DD Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
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Creating a Community: Volunteering at Joint Animal Services

Meagan MacKay, Volunteer
& Outreach Coordinator

About Meagan

Background:

Tacoma Rescue Mission

Tacoma Humane Society

Joint Animal Services



Rescue paw-rent to Denali, Cleo, and Nala

The Why:

Barbie

1 year-old, German
Shepherd

Unable to walk on a leash,
unsocialized, lived whole
life outside



VOLUNTEER ROLES



DOG ADOPTIONS & CAT ADOPTIONS



CHAMPION DOG PROGRAM
& DOG PLAY GROUPS



LOBBY GREETER



LAUNDRY



FOSTERING



TRANSPORTATION



VET CLINIC



SPECIAL EVENTS

Goals & Vision



Create a volunteer community of
support and togetherness!



How do we do that?

Starting New



Volunteer Survey

Volunteer Orientation Presentation &
Tours

Consistent Communication



What is most enjoyable about volunteering and fostering at JAS?

-  “I enjoy the opportunity to give back to the community.”
-  “Making a difference in the lives of scared and lost cats.”
-  “Getting times with the dogs and being able to help lighten the load on the staff.”

Does volunteering at JAS meet your expectations?

-  “I was surprised by how lonely it feels.”
-  “I do think any opportunities for hands-on behavioral training would be beneficial.”
-  “I thought there would be more community amongst volunteers- and with staff.”

Volunteer Orientation Presentation & Tours



Consistent Communication

Weekly Volunteer Newsletter

Volunteer Hands-on training: Dogs and Cats

Champion Dog Program & Play Groups



Volunteer Newsletter



Volunteer Program

Email- MeaganM@jointanimalservices.org

Work phone- 360-352-2510 x 1009

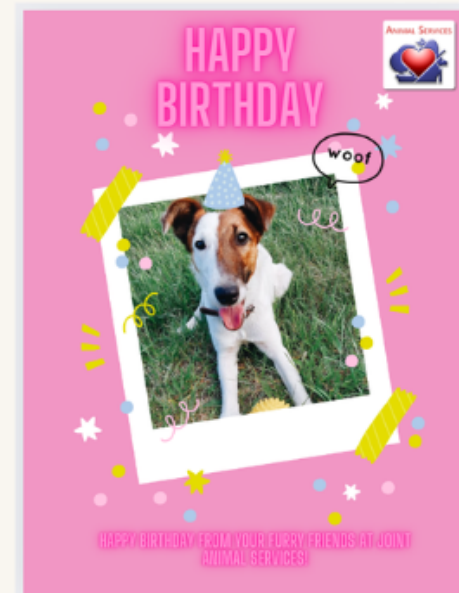
Schedule- Tuesday-Friday (& every other Saturday)

Foster Program

Email- foster@jointanimalservices.org

Work phone- 360-352-2510 x 1016

Schedule- Tuesday-Saturday



Play Groups

23.4%

Decrease in the average length of stay for shelters running playgroups for at least one year

80%

Improvements in staff/volunteer handling skills

79%

Improvements in staff and volunteer morale

99%

of respondents believed playgroups provide dogs with a better quality of life while sheltered



In the works!

New volunteer roles:

- Field Service Team
Case Photographer
- Field Service Team
Whiteboard
Recorder



Vision for the future!

Rescue Rangers:

kiddos from 1st grade up to seniors in high school can do an in-shelter training where they learn animal body language, the importance of spay/neuter as well as how to compassionately care for pets.



Photo resource: Canva

Outreach & Vaccine Clinic Events:



Photo resource: ASPCA

Thank you!



Animal fighting—Prohibited behavior—Penalty—Exceptions.

(1) A person commits the crime of animal fighting if the person knowingly does any of the following or causes a minor to do any of the following:

(a) Owns, possesses, keeps, breeds, trains, buys, sells, or advertises or offers for sale any animal with the intent that the animal shall be engaged in an exhibition of fighting with another animal;

(b) Promotes, organizes, conducts, participates in, is a spectator of, advertises, prepares, or performs any service in the furtherance of, an exhibition of animal fighting, transports spectators to an animal fight, or provides or serves as a stakeholder for any money wagered on an animal fight;

(c) Keeps or uses any place for the purpose of animal fighting, or manages or accepts payment of admission to any place kept or used for the purpose of animal fighting;

(d) Suffers or permits any place over which the person has possession or control to be occupied, kept, or used for the purpose of an exhibition of animal fighting;

(e) Steals, takes, leads away, possesses, confines, sells, transfers, or receives an animal with the intent of using the animal for animal fighting, or for training or baiting for the purpose of animal fighting; or

(f) Owns, possesses, buys, sells, transfers, or manufactures animal fighting paraphernalia for the purpose of engaging in, promoting, or facilitating animal fighting, or for baiting a live animal for the purpose of animal fighting.

(2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, a person who violates this section is guilty of a class C felony punishable under RCW 9A.20.021;

(b) A person who intentionally mutilates an animal in furtherance of an animal fighting offense as described in subsection (1) of this section is guilty of a class B felony punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.

(3) Nothing in this section prohibits the following:

(a) The use of dogs in the management of livestock, as defined by chapter 16.57 RCW, by the owner of the livestock or the owner's employees or agents or other persons in lawful custody of the livestock;

(b) The use of dogs in hunting as permitted by law; or

(c) The training of animals or the use of equipment in the training of animals for any purpose not prohibited by law.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "animal fighting paraphernalia" includes equipment, products, implements, or materials of any kind that are used, intended for use, or designed for use in the training, preparation, conditioning, or furtherance of animal fighting, and includes, but is not limited to: Cat mills; fighting pits; springpoles; unprescribed veterinary medicine; treatment supplies; and gaffs, slashers, heels, and any other sharp implement designed to be attached in place of the natural spur of a cock or game fowl.

[2019 c 174 s 1; 2015 c 235 s 3; 2006 c 287 s 1; 2005 c 481 s 3; 1994 c 261 s 11; 1982 c 114 s 9.]

NOTES:

Finding—Intent—1994 c 261: See note following RCW 16.52.011.

Animal cruelty in the first degree.

(1) A person is guilty of animal cruelty in the first degree when, except as authorized in law, he or she intentionally (a) inflicts substantial pain on, (b) causes physical injury to, or (c) kills an animal by a means causing undue suffering or while manifesting an extreme indifference to life, or forces a minor to inflict unnecessary pain, injury, or death on an animal.

(2)(a) A person is guilty of animal cruelty in the first degree when, except as authorized by law or as provided in (c) of this subsection, he or she, with criminal negligence, starves, dehydrates, or suffocates an animal, or exposes an animal to excessive heat or cold and as a result causes: (i) Substantial and unjustifiable physical pain that extends for a period sufficient to cause considerable suffering; or (ii) death.

(b) In determining whether an animal has experienced the condition described in (a)(i) of this subsection due to exposure to excessive heat or cold, the trier of fact shall consider any evidence as to: (i) Whether the animal's particular species and breed is physiologically adaptable to the conditions to which the animal was exposed; and (ii) the animal's age, health, medical conditions, and any other physical characteristics of the animal or factor that may affect its susceptibility to excessive heat or cold.

(c) A person is not guilty of animal cruelty in the first degree by means of exposing an animal to excessive heat or cold if the exposure is due to an unforeseen or unpreventable accident or event caused exclusively by an extraordinary force of nature.

(3) A person is guilty of animal cruelty in the first degree when he or she:

(a) Knowingly engages in any sexual conduct or sexual contact with an animal;

(b) Knowingly causes, aids, or abets another person to engage in any sexual conduct or sexual contact with an animal;

(c) Knowingly permits any sexual conduct or sexual contact with an animal to be conducted on any premises under his or her charge or control;

(d) Knowingly engages in, organizes, promotes, conducts, advertises, aids, abets, participates in as an observer, or performs any service in the furtherance of an act involving any sexual conduct or sexual contact with an animal for a commercial or recreational purpose; or

(e) Knowingly photographs or films, for purposes of sexual gratification, a person engaged in a sexual act or sexual contact with an animal.

(4) Animal cruelty in the first degree is a class C felony.

(5) In addition to the penalty imposed in subsection (4) of this section, the court must order that the convicted person not own, care for, possess, or reside in any household where an animal is present, in accordance with RCW 16.52.200.

(6) In addition to the penalties imposed in subsections (4) and (5) of this section, the court may order that the convicted person:

(a) Participate in appropriate counseling at the defendant's expense;

(b) Reimburse the animal shelter or humane society for any reasonable costs incurred for the care and maintenance of any animals taken to the animal shelter or humane society as a result of conduct proscribed in this section.

(7) Nothing in this section prohibits accepted animal husbandry practices or prohibits a licensed veterinarian or certified veterinary technician from performing procedures on an animal that are accepted veterinary medical practices.

(8) If the court has reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of this section has occurred, the court may order the seizure of all animals involved in the alleged violation as a condition of bond of a person charged with a violation.

(9) For purposes of this section:

(a) "Animal" means every creature, either alive or dead, other than a human being.

(b) "Sexual conduct" means any touching by a person of, fondling by a person of, transfer of saliva by a person to, or use of a foreign object by a person on, the sex organs or anus of an animal, either directly or through clothing, or any transfer or transmission of semen by the person upon any part of the animal.

(c) "Sexual contact" means: (i) Any contact, however slight, between the mouth, sex organ, or anus of a person and the sex organ or anus of an animal, or between the sex organ or anus of a person and the mouth of an animal; or (ii) any intrusion, however slight, of any part of the body of the person or foreign object into the sex organ or anus of an animal.

(d) "Photographs" or "films" means the making of a photograph, motion picture film, videotape, digital image, or any other recording, sale, or transmission of the image.

[2020 c 158 s 6; 2015 c 235 s 6; 2006 c 191 s 1; 2005 c 481 s 1; 1994 c 261 s 8.]

NOTES:

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Animal cruelty in the second degree—Penalty.

(1) A person is guilty of animal cruelty in the second degree if, under circumstances not amounting to first degree animal cruelty:

(a) The person knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence inflicts unnecessary suffering or pain upon an animal; or

(b) The person takes control, custody, or possession of an animal that was involved in animal fighting as described in RCW 16.52.117 and knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence abandons the animal.

(2) An owner of an animal is guilty of animal cruelty in the second degree if, under circumstances not amounting to first degree animal cruelty, the owner knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence:

(a) Fails to provide the animal with necessary shelter, rest, sanitation, space, or medical attention and the animal suffers unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain as a result of the failure; or

(b) Abandons the animal.

(3) Animal cruelty in the second degree is a gross misdemeanor.

[2020 c 158 s 7; 2019 c 174 s 2; 2011 c 172 s 5; 2007 c 376 s 1; 2005 c 481 s 2; 1994 c 261 s 9.]

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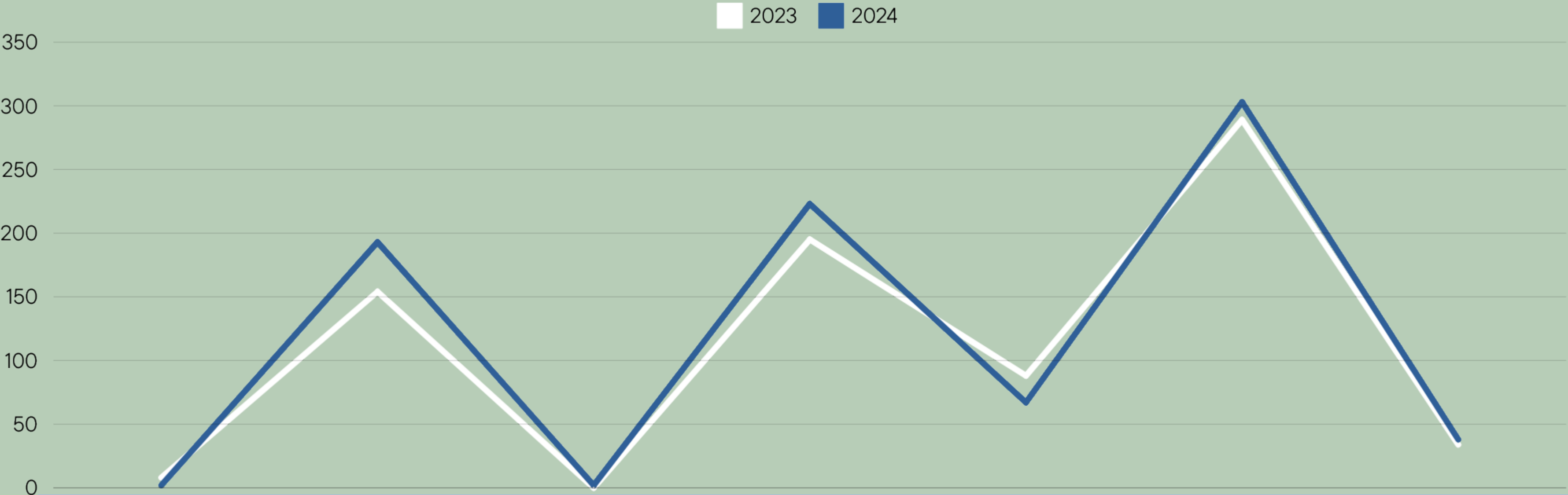
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JASCOM Field Unit Summer Update

Joint Animal Services
Field Services Supervisor
Sierra Teas

Field Calls by Jurisdiction

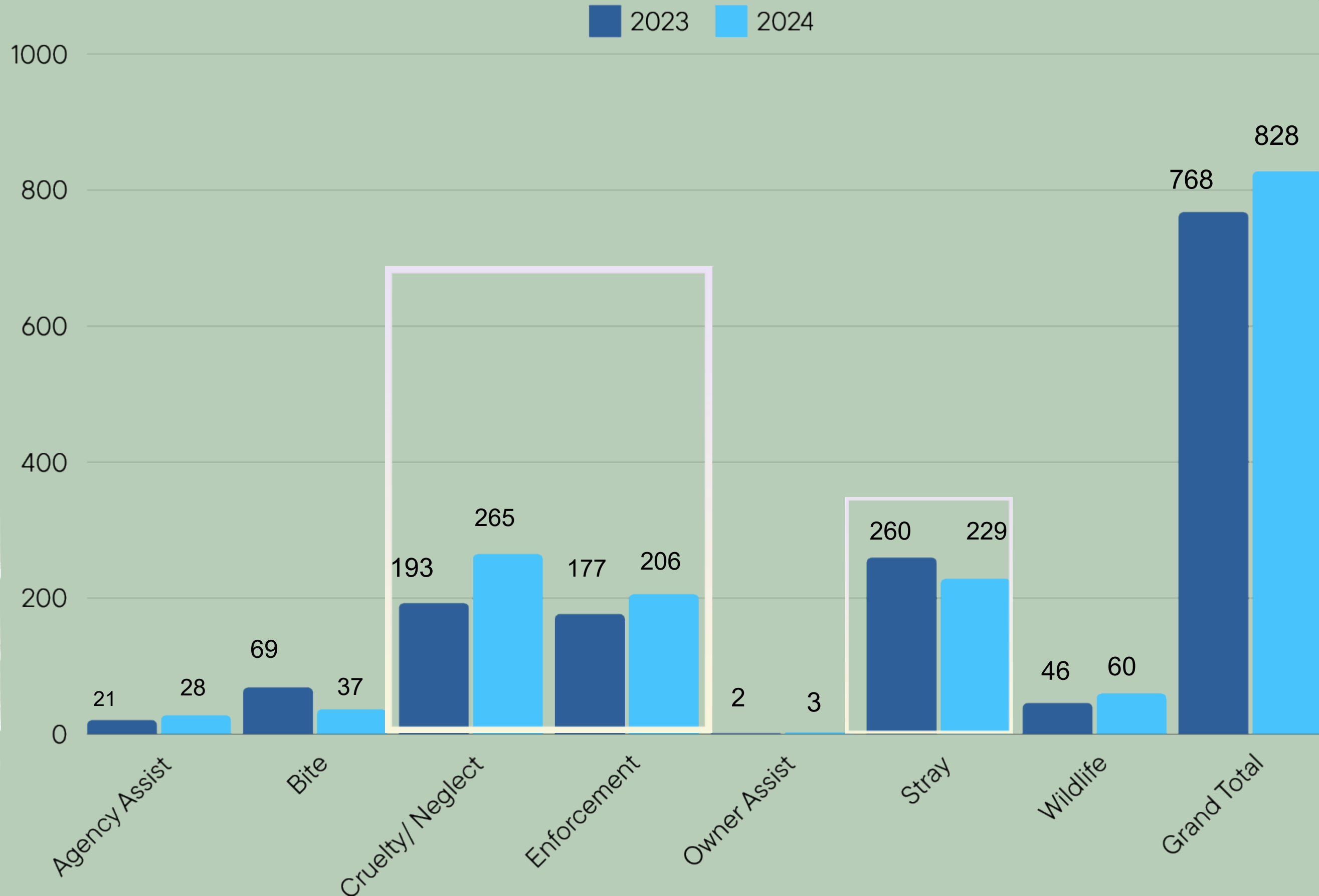
June, July, August



	JBLM	Lacey	Nisqually Tribal Land	Olympia	Tumwater	Unincorporated Thurston County	Yelm	Grand Total
2023	8	154	0	195	88	289	34	768
2024	2	193	2	223	67	303	38	828

JAS Field Summer Calls

June, July, August



The top callouts to summer responses were:

- Stray animal
- Enforcement
- Cruelty/Neglect

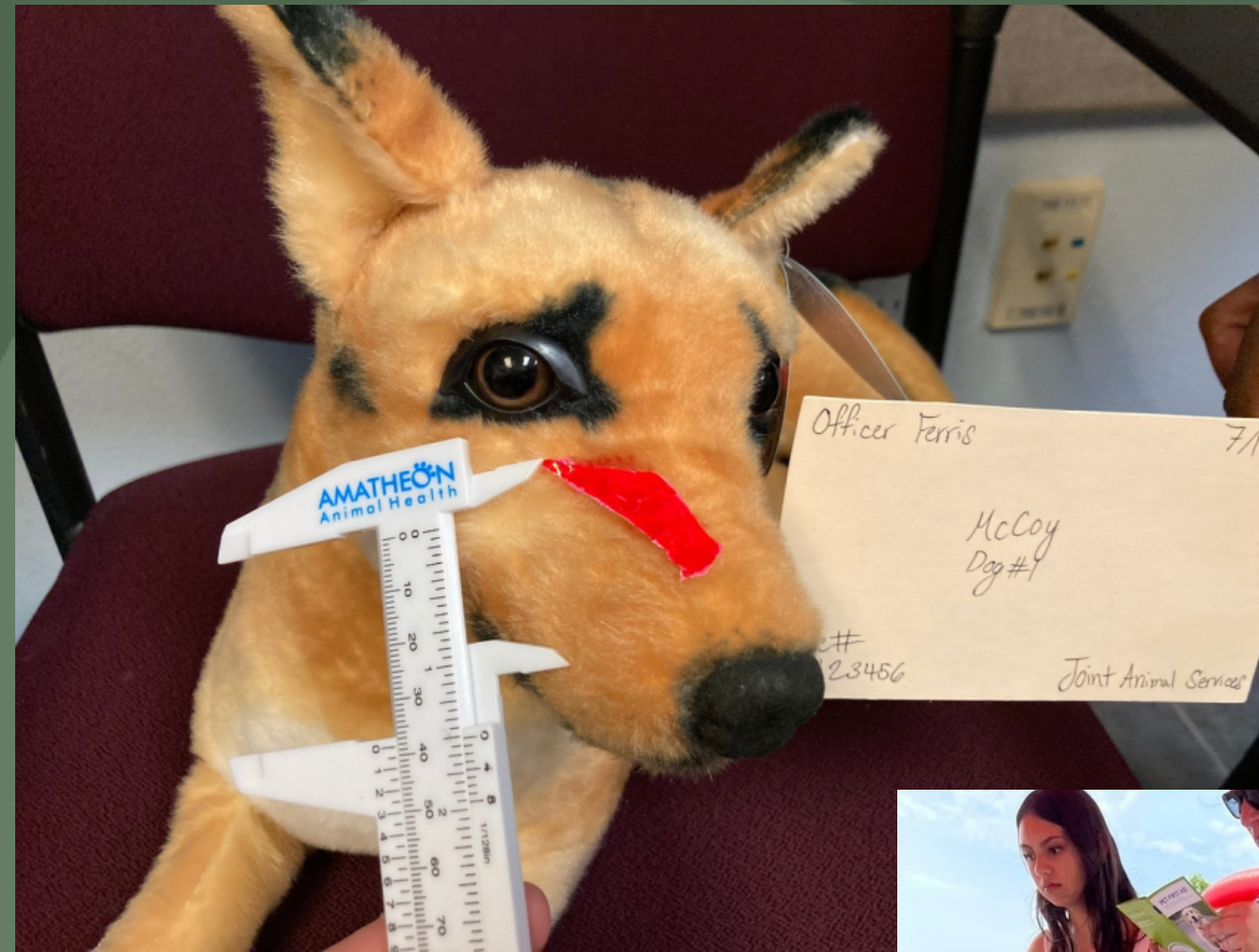
June

- Field Officer Ferris completed field training and was released. We now have 5 full time Field Officers servicing the community.
- Field Officers Robinson, Northrup, and I completed Code 3 Associates Essential Animal Services Training: Module A.
- I completed case assistance for the assigned detective in Mason County.



July

- I provided an all-staff training on cruelty investigations and how it relates to each staff member's role. We discussed how the field team conducts investigations and prepares for large scale intakes. We did hands on practice for photographing animals at the scene and importance of documentation.
- Dr. Smith provided a training to the field team on forensic exams for cruelty cases. We did hands on practice for identifying and documenting animal injuries and observations.
 - Field Officer Ferris and Volunteer Coordinator Meagan attended Cops, Cars, and Kids with City of Lacey. They enjoyed connecting with community members and sharing about JAS.



Field Case Work

In Mid-July, Field Officer Robinson assisted Detective Burton-Crow in a welfare check regarding many dogs, pigs, equine, and livestock. Officer Robinson observed over 40

Great Pyrenees type dogs kept in a large enclosure together, ages ranging from 2 months old to adult. The dogs

had access to water but not enough shelter to accommodate the number of dogs. The owner advised that he originally obtained 8 dogs as livestock guardians but as they were intact, the dogs have continued to breed beyond his control. The owner agreed to surrender 19 dogs at the initial visit and Officer Robinson has maintained a working relationship to gradually intake the remainder and to offer

S/N assistance. We reached out to several rescues to coordinate placement but only 1 rescue assisted by intaking puppies. Detective Burton-Crow has an open investigation regarding the livestock and equine.



August

- JAS field team assisted Pierce County Animal Control with a large scale cruelty case involving over 200 chickens.
- Field team and Positive Outcomes Coordinator, Bekka, attended a collaboration Kitten Yoga event with Lakewood Racquet Club.



Field Case Work

In late July, I responded to an after-hours call for an agency assist. Lacey Police had detained a suspect for shoplifting and her dog was tazed while protecting the suspect. Witnesses also reported that the suspect was seen hitting the dog inside the store before police arrival. I impounded the dog to JAS, noting that the owner must be cleared by an officer for reclaim. No one came forward for the dog but after two weeks, he was adopted into a new home for his happy ever after.

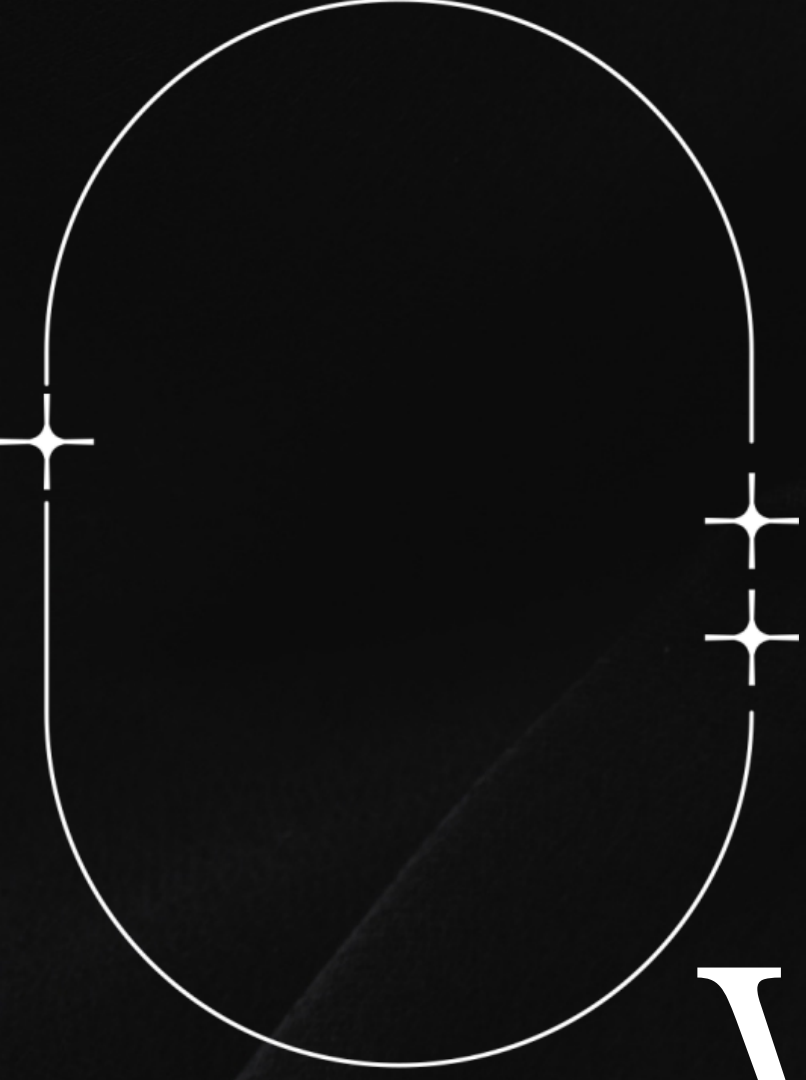
Congratulations to Spartacus!



Field Case Work

In late August, Field Officer Robinson and I were leaving a call in the county when we found two large dogs running at large in the middle of a busy road. We contained the dogs and canvassed the area in an attempt to locate the owner. After about 20 minutes, the animal owner flagged us down and were able to reunite the dogs and prevent intake. Yay Boomer and Malibu!





STATE OF WASHINGTON VS. MARTIN STANLEY PETERS

Joint Animal Services
Field Supervisor Sierra Teas

THE REPORT

02



On August 8th of 2023, Joint Animal Services received an anonymous report regarding 8 roosters tethered at a property in unincorporated Thurston County. The reporting party stated they overheard someone at the property discussing how the roosters were used for cockfighting and transported across the country to do so. The reporting party advised that any person could see the roosters from the road. We contacted our working partner, TCSO Deputy Burton-Crow and coordinated our response.

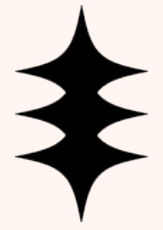
THE INVESTIGATION



03

On August 12th, Field Officer Northrup and I arrived at the reported location where we met with TCSO Deputy Burton-Crow. Residents at the property were hosting a yard sale, providing public access. We made contact with a resident who was renting a portion of the property and allowed us to complete a welfare check. We observed around 40 roosters tethered to blue barrels or “A” frame structures, most with dubbed combs, wattles, and earlobes. We observed an additional 23 chickens kept in varying enclosures on the property. Based on training and experience, I was able to determine that the condition of the roosters and housing was consistent with cockfighting.

THE WARRANT



04



Over the next few days, Deputy Burton-Crow collected statements and photos from involved parties as well as communication with outside agencies. Deputy Burton-Crow was granted a search and seize warrant for the property for probable cause pertaining to cockfighting in violation of RCW 16.52.117.



On August 19th, JAS and TCSO arrived back at the reported location and served the warrant. TCSO secured the property and completed the search for paraphernalia while JAS began documenting the scene and impounding the animals. We seized and transported 63 chickens to JAS.



HB 1234



Within 48 hours, I completed the HB 1234 notice for bond and petition. I provided the form to the defendant's son as the defendant was not allowed on the property due to a no contact order.

The defendant was able to submit a petition within the allotted time but failed to post the bond. A hearing was set for 09/22 and at that time, the judge granted custody of the animals to JAS as the defendant did not meet the requirements to maintain ownership.

DVM EXAMS



While providing care for the chickens, JAS coordinated exams with Dr. Walsh, a DVM with experience in cockfighting roosters. Dr. Walsh observed 38 roosters to have dubbed wattles, comb, and earlobes. He observed 30 roosters to have sharpened spurs, consistent with those who opt out of gaff attachments. Dr. Walsh confirmed that the observed alterations of the roosters were consistent with those involved in cockfighting.

OUTCOME OF THE ROOSTERS



58 Chickens were transferred to Rooster Haus and Center Valley Animal Rescue to find their forever homes. A few roosters even went on to become “house chickens”. We are beyond thankful to our partner rescues for their support and giving these animals a second chance.

CASE CONCLUSION

On August 8th of 2024, the defendant pled guilty and was convicted of two felony counts: Advancement of Animal Fighting Class C and Mutilation of an animal in furtherance of animal fighting Class B. He was sentenced to home detention for two concurrent terms of 42 days. Additionally, he was ordered to pay a restitution of \$11,118.75, \$10,118.75 of which will go to Joint Animal Services.



RCW 16.52.117

As it stands now, the RCW for animal fighting does not impose a penalty including a “no animal order”.

Comparatively, RCW 16.52.205 for Animal Cruelty in the first degree, “In addition to the penalty imposed in subsection (4) of this section, the court must order that the convicted person not own, care for, possess, or reside in any household where an animal is present, in accordance with RCW 16.52.200.”

Thank you!



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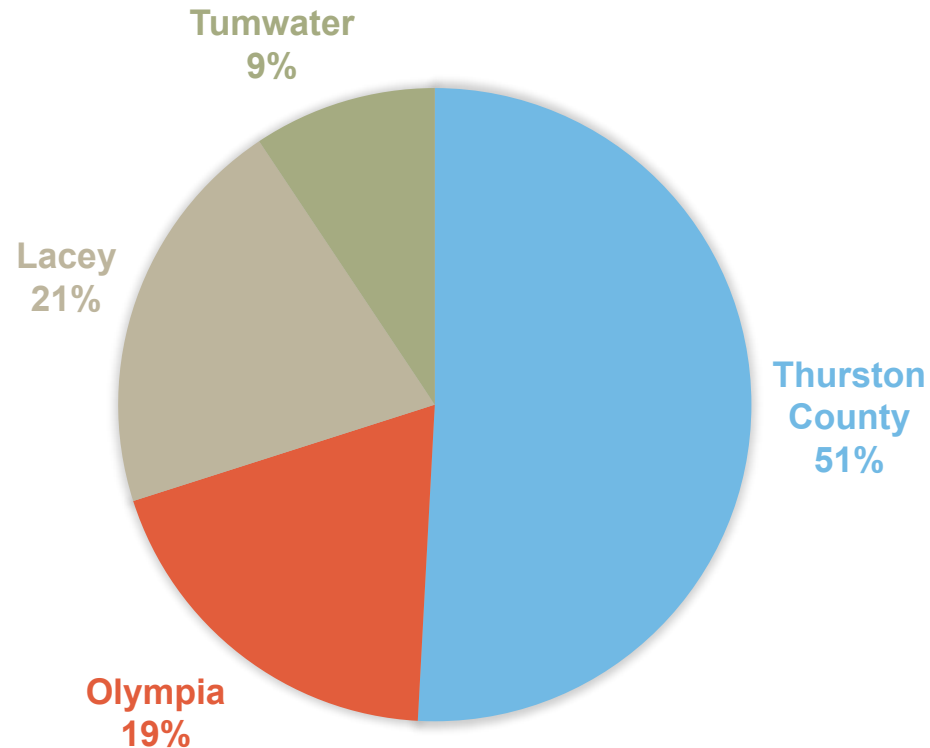
2025 JURISDICTIONAL ASSESSMENTS

JOINT ANIMAL SERVICES



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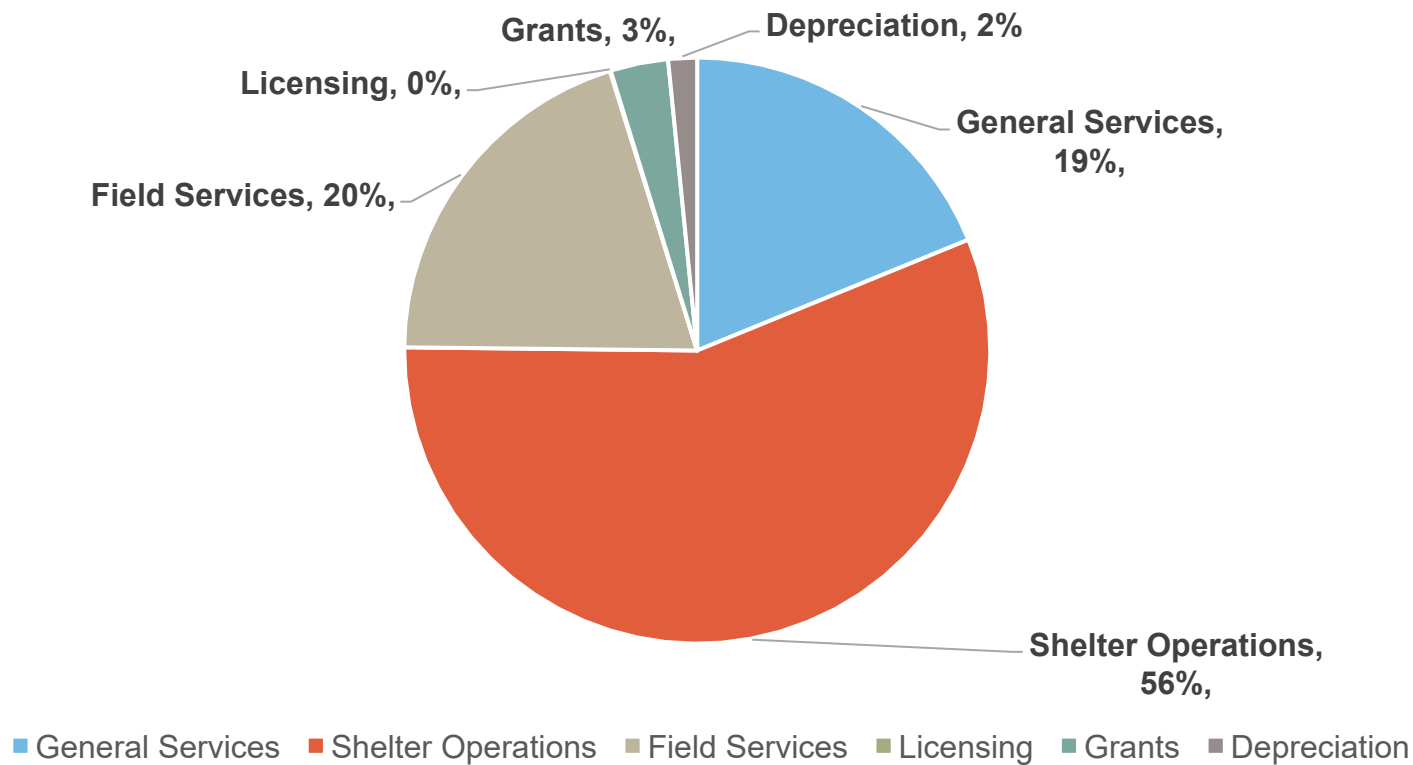
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DESIGNATED VETERINARY FUNDS

		100%		80%		60%		40%		20%	
		2023		2024		2025		2026		2027	
Restricted Vet Care	242,254	\$	79,630	\$	63,704	\$	47,778	\$	31,852	\$	15,926
Unrestricted Vet Care	487,884	\$	160,370	\$	128,296	\$	96,222	\$	64,148	\$	32,074
Total	730,138	\$	240,000	\$	192,000	\$	144,000	\$	96,000	\$	48,000
Running Total			490,138		298,138		154,138		58,138		10,138

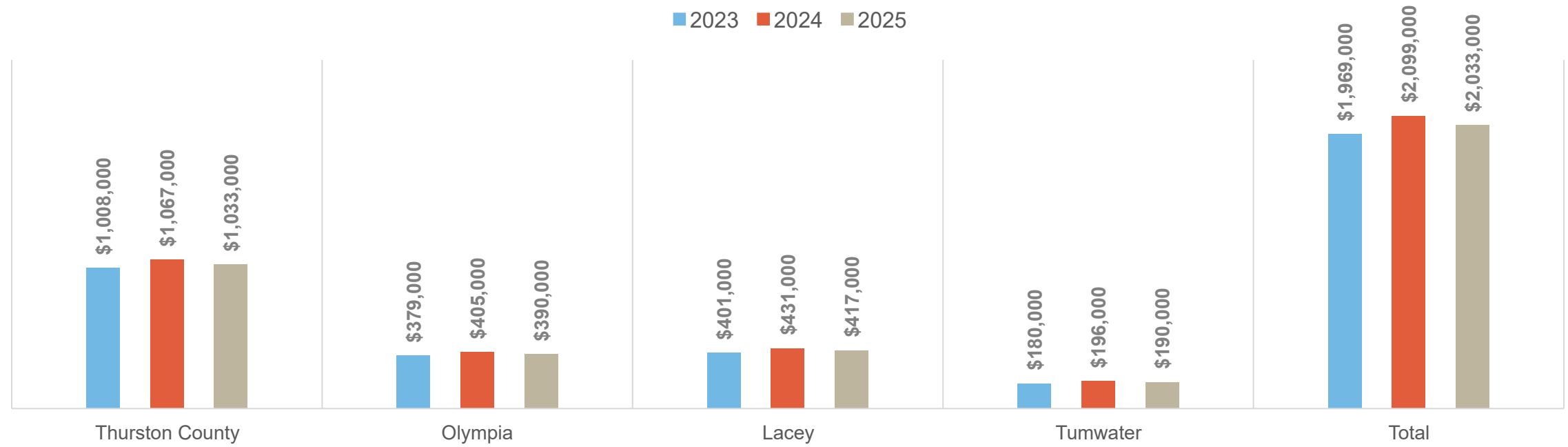
JAS BUDGET BREAKDOWN



- **19% General Services:** professional consultants and contracts, software and data management systems, computers and maintenance, administrative costs, etc.
- **56% Shelter Operations:** the cost of daily care needed to ensure the health and safety of every single animal that enters the shelter such as food, vaccines, veterinary care and procedures, etc.
- **20% Field Operations:** Humane law enforcement.
- **3% Restricted Grants:** This cost is reduced from the overall assessment as part of deductions for all jurisdictions.
- **0% Licensing:** includes maintaining a database and processing all new and renewing licenses as outlined in the RCWs and Municipal Codes.

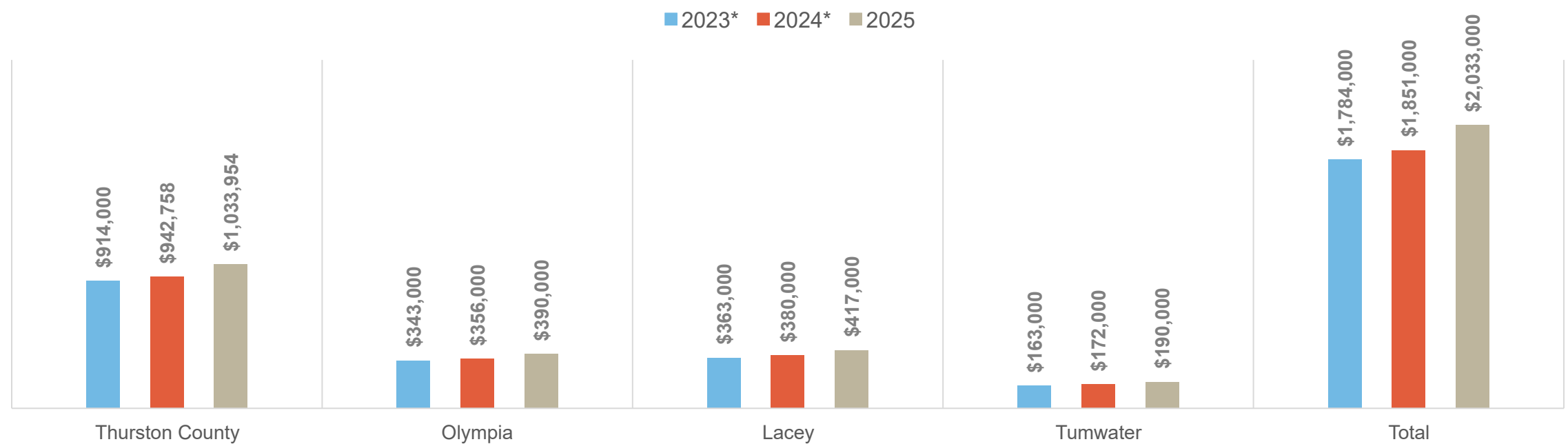
ASSESSMENTS WITHOUT REBATE

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ACTUAL ASSESSMENTS WITH REBATE

JURISDICTIONAL ASSESSMENTS



* Years that received a rebate due to staffing issues.

PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS

- Jurisdictional assessments are calculated per capita as outlined within the ILA
- As populations throughout the jurisdictions grow and shift, so do the assessments.

Population Table - By Jurisdiction

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Thurston County - Total Population	307,000	303,400	300,500	295,300
Unincorporated Thurston County	145,735	143,980	143,760	145,820
Incorporated Thurston County	159,420	159,420	156,740	145,700
Bucoda	620	620	610	580
Lacey	60,210	59,430	58,180	54,780
Olympia	57,450	56,900	56,370	55,010
Rainier	2,565	2,555	2,510	2,295
Tenino	2,070	2,045	2,030	1,985
Tumwater	27,410	27,100	26,360	25,360
Yelm	10,770	10,770	10,680	9,470

JURISDICTIONAL ASSESSMENTS

- Jurisdictional assessments are offset by two forms of revenues
 - **Shared Revenues** – are dispersed per capita.
 - Other revenues such as contracts, donations, and shelter fees.
- **Direct Revenues** – come from the jurisdictions community.
 - Adoptions
 - Reclaims
 - Licensing

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	Lacey
<i>Per Capita</i>	General Administration	\$ 129,070
<i>Per Capita</i>	Shelter Operations	\$ 389,502
<i>Per Capita</i>	Field Operations	\$ 137,322
<i>Per Capita</i>	License Operations	\$ 932
<i>Restricted Donations</i>	Restricted Grants/Donations	\$ 28,494
	Total M&O	\$ 685,319
<i>Per Capita</i>	<i>less capital replacement & depreciation. (Field Only)</i>	\$ (24,547)
<i>Restricted Donations</i>	<i>less restricted grants/donations</i>	\$ (28,494)
<i>Direct Offsets</i>	<i>less direct revenues</i>	\$ (34,800)
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2025		
Assessment Estimate*		\$ 417,990

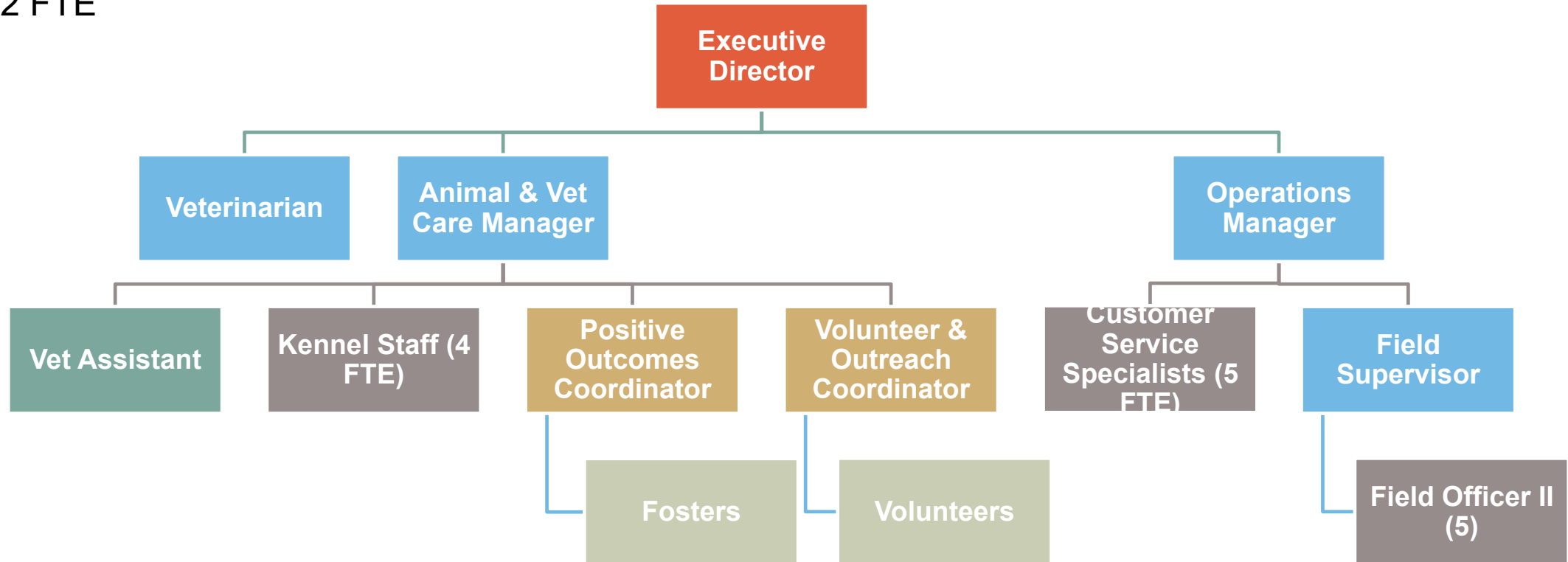


BUDGET IMPACTS

- COLA and step increases for staff
- No field rebate. The field department was fully staffed in 2024.
- Medical department expenses are offset by reserves, as agreed by JASCOM when they committed JAS to having an in-house medical team.
- Department restructure;
 - Animal & Veterinary Care Manager position converted to an LVT position, saving resources on contracted LVTs for surgery days.
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 - Operations Manager: No fields oversight, will take on the management of the medical department.

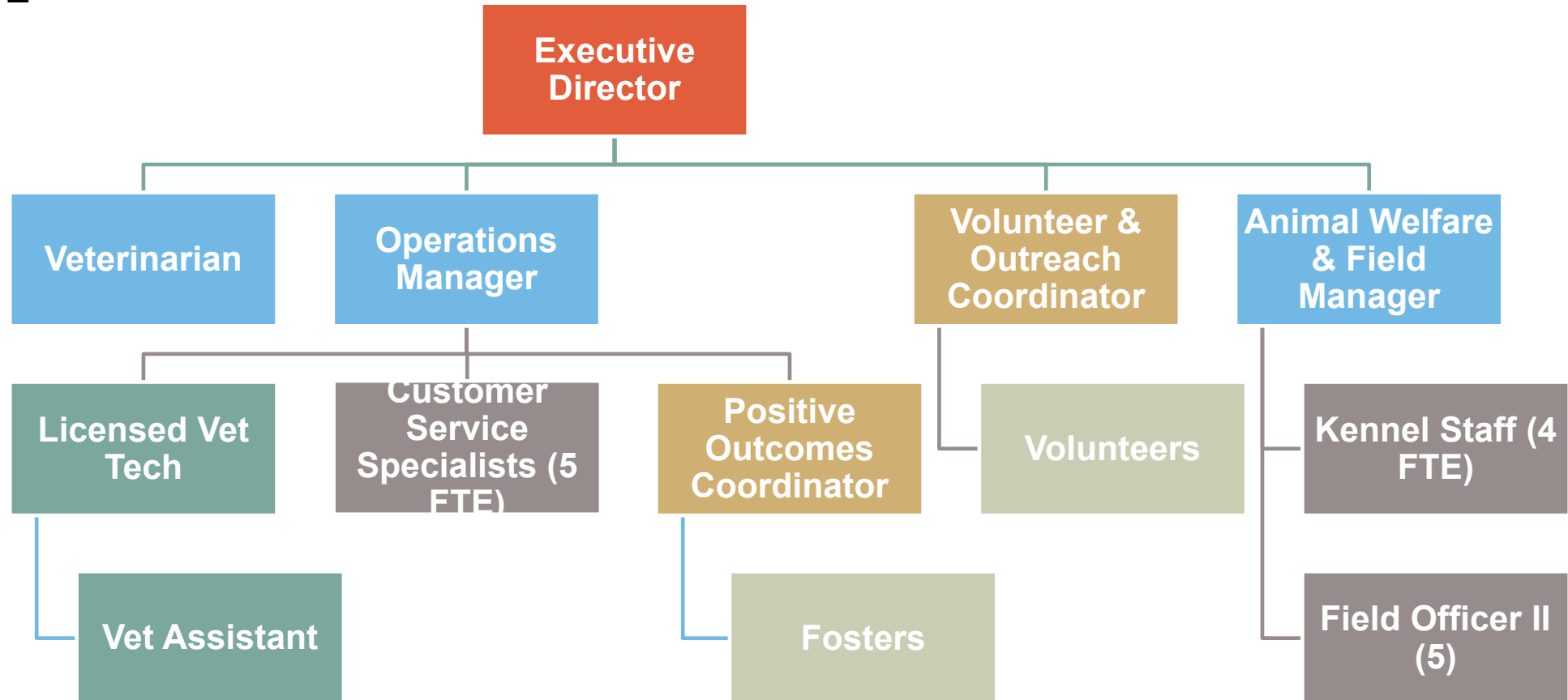
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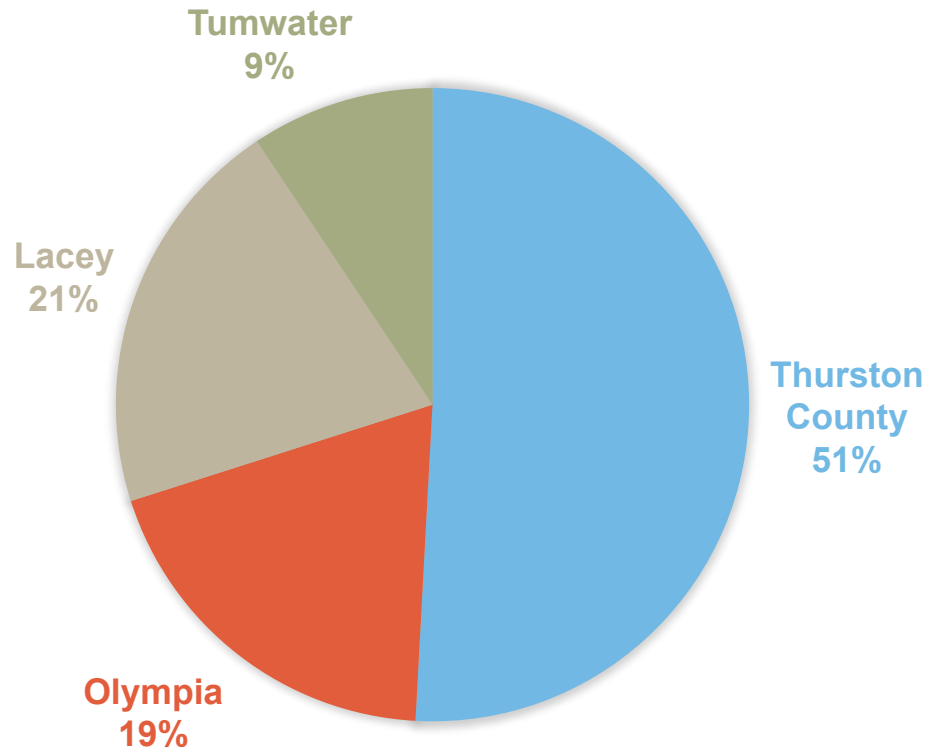
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Happy Tails

Hi Bekka!

I saw on Facebook that you were looking for adoption updates on some of your animals. I'm not sure if you remember me but my husband Jonathan and I adopted Mabel last October. We were fostering her and had to sign a medical waiver in order to adopt her because of her chronic ear infections that weren't getting better.

We got her into the vet and tried another round of antibiotics but her infection just came back. So we decided on the advice of our vet, to give Mabel an ear canal ablation. She handled the surgery like a champ and has been doing so much better since then. Her personality really blossomed.

She is very serious but has a playful side that comes out, especially when we chase her around our backyard. She loves sleeping and could care less about toys. Her favorite things are car rides, walks around the neighborhood and pets and cuddles from just about everyone she meets. Oh and food. She is extremely food motivated.



We took her on a road trip to the Oregon Coast and she loved walking along the beach. But she wasn't as thrilled about the ocean waves. She ran away from the water. She tried eating jellyfish but spit them out quickly when I caught her. She got to sniff to her heart's content.

We are both so lucky to have Mabel in our lives. Our lives have been enriched in every way. I am attaching a few photos and a video of our sweet Mabel. Feel free to share these wherever. 😊🐾

Thank you to everyone at JAS and all you do!



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Happy Tails - Knox



Unfortunately, Jar Jar Binks didn't fit in, so we renamed him Knox, and he seems to like it a little more. Knox has been a pleasure to adopt. He was a little skittish the first week, but after that, he was just a little ball of energy. He is very easy to train and gets along well. He is very energetic and loves to play, although he still likes to nibble a little. He adores long walks and loves when we go hiking.