

Department Mission



EDUCATE-ENFORCE-ASSIST-PROTECT

- To **Educate** the public in public safety and humane issues pertaining to Oregon State Law and Klamath County Ordinances.
- To **Enforce** the Klamath County Ordinances and Oregon State Statutes pertaining to animals.
- To **Assist** the public in resolving animal issues with courtesy and professionalism.
- To **Protect** the safety and welfare of the citizens and animals of Klamath County.

Animal Control Vision Statement

“To protect and serve our community through courteous education, professional enforcement and competent leadership.”

Mandated Services



- Selling dog licenses, issuing dog license tags, and keeping record of all dog licenses issued. (ORS 609.030 and 609.100)
- Enforcing all of the county and state laws relating to the control of dogs within the county, including that of making arrests and performing such other duties as assigned by the county governing body. (ORS 609.030)
- Enforcing state statutes concerning animal abuse and animal neglect. (ORS 133.379; ORS 609.500; ORS 686.460)

Self Imposed Services



- Acting as an authorized representative of the Klamath County Public Health Department for the purpose of investigating and enforcing Oregon health laws pertaining to dog bites and other animal bites where rabies may be a concern.

(ORS 433.365; ORS 433.375 and ORS 609.100)

- Assisting other law enforcement agencies in situations involving animals.

Department Overview



- Provides Animal Control Services, including criminal investigations, to all of Klamath County and the City of Klamath Falls.
- Acts as a clearing house for animal control information to both the public and other agencies.
- Currently conducting a special program to increase the number of licensed dogs in Klamath County.
- License revenues have been low as a result of economy, loss of an enforcement officer, and low cycle in multi-year license purchases.



Successes and Challenges

Service to the public (by budget year)

	2005- 2006	2006- 2007	2007- 2008	2008- 2009	2009- 2010	2010-2011 (to current)
Call Volume	3095	2123	2301	2500	3039	2200
Calls for Service	578	660	613	466	1050	681
Incidents (Criminal)	18	26	14	10	15	9
Citation Totals	453	369	338	286	420	276
No Dog License Citation Totals	101	85	70	77	217	154

*Note change in service between two officers and three officers (hi-lighted years.)
Service provided is directly tied to revenue; ie. citations for no dog license.

Budget Overview



- The Animal Control budgeted revenues depend mainly on dog license fees, late license fees, court fines and impoundment fees.

Major revenue sources for Animal Control are dog license fees, late license fees, court fines and impoundment fees. The bulk of the revenue is generated by license fees and late fees.

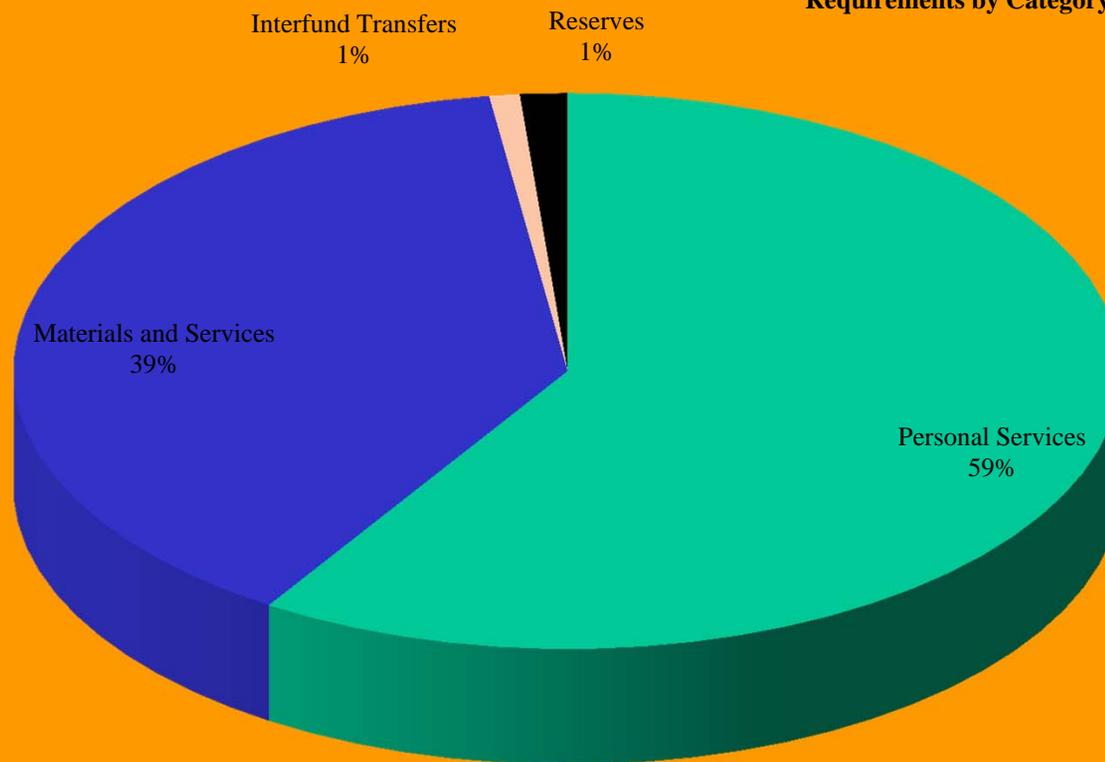
Major expenditures for the Animal Control office are

1. The enforcement of dog control laws.
2. Care of impounded and / or stray dogs.

Financial Presentation



2011-12 Budget
Requirements by Category



Significant Changes



- From 1985 until 2002, contracted care for impounded dogs paid by general funds.
- 2003-2004 budget year: contracted care paid half by general funds and half by Animal Control budget. (ORS 609.090(2))
- 2004-2005 budget year: contracted care paid fully by Animal Control budget. Officer Angrimson informs 2004-2005 budget committee that Animal Control will expend all carry-over funds in 4 to 5 years and will need to ask for general fund assistance.

Significant Changes



- November 2007 until June 2009, the Animal Control department had to work with only one of the two assistant Animal Control Officer positions filled. Loss of Assistant Animal Control Officer (retirement) contributes to decline in licensing revenue through citation enforcement.
- 2010-2011 budget year: carry-over funds completely expended.
- 2010-2011 budget year: Animal Control begins license compliance program.



Key issues

- Maintaining revenue streams to the department through increased license checking and providing for follow-up on impounded dogs where an owner can be located. Ability to fill second Assistant Officer position will impact this item directly.
- Improve productivity through replacement of outdated or faulty equipment and purchase of new equipment.