

Cameron County
Department of Health and Human Services

Animal Control Program
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Assistance Provided FY 2008

Municipalities	Shelters	Holding Pens	CAMERON COUNTY ASSISTANCE		
			Animal Pick-up	Quarantine	Euthanization
Brownsville	✓	N/A			
Baview	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓
Combes	✓	N/A			At Combes
Harlingen	✓	N/A			
Indian Lake	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓
La Feria	✓	N/A			
Laguna Vista	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓
Los Fresnos	N/A	✓			At Los Fresnos
Los Indios	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓
Palm Valley	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓
Port Isabel	✓	N/A			
Primera	✓	N/A		✓	At Primera
Rancho Viejo	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓
Rangerville	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓
Rio Hondo	N/A	✓		✓	At Rio Hondo
San Benito	✓	N/A			
Santa Rosa	✓	N/A			At Santa Rosa
South Padre Island	✓	N/A			

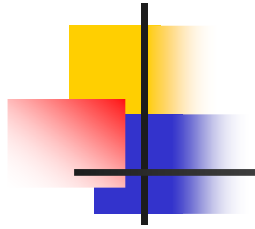
*Shelter is a state approved facility.

 Denotes "No Activity"

*Six municipalities do not require assistance.

*Seven municipalities do not have a shelter or a holding pen.

Cameron County Assistance FY 2008



	Municipalities (Non-Cameron County Jurisdiction)	Cameron County Jurisdiction
Animal Pick-up	83	2,217
Euthanization	330	1,372
Quarantine	5	525

The difference between 2,217 and 1,372 includes animals adopted, animals in quarantine, and dead animals.



Animal Control Budget FY 2008

- \$234,478 General Fund Budget (estimated)
- \$139,188 Staff (Supervisor, 3 Animal Control Officer, 1 Clerk, & Mgmt.)
- \$ 58,170 Fringe
- \$ 9,470 Equipment/Supplies
- \$27,650 Other (uniforms, gas, vehicle repair, vehicle insurance, dues and memberships, and education and training)
- Does not include vehicle purchases (3 trucks)

Revenues Compared to Budget FY 2008



Revenues = \$16,045
compared to
Budget = \$234,478

- Revenues are registrations and quarantines.
- Revenues generated 6.8% of the budget.
- Budget is 14.6 times greater than revenues.

Fee History and Consideration

Services	Prior to October 1, 2002	Current (Effective October 1, 2002)	Market Value
Animal Pick-up (per animal)	\$0	\$0	\$71
Municipality Quarantine (per animal)	\$0	\$0	\$20 daily
County Quarantine/Room & Board (per day)	\$2	\$6	\$6
Euthanization (per animal)	\$0	\$0	\$112

Market Value:

Animal Pick-up = \$71 (Calculation: \$234,478 Budget*70% Program Operations/2,316 FY 2008 Animals Picked-up)

Quarantine = \$20 (Veterinarian Quote = \$20 Daily*10 Days)

Euthanization = \$112 (Veterinarian Quote = \$112/Animal)



Other Considerations

- The Animal Shelter was built in ~1985 and has 7 general population kennels and 3 quarantine kennels.
- Additional kennels are needed but the current septic system cannot support another kennel(s).
- Based on the area that is the Animal Shelter (fenced shelter area), the septic system cannot be expanded.
- A euthanization room is needed as euthanization is conducted in a semi-open area.
- A rabies control room is also needed to perform the necessary procedures to send specimens for laboratory analysis. This process is also conducted in a semi-open area.
- Therefore, the Animal Shelter has reached its maximum infrastructure capacity.
- To improve and expand the Animal Shelter, a re-design needs to be conducted for the Animal Control Program Office, the Animal Shelter, the Chemical Storage, and the Incinerator as three separate facilities with their own entry.



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