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City of Farmers Branch Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

Presentation to the City Council Study Session

July 17, 2018

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► **Currently 8 Members**

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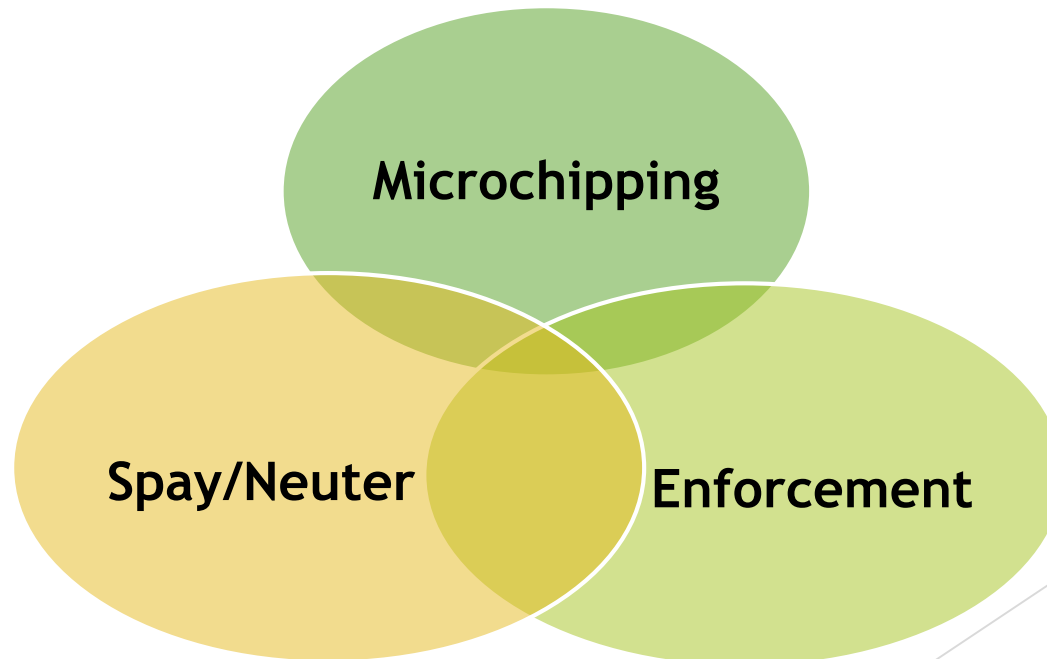
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Initiative

Decrease the amount of animals impounded into the Animal Adoption Center and decrease the length of stay in the facility. All while maintaining and enforcing the laws to help prevent any and all animal abuse.



Our Goal: Identify Actions for the Core Initiatives That Align with the City Guiding Principals:

1. **Reducing Animal Impoundments and Increase Enforcement (Ordinance Revisions)**
 - ▶ Mandatory Microchip for the city
 - ▶ When the animal is impounded mandatory spay/neuter (lower reproduction)
 - ▶ Lower grade Animal Cruelty charges at a municipal level (Not at a county level)
2. **Officer Safety**
 - ▶ Provide vehicle safety and enforcement graphics inline with P.D. and Citizens on Patrol
 - ▶ Officer vehicles to be considered emergency vehicles
 - ▶ Additional officer vehicle lighting
3. **Animal Services Interlocal disaster Agreement**
 - ▶ When a disaster hits this would allow participating City Animal Services to help one another.

Recommendations

Priority 1: Ordinance Revision

- Revision to the Whole Chapter 18 - Animal Services ordinance

Priority 2: Officer Safety

- Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Graphics
- Emergency Vehicles
- Safety Vehicle lighting (Light visibility similar to P.D.)

Additional Considerations

- Interlocal Disaster Agreement
- Participating Cities
 - Grand Prairie, Lewisville, Allen, Cleburne, Richland Hills, Balch Springs, Mesquite, Arlington, Richardson, Farmers Branch, Plano, Desoto, Duncanville

Benefits:

- ▶ Reduce the animals impounded (cost saving and space saving)
- ▶ Improve officer safety and visibility
- ▶ Simplify Chapter 18 Ordinance and give officers more tools to better help the community
- ▶ Reduction in stray animals and reuniting pets back with owners faster
- ▶ Have recourses for the city when disasters hit. Animal Services is not covered under Police and Fire interlocal agreements.
- ▶ Provide another avenue (municipal citation) for prosecution instead of going through the county court where prosecution may be dropped with no prosecution for the offense.

Current Animal Services Vehicle



Q&A