

2023 Shelter Report to Council

September 2023

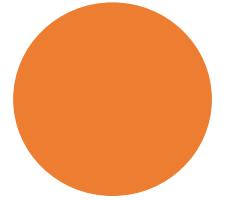


Brief Background

- July 2018: Council formed Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (ASAC)
- June 2019: Committee presented findings to Council
 - ❖ Identified issues with organizational structure
 - ❖ Recommended moving of Shelter operations to Community Services Department
 - ❖ Recommended staff of four and increased budget
- Nov. 2019: Council discussion on Animal Shelter Path Forward
 - ❖ Directed budget options for an additional 1.5 dedicated animal shelter FTE and \$10,000 additional training
 - ❖ Directed ASAC to identify infrastructure needs, draft a Best Practice Guide and Animal Shelter ordinance.
- Dec. 2020: ASAC presented to Council an Animal Shelter Best Practices Guide
- Nov. 2021: Update to Council on changes made at the shelter as a result of ASAC recommendation, Council action, and Shelter's goal of continuous improvement
- Aug. 2022, Jan. 2023, and Mar. 2023: Council discussed recommendation to create new advisory board for the animal shelter but asked for staff to return with status report on ASAC recommendations.

Shelter Improvements Since 2016

- On-going staff training and development with increased budget
- Public awareness/education campaign regarding feeding wildlife
- New Shelter Manager and Animal Control Officer
- Policy and Ordinance development
- Cat patio installation and new cat kennels
- Dog kennel improvements



Remaining ASAC items and on-going initiatives

- Chapter 6 revisions:
 - Ordinance drafted
 - Community discussion on proposed Ordinance changes planned
 - Introduction and Public Hearing to follow
- Dog Run in design
- Formal enrichment policy revision and publication
- Exceptional animal welfare operations resulting in positive statistical outcomes and service to community
- Self-assessment and continuous improvement
- Departmental restructuring and addition of advisory board not recommended

