

CHANGING LIVES

Shelter Services for the City of Lawrence

Capital Funding Request

July 14, 2015



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Humane
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PET OVERPOPULATION: WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?



PUBLIC SAFETY – ANIMAL ENFORCEMENT (required by law)

Animal Control picks up abandoned animals and impounds them; residents surrender unwanted animals

Care and shelter provided during legal hold period (3 business days)

Try to return to owner

If not returned to owner... then what?

WHO IS INVOLVED:

- Local Governments
- Shelter Services Provider (Lawrence Humane Society)

RESCUE OF UNCLAIMED IMPOUNDED ANIMALS (voluntary)

Care and shelter provided after legal hold period

Behavior and medical treatment to increase adoptability, foster homes

Community outreach & education

Transfer to other rescue groups

WHO IS INVOLVED:

- Lawrence Humane Society
- Local Governments through program funding
- Other rescue groups or individuals
- Foster home volunteers
- Residents who adopt

ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICE MODELS



▶ **Municipal Shelters**

- ▶ House for legal hold period
- ▶ Limited in space and funding
- ▶ After legal hold period is up can transfer to animal rescue organization, adopt out, or euthanize

▶ **Non-Profit Animal Shelters**

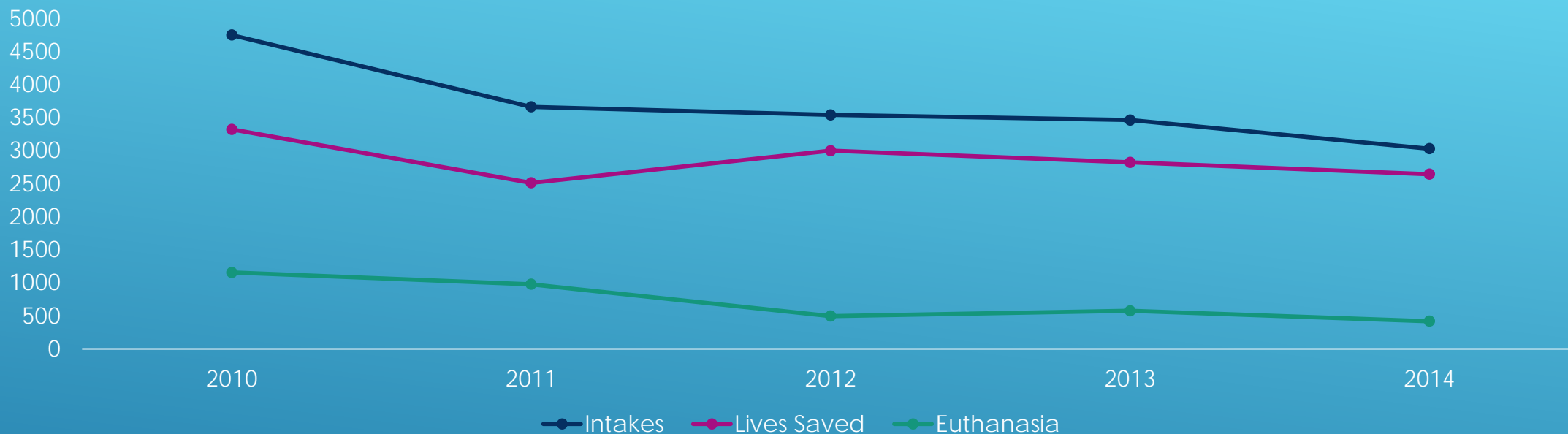
- ▶ House until adopted or transferred
- ▶ Provides medical and behavioral care
- ▶ Subsidizes contractual funding with donor support to save more lives

Typical euthanasia rates at municipal shelters:

45%



5 Year Trend for Dogs & Cats



YEAR	LIVE INTAKE	SAVE RATE	EUTHANASIA
2010	4747	69.92%	1155
2011	3661	68.59%	975
2012	3539	84.71%	494
2013	3461	81.51%	574
2014	3029	87.19%	417
% CHANGE	-36.2%	+24.70%	-63.90%

OPERATING MUNICIPAL SHELTERS



	Champaign, IL Municipal Shelter (2013)	City of Lawrence Strays Housed at LHS (2014)*
Intakes	1716	1662
Returned to Owner	405	431
Euthanized	627	213
Transfer to Rescue Orgs/Shelters	1068	2
Adopted	0	1137
Save Rate	62.23%	87.19%

*software limitations prevent actual outcomes for city strays; numbers are estimated based on overall shelter outcome percentages

Revenue		Expense	
Licenses	\$242,000	Administration	\$177,900
Contracts	\$216,000	Animal Control	\$182,600
Grants	\$1,495	Animal Impoundment	\$188,500
Fees & Citations	\$55,000		
Total	\$514,495	Total	\$549,000

Operating cost data shared by Champaign County, IL municipal shelter director Stephanie Joos.

COLLABORATING FOR OUR COMMUNITY



- ▶ Inefficiencies exist in the Animal Control/LHS stray animal impoundment and animal reclaim processes
- ▶ Reducing inefficiencies allow **LHS and the City** to utilize resources to:
 - ▶ Be more effective at affecting change (reducing the population of stray & homeless animals needing shelter)
 - ▶ Focus staff on problem neighborhoods and pet owners
 - ▶ Reduce expenses associated with capturing and impounding stray animals
- ▶ LHS Renovation plans likely to include:
 - ▶ Public and community spaces for educational events, pet training
 - ▶ Public fenced dog park, maintained by LHS
 - ▶ Training spaces for use by both LHS and Animal Control
- ▶ **We can work together to serve this community and its animals better and more efficiently!**

FUNDING OPTIONS



- ▶ Consider a bond or other loan option to spread cost of support over a multi-year period
 - ▶ \$2.5m over a 15-year period with reduced interest available to the City would amount to an annual cost of ~\$180,000
 - ▶ Immediate support for this project would allow LHS to proceed with this critically needed renovation
- ▶ Consider a community match program
 - ▶ LHS donors and supporters would view City support favorably
 - ▶ City's commitment to match donations would assist with LHS fundraising campaign

CITY INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES



1. Approve request to support our renovation at full amount of \$2,500,000 over a multi-year period
 - ▶ This will allow LHS to begin renovation quickly and reduce continued maintenance and repair expenses
 2. Approve a reduced request to support our renovation of 20% of the project cost: \$1,000,000 over a multi-year period
 - ▶ The City supported our current building in 1995 at 20% of the overall cost
 3. Approve funding another amount as is appropriate and viable for the City's budget.
- ▶ **A community match could be publicized and bring positive attention to the City and our campaign**