



THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR-ELECT
BUILDING A NEW PITTSBURGH

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

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Subcommittee Name	Animal Care and Control
Subcommittee Chairperson(s)	Mary Kennedy Withrow
Title of recommendation	Increased Community Education
Describe the recommendation	Trucks would be stocked with water in the summer, hay in the winter, (the goal is to keep animals in homes and out of shelters) trucks would have brochures currently available through the state of PA and through the Humane Society of the United States on proper care be it due to climate, what is the law, what are the basic needs of a pet. Brochures and applications on the Pittsburgh spay/neuter program would also be on the trucks thereby working to reduce the astronomical numbers of homeless pets from breeding whether by accident, for the purpose of selling, or from a lack of education.
Is this an immediate or long term recommendation?	Immediate
How will this address our challenges or reach our goals?	It would put a much friendlier face on the department of Animal Control, it would teach folks in the community that you cannot leave an animals in 100 degree heat or 32 or below temperatures without proper food, shelter, and water. It would also give folks the tools to spay/neuter (applications for free spay/neuter for city of Pgh residents)
What are the obstacles to implementation?	Keeping what is needed on the trucks, the cost of hay, water, coolers, so again budget but also again, the department has underspend in the line of supplies and equipment so the dollars should be available.
Who needs to be involved?	The controllers, supervisor.
What city resources need to be invested?	
What will be different if the	In many cities, the approach to animal control has been to

recommendation is adopted?	give them a reputation of animal care workers, and not just the “dog catchers.” We are very fortunate in Pittsburgh to have a department who cares about the animals very much and our residents should be able to see this and be in on it together! We all want a nice place as cruelty free as possible here in our beautiful city! Let’s educate our residents and show them and give them some of the tools to take proper care of their pets.
Describe any background materials that you consulted	NACA policies and procedures, Charleston SC Animal Care, Kalamazoo MI Animal Care
Have other cities implemented this recommendation?	With the help of people like me who have access to much bigger animal welfare organizations such as the Humane Society of the United States.
Are there any other considerations?	

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Title of recommendation	Attach of 501(c)3 to Animal Care and Control
Describe the recommendation	Have an extensive of Animal Care and Control be a charitable organization
Is this an immediate or long term recommendation?	Long Term
How will this address our challenges or reach our goals?	It would give more resources, much needed resources to help to care for animals that don't fit reasons for seizure from properties but would help their owners to give them better care. It would give us the funds for PSA's (It's Hot Outside, It's Cold Out There, How Can I Help Wildlife in the Winter/Summer) Residents could make a tax-deductible charitable donation to the department for needs. A wish list could be created for residents to be able to make necessary donations.
What are the obstacles to implementation?	The creation of a 501(c) 3
Who needs to be involved?	
What city resources need to be invested?	
What will be different if the recommendation is adopted?	Much better care and education for the beautiful animals of Pittsburgh which in turn makes our city even MORE livable for humans and animals alike.
Describe any background materials that you consulted	Greenwich CT has implemented this idea with great success. I have spoke to the director and have worked on Hurricanes through HSUS with him and drain information from him.

Have other cities implemented this recommendation?	Greenwich CT is one known
Are there any other considerations?	

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Title of recommendation	Update Technology
Describe the recommendation	The department is using tri-copy papers for all work. There is a tremendous amount of time spent on filing these papers and this increases the risk of lost, misfiled, misplaced citations and also prevents any kind of tracking. The recommendation would be to make use of a tool similar to meter maids which would save time (money) and could be entered into a similar system used by parking. Repeat offenders could then be kept in a database and distributed to shelters across Pittsburgh to be placed on a "Do Not Adopt" list as well as the increase in revenue from a better tracking system and a more aggressive means of collecting monies from issued citations.
Is this an immediate or long term recommendation?	Long term
How will this address our challenges or reach our goals?	It would save time and money, it would give controllers access to a database at their fingertips so if it a repeat offender the fines could increase accordingly.
What are the obstacles to implementation?	Budget, training to implement such a system
Who needs to be involved?	Public safety Director, Animal Control Director, Purchasing
What city resources need to be invested?	
What will be different if the recommendation is adopted?	Increased revenues from citations, time saving techniques which by default turn into cost savings. Animal abusers, those who don't follow the dog law of the city of Pittsburgh would be "in the system" and would be in the shelter's systems thereby preventing them from adopting additional animals. Citations could be issued on a handheld device

	similar to those used for parking citations.
Describe any background materials that you consulted	Angel's Law, introduced by Representative Dom Costa, Pittsburgh Parking Authority, Kalamazoo Animal Care and Control Services, Frederick County Animal Control among others.
Have other cities implemented this recommendation?	Kalamazoo MI, Baltimore MD, Washington DC, Macon MS, Jacksonville FL, Gaithersburg MD just to name a few
Are there any other considerations?	

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Title of recommendation	Ongoing Training for Animal Controllers and State of the Art Equipment
Describe the recommendation	
Is this an immediate or long term recommendation?	Immediate
How will this address our challenges or reach our goals?	It will enable all animal controllers to be well educated and well equipped in order to do their jobs safely, more effectively and with as much knowledge about their field as possible which in turn reduces any unintentional harm to animals and keeps the citizens of Pittsburgh safer.
What are the obstacles to implementation?	There appears to be none as budget would be the primary concern and according to the budget numbers the department has underspent in the past.
Who needs to be involved?	Department of Public Safety, Animal Controllers
What city resources need to be invested?	Some of the training has been offered by the Humane Society of the United States at no cost. There are new bills passing all the time that effect this department (e.g., Animal fighting paraphernalia) and the controllers need to be aware so laws can properly be enforced.. Other training such as the NACA Summit would be at a cost to the department.
What will be different if the recommendation is adopted?	Better state of the art equipment will reduce the risk of harm to any animal, it makes the controllers jobs more effective, it shows the citizens that this department cares of Pittsburgh's animals, and it will contribute to the movement to stop animal cruelty including dogfighting and other blood sports that are prevalent in Pittsburgh.
Describe any background	Animal Cruelty Law in PA, NACA (National Animal

materials that you consulted	Control Association) as we;; as various other cities across the nation including but not limited to Frederick MD, Baltimore MD, Kalamazoo MI, Jacksonville FL
Have other cities implemented this recommendation?	Yes, York PA, Hazelton, PA, Harrisburg PA, Erie PA
Are there any other considerations?	

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