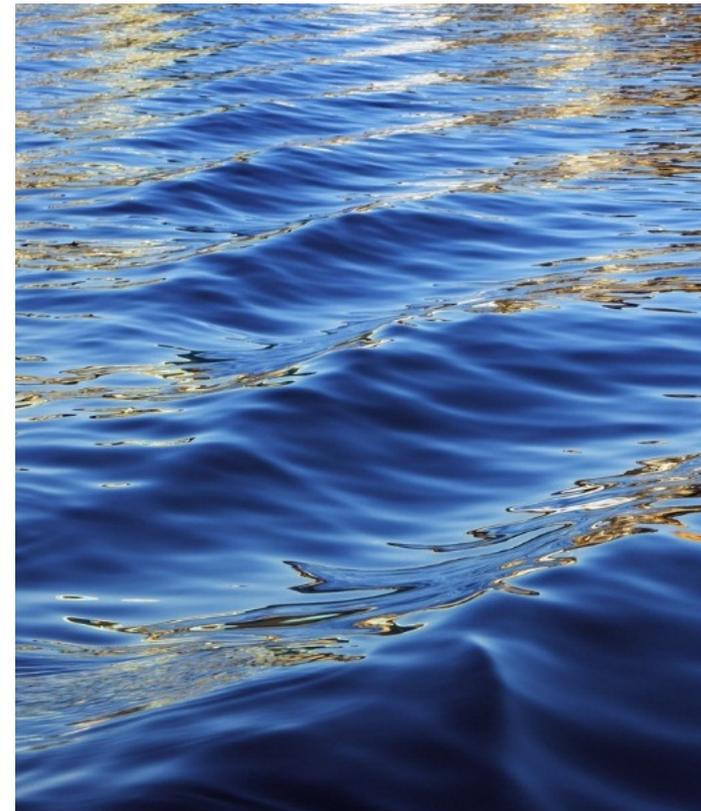




Gila County Health & Emergency Services

2013



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Rabies control and animal control are used interchangeably. They are the same.

We enforce State Statute ARS 11-1001 thru 11-1027 and County Ordinance 01-03 and 01-04

Animal Control is a critical function of the Health Department and is prescribed under Arizona Administrative Code, Title 9 and A.R.S. § 36, starting at Article 4. This starts at § 36-181 – 183, 183.02 - 196.

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Critical Functions	Arizona State Revised Statutes
Registration requirements, procedures and certificates	§36-321
Death registration; access to death certificates	§36-324 & 325
Fetal death registration	§36-329
Reports of death; disposal-transit permits; disinterment permits; definition	§36-326 & 327
Rate schedules	§36-341
Environmental Health/Health Menaces	§36-601-606
Contagious Diseases	§36-621-631
Communicable Disease Information	§36-661-670
School Immunizations	§36-671-675
Tuberculosis Control	§36-711-738
Enhanced Surveillance advisories and Public Health Emergencies	§36-781-790
Animal Control	§11-1001 through 11-1027

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2010 National Rabies Data:

In 2010, 48 states and Puerto Rico reported 6,153 cases of rabies in animals and 2 human cases to CDC (Hawaii is the only state that is rabies free)*

Wild animals accounted for 92% of reported cases of rabies in 2010. Raccoons continued to be the most frequently reported rabid wildlife species (36.5% of all animal cases during 2010), followed by skunks (23.5%), bats (23.2%), foxes (7.0%), and other wild animals, including rodents*

In this century, the number of human deaths in the United States attributed to rabies has declined from 100 or more each year to an average of 2 or 3 each year. Two programs have been responsible for this decline. First, animal control and vaccination programs begun in the 1940's and oral rabies vaccination programs in the 2000's have eliminated domestic dogs as reservoirs of rabies in the United States. Second, effective human rabies vaccines and immunoglobulins have been developed*

* <http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/location/usa/surveillance/index.html>

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Why is Rabies/Animal Control Vital to our Community?

Rabies is a viral infection that is 100% fatal if not treated

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever

Dogs at large pose health and safety issues:

- Mauling
- Biting
- Animal feces
- Higher risk being exposed to wild animals
- Tick borne disease
- Car accidents....suddenly braking when a dog crosses the road

Five diseases dogs can pass to humans:

- Ringworm
- Roundworm
- Rabies
- Lymes Disease
- Scabies

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Rabies in Arizona:

2010

- 114 lab confirmed positive wild animals
- 14 humans exposed to lab confirmed rabid animals
- 74 domestic animals exposed to lab confirmed rabid animals

2011

- 70 lab confirmed positive wild animals
- 15 humans exposed to lab confirmed rabid animals
- 36 domestic animals exposed to lab confirmed rabid animals

2012

- 60 lab confirmed positive wild animals
- 7 humans exposed to lab confirmed rabid animals
- 27 domestic animals exposed to lab confirmed rabid animals

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Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Data:

- 2007....10 cases....0 deaths
- 2008....17 cases....2 deaths
- 2009....23 cases....1 death
- 2010....41 cases....1 death
- 2011....77 cases....6 deaths

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Animal Control Data from 2009-2012

Calls for Dog at Large....1,827

Wild Animal Exposure....593

Animal Cruelty Complaints....312

Dogs Adopted Out.....211

Dogs Euthanized....2,266

Animal Bites....236

Calls for Dogs Barking....222

Rabies Exposure Cases....44

Dogs Returned to Owner....868

Total Cats Euthanized....1,736

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San Carlos: 2011- present

458 animals brought to our Animal Control Shelter

- All but 36 animals needed to be euthanized due to disease

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Fuel:

Total Mileage Animal Control Officers Patrol:

- 2009....53,395 miles
- 2010....56,773 miles
- 2011....55,007 miles
- 2012....56,545 miles

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Reasons to consider increase:

Fees have not been increased in at least 16 years

Cost of living has increased...many of those increases have been absorbed by Gila County

Cost of fuel has increased, significantly since 1996

Cost of dog food, medicine, veterinarian services have all increased significantly since 1996...ABC News reported in June of 2009 that veterinarian costs had doubled from 1996 to 2006*

Cost of rent and annual service contract to the Payson Humane Society has increased since 1996, including an unexpected increase about 2 months ago.

* <http://www.cat-lovers-only.com/cost-of-veterinary-services.html#sthash.9oBEuB5w.dpuf>

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Fees not increased since 1996?

Marian researched any Board of Supervisor activity regarding Rabies Control going back as far as 16 years and found none.

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Cost of Living:

1996:

- The average car cost \$16,300 *
- The average wage was \$25,914*

2013:

- The average car cost \$22,731*
- The average wage is \$36,138*

\$1.00 in 1996 = \$1.39 today*

* <http://thecostofliving.com/index.php?id=74&a=1>

** <http://blogs.cars.com/kickingtires/2012/12/aaa-2012s-average-gas-price-to-finish-at-record-high.html>

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Cost of Fuel:

- The average cost of gas per gallon in 1996 was \$1.15*
- The average cost of gas per gallon in 2012 was \$3.63 **

315% Increase in cost of fuel

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Services Animal Control Provides to Constituents of Gila County:

1. Wild animal removal....skunks, raccoons, bats, ringtail cats, deer, javelinas
2. Provide low cost rabies vaccinations with the assistance of Dr. Eubanks
3. Investigate animal hoarding cases with local law enforcement
4. Provide EMS rescue for citizens living on the East side of Tonto River. We transport their pets to Payson or Globe during floods
5. Investigate animal cruelty issues such as, neglect of horses. We perform initial assessment for the state livestock inspector
6. Provide in home and shelter euthanasia for citizens
7. Conduct public presentations on animal control to educate the public how to care for their animals during extreme weather conditions
8. Officers are trained in fire safety and assist responders in retrieving frightened animals, horses, and other livestock from fire zones
9. Assist CDC with Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever on San Carlos
10. Educate residents how to remove ticks from their pets

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Proposal:

Item	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Average***
Impound Fee – first offense	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$37.00
Impound Fee – second offense	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$65.00
Impound Fee – third offense	\$15.00	\$85.00	\$92.00
Owner Request – pickup animal	\$0	\$50.00	\$41.00
Adoption Fee	\$12.00	\$20.00	
Rabies Shot	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$23.00

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Item	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Average***
Spay Deposit...Female Dog	\$40.00*	\$40.00*	
Neuter Deposit....Male Dog	\$30.00*	\$30.00*	
Spay Deposit....Female Cat	\$25.00*	\$30.00*	
Neuter Deposit....Male Cat	\$25.00*	\$25.00*	
Dog License....Unaltered	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$23.00
Dog License....Altered	\$7.00	\$10.00	\$9.00

* Deposit only. Fee is returned once proof of sterilization is provided.

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Item	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Average***
Duplicate License Fee	\$1.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Recovery Fee		\$50.00	
Euthanize Owned Animal	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Microchip Implant & Registration	New Service	\$40.00	\$23.00

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Item	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Average***
Cat Trap	\$2.00/day	\$5.00/day	
Skunk Removal	\$0	\$15.00	
Boarding Fees....Daily	\$7.00	\$10.00	\$11.00
Boarding Fees....aggressive or quarantine....Daily	\$7.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Kennel Permit	\$75.00	\$75.00	

Spay/Neuter fee subject to increase based on availability of grant funds for reduced cost surgery.

***Average is from 6 other Counties and animal control agencies (Pinal, Pima, Maricopa, green lee and Yavapai Counties, Apache Junction, Payson, Safford Animal control).

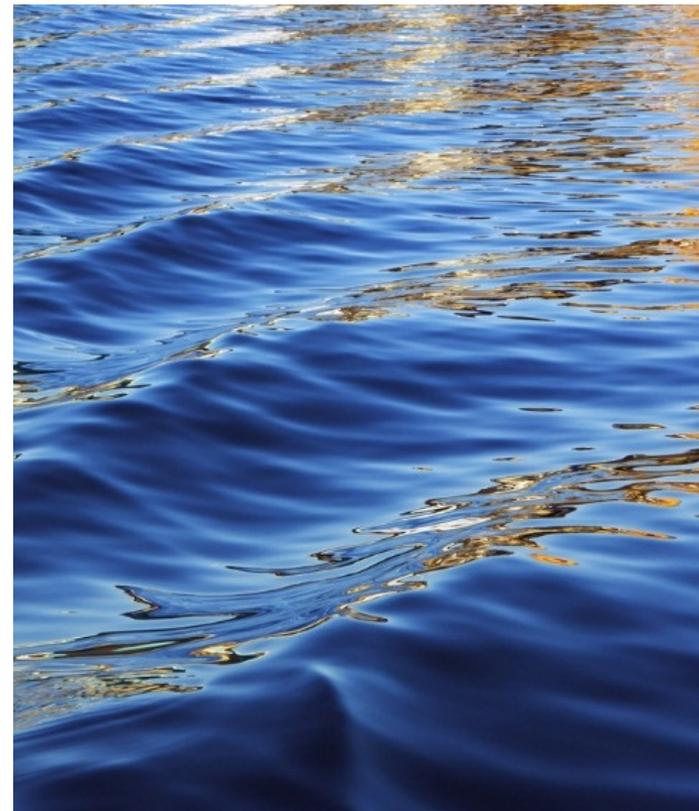
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Rabies Control Budget:

- \$352,000 total operating costs
- \$45,000 total revenues for licenses, permits, charges for service



Questions?



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