



ANIMAL CARE SERVICES

CHAPTER 5 ORDINANCE RECOMMENDATION

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Presentation Overview

- ❑ ACS History & Strategic Priorities
- ❑ Chapter 5 of City Code
- ❑ Recommended Code Change
- ❑ Next Steps



ACS History & Strategic Priorities



**“More per capita
than any other
major American
City”**



ACS History & Strategic Priorities (cont.)

- 1st Strategic Plan established in FY 2006
 - “No Kill” (70% Live Release) goal by 2012
- Revised in FY 2011
 - 70% Live Release Goal by FY 2015
 - Focus on Balance Approach Between Community Safety and Positive Outcomes for Pets



ACS History & Strategic Priorities (cont.)

- Original strategic priorities
 - Enhanced enforcement
 - Controlling stray population
 - Increase Live Release rate
- 4th Strategic Priority added in FY 2015
 - Engage & educate the public



ACS History & Strategic Priorities (cont.)

- Since implementation of FY 2011 Strategic Priorities:

	FY 2011	FY 2018	% Change
Increased Live Release rate	32%	92%	187%
Maintained Impoundments	29,115	31,300	7%
Increased Spay/Neuter Resources	8,795	43,500	394%
Increased Citations Issued	5,610	12,500	123%
Decreased Dead Animal Pickups		19,000	
Decreased Reported Bite Cases	4,409	3,600	-18%



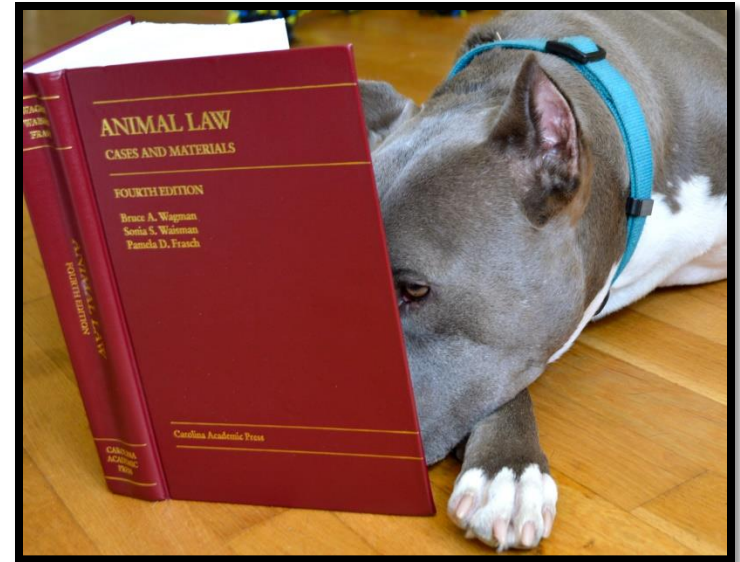
Chapter 5 of City Code

- Framework of humane laws and policies that protect both people and pets
 - Provide basic required standard of care for all pets
 - Provides enforcement authority for ACS
 - Establishes type and quantity of allowable pets



Chapter 5 of City Code (cont.)

- City Council unanimously approved major revisions in October 2017 that increased/improved:
 - Spay/neuter requirements
 - Tethering regulations for dogs
 - Impoundment authority
 - Animal limits for domesticated fowl
 - Dangerous dog designation requirements
 - Enforcement of animal related noise complaints
- Changes based on input from city residents, stakeholders, ACS Advisory Board, and City Council



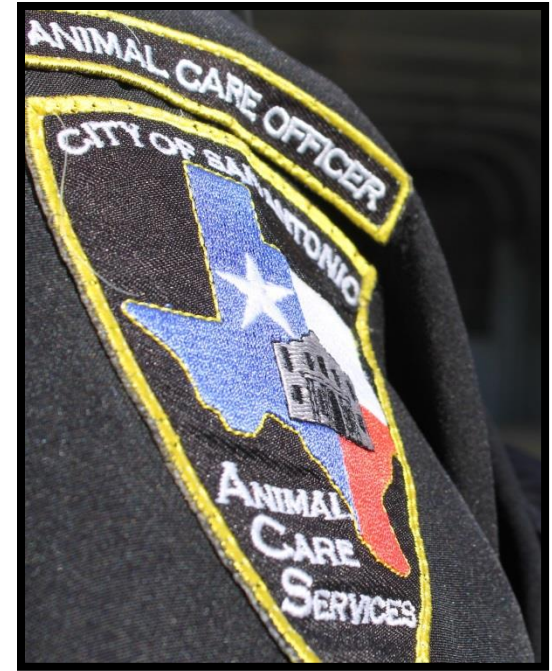
Chapter 5 of City Code (cont.)

- Code requires all pets to have access to:
 - Fresh air
 - Species-specific food
 - Fresh Water
 - Exercise
 - Shelter
 - Veterinary care when needed
- ACS escalates response to basic requirement violations when temperatures drop below 32° or during heat advisory warnings



Chapter 5 of City Code (cont.)

- ❑ Authority provided to enforce basic standard of care through the issuance of civil and criminal citations
 - Civil citations with \$300 financial penalty
 - Criminal citations with up to \$2,000 financial penalty and Class C misdemeanor designation
- ❑ Additional authority available to enforce any situation where the health of pet is determined to be at risk
 - Require veterinary care if pet found in distress, or
 - Seize pet if found in “exigent” condition



Recommended Code Change



- ❑ Recommend changing city code to include access to shade at all times as a standard care for all pets
- ❑ Proactive ordinance designed to reduce need for reactive response for animal in distress
- ❑ Includes the authority to issue civil and/or criminal citations



Recommended Code Change

- ❑ Shade (separate from shelter) helps with a dogs' ability to regulate their body temperature and help prevent heatstroke, sunburns, and foot pad burns
- ❑ ACS escalates priority of heat related calls based on heat advisories
- ❑ Can help prevent situations like “Molly” from happening



Before



After



Next Steps



City Council
“A” Session

August 2, 2018



Implementation of Amended
Ordinance

Immediately upon City
Council Approval





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