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In Control: Public Safety Committee

DEPARTMENT: Animal Care Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Shannon Sims

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Briefing on Animal Care Service Dangerous Dog and Bite Investigations

SUMMARY:

Animal Care Services has made several operational changes to redirect staff to bites and dangerous dog cases. ACS will provide a briefing on operational changes to dangerous dogs, bite investigations, and community canvassing.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Animal Care Services' Investigations division handles dangerous dog investigations, cruelty and neglect cases, and bite incidents. ACS receives approximately 3,500 bite reports per year. ACS has redirected staff to increase the capacity to investigate bite reports and made changes to the citation process. ACS has refocused staff on dangerous dog compliance and made the process more accessible and easier to understand. ACS is also working closely with Municipal Courts to ensure there are compliance hearings for dangerous dog cases.

Community canvassing is a proactive approach to enforcement of high-risk areas, and to help owners get into compliance with animal related laws. Canvassing focuses on areas with multiple bite cases and aggressive reports. Staff is dispatched to address the safety of people and animals in these areas.

ISSUE:

For briefing purposes only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

For briefing purposes only.

ALTERNATIVES:

For briefing purposes only.

RECOMMENDATION:

For briefing purposes only.