

City of Brighton/Adams County
Animal Shelter/Adoption Center
Services (ACASAC)

Intergovernmental Agreement



Brighton Animal Shelter

- The shelter is 34 years old
- It was originally an administrative office for the water treatment plant
- At some point it was converted to an animal shelter
- The shelter's primary use is as a temporary holding facility
- The shelter has been closed since late October as the result of a broken gas line
- As we were unable to operate the shelter Adams County stepped up to help

Brighton Animal Shelter



Operating the Shelter

- The shelter is open 7 days a week
- The equivalent of nearly .8 full-time employee are required to clean, feed and transfer animals to other facilities
- On holidays an Animal Control Officer (ACO) has to come in for two hours to feed and clean (approximately \$1000/year)
- The odor from the water treatment plant can be very pungent creating an uncomfortable environment for employees and customers
- Animal Control Officers are responsible for euthanasia
- A veterinarian has to be brought in for emergency care

Operating the Shelter

- In 2017 578 animals had been transferred to other facilities
- ACOs spend five to seven hours per week transferring animals
- In 2017 Every Creature Counts in Ft Lupton closed leaving Animal Control Officers with the following options for transfer:
 - Adams County
 - Denver Dumb Friends League
 - Human Society of Boulder County

Financial Impact

- ACASAC estimates Brighton's annual fees at approximately \$60,000 per year

- November 2017:

•	Total Number of Animals	36
•	Total Number of Reclaims	14
•	Total Monthly Charges	\$1,455.00

- December 2017:

•	Total Number of Animals	55
•	Total Number of Reclaims	18
•	Total Monthly Charges	\$2,880.00

- January 2018 (In the process of being finalized):

•	Total Number of Animals	72
•	Total Number of Reclaims	24
•	Total Monthly Charges	\$4,020.00

Adams County Shelter Customers

- Thornton since 2001
- Northglenn since 2007
- Federal Heights since 2008
- Bennett since 2009
- Lochbuie since 2014

Benefit to customers

- Veterinarian on duty 7 days per week-injured animals can receive immediate care
- Vaccinations, de-wormer, and flea and tick treatment upon impound
- Tag machine on site for customers to purchase tags
- Low cost vaccination and microchip clinics 2x a month
- Customers don't have to wait for an officer to come to the shelter

Benefit to our employees

- Brighton Animal Control Officers no longer have to euthanize animals
- No longer the need for officers to give part of their holiday
- Only one stop to make with impounds
- Manager on call 7 days per week
- Cooler, freezer and crematory on site
- Truck wash available
- 24 hour badge access for officers

Proposed Staff Reallocation

- As Brighton grows the current staff of Code Enforcement Officers struggle with increased complaints requiring their attention
- Increased calls for service impact the time officers spend on calls
- Police Officer availability is impacted by the increased workload
- Not every call for service requires a police officer
- Police Officers may not get back to parking complaints

Community Service Officer

Commerce City

Broomfield

Lakewood

Wheat Ridge

Loveland

While duties may vary some are common among them to include:

Parking enforcement, abandoned vehicles, code enforcement, animal control, taking complaints of cold theft, found property and lost property reports

They may also assist Police Officers with traffic control at accident scenes

Improved Service

- This puts six Community Service Officers to work on quality of life issues
- Code enforcement complaints can be handled more effectively
- Proactive code enforcement vs. reactive
- Parking complaints will be addressed more effectively
- Ability to “team up” on problem areas throughout the city

Personnel Adjustments

-No additional personnel would be required-
Current Code Enforcement and Animal Control Officers
would be reclassified

Salary Range: \$44,249-\$60,315

Total cost for moving Animal Control Officer to Code
Enforcement grade \$8674

Adams County Animal Shelter Opening 2019

120th PKWY
and
Henderson Rd





- QUESTIONS?