

# Animal Services Blueprint for Success



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**Municipal Licensing & Standards Division** 

# Agenda

- Part I
  - Internal Efficiency review
  - Update on Core Service Review and Auditor General recommendations

#### Part II

- Animal Services Program Review
  - Pet Licensing Strategy
  - Marketing and Donations Strategy
  - Program opportunities





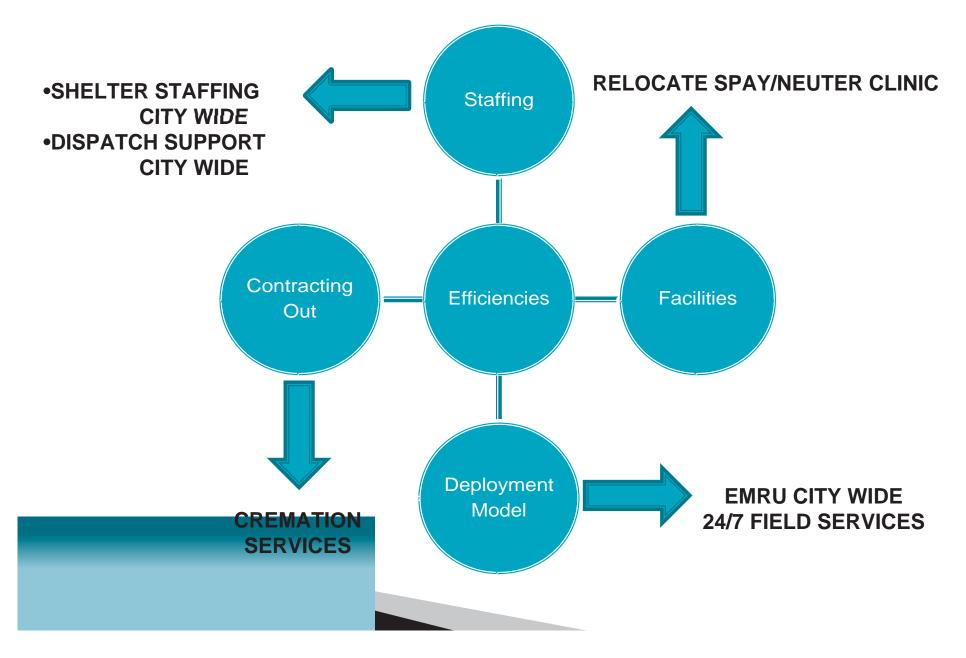
## Background

- March 2011 Internal Efficiency Review
- September 2011 KPMG presented Core Service Review findings

 November 2011 Auditor General's Report Recommendations released



#### **Internal Efficiency Review**



### Core Service Review Recommendations

- Eliminate animal pick- up of owner- surrendered animals
- Consider the value of Cat and Dog Licensing and Enforcement
- Expand animal licensing

- Update online licensing systems
- Maximize online donations
- Mandatory micro- chipping
- Pet licensing options
- Establish an Animal
  Services Sub- Committee

## **Auditor General Review**

- Licensing Compliance
- Best Practices Rewards
- Expand Licence Sales
- Expand Adoption Partnerships
- Performance Measures
- Supervisory Oversight

- 311 Integration
- Controlled Substances
- ✓ Dead Animals Pick up
- Shift Schedule to Reduce
  Overtime
- Audit Internal Audit
  Division recommendations

# **Key Performance Indicators**

#### 2011 KPIs:

- Emergency Calls
- Normal response
- Enforcement Calls
- TAS owned animals

#### 2012 KPIs:

- Euthanasia Rates
- Adoption Rates
- Licensing Compliance Rates
- Return to Owner Rates
- Minimum # of calls per Officer:
- Park Patrol Response:

within 2 hours, 90% of the time within 24 hours, 90% of the time within 5 Days, 80% of the time spay/ neuter, 100% of the time

under development actuals actuals actuals 8 per shift within 7 days, 75% of the time



# Supervisory Oversight

Field Services Policy - Completion and Entry of Officer Logs January 2011

Improved integrity of call data

Automated Controlled Substance & Euthanasia Logs March 2011

- Improved record keeping and tracking process
- Increased security of controlled drugs

Established Supervisory shifts

April 2011

- Increased oversight for after hours calls
- Decreased overtime costs
- Decreased staff required after hours

# Shifts – Reduction in Overtime Designated Dead Animal Retrieval

Implemented 24/7 shift schedule September 2011

- Centralized city wide enforcement team
- Reduced response times
- ✓ Reduced overtime by \$312,353 over 2010 actual

OVERTIME	JANMAR	APR – JUN	JUL – SEPT	OCT – DEC	TOTAL
2010	\$ 69,523	\$124,786	\$138,833	\$179,045	\$512,187
2011	\$ 58,580	\$ 44,509	\$ 49,279	\$ 47,466	\$199,834
VARIANCE	(\$10,943)	(\$80,277)	(\$89,554)	(\$131,579)	(\$312,353)

#### Night Shift staff are assigned to pick up dead animals

 More efficient use of time and assets by eliminating repeat returns to shelter facilities throughout the day

### Partially Implemented Recommendations

Expand Adoption Services

- Established 23 Partnerships since January 2011
- Formalized agreements will be achieved upon the amendment to Chapter 349 to permit remuneration for sale of licences through 3<sup>rd</sup> Party sources: Q3 2012

#### Expand and Integrate 311 Services

Phase 1 of integration occurred December 15, 2011
 January – May 2012: TAS and 311 finalizing integration
 May 31, 2012: Integration with TAS and 311 to be completed



### Animal Services Program Review – Going forward

- Licensing Strategy
- Marketing Strategy
- Expanded Program opportunities



# Pet Licensing is Key

- The fundamental purpose of licensing cats and dogs is not to be viewed solely in the context of a revenue source
- Licensing is <u>essential</u> in the promotion of responsible pet ownership
- One of the core mandates of TAS is the management of stray animals, as such, the identification of animals is critical to a high return to owner rate
- Licensing is a key factor in identifying lost animals and facilitating reunion with their owners





#### **Pet Licensing Strategy**



### **Industry Standards**

Ontario Animal Services:

- AASAO surveyed 20 cities on pet licensing
- 95% of the respondents have an annual licence and 5% of respondents offer a lifetime licence

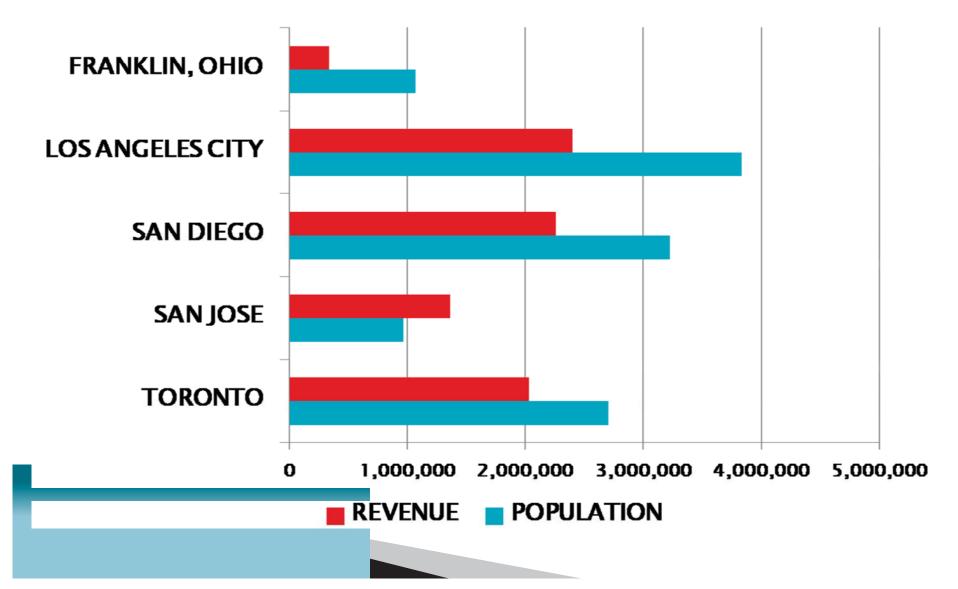
Canadian Animal Services (outside Ontario):

- TAS surveyed 5 Canadian cities in early 2011
- 4 have annual licences and 1 offers a lifetime licence through mandatory micro- chipping

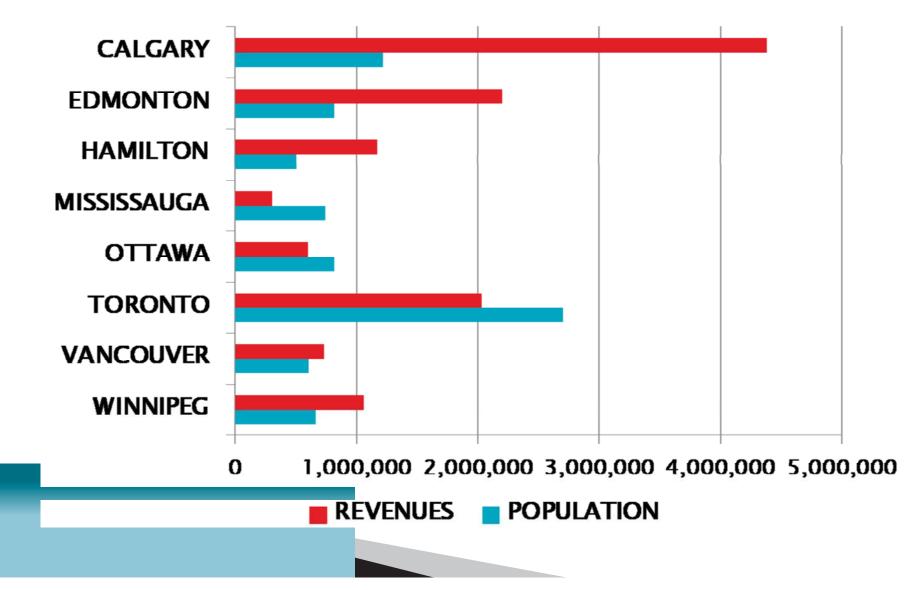
American Animal Services:

- TAS surveyed 14 American cities in early 2011
- 100% of the respondents have an annual licence

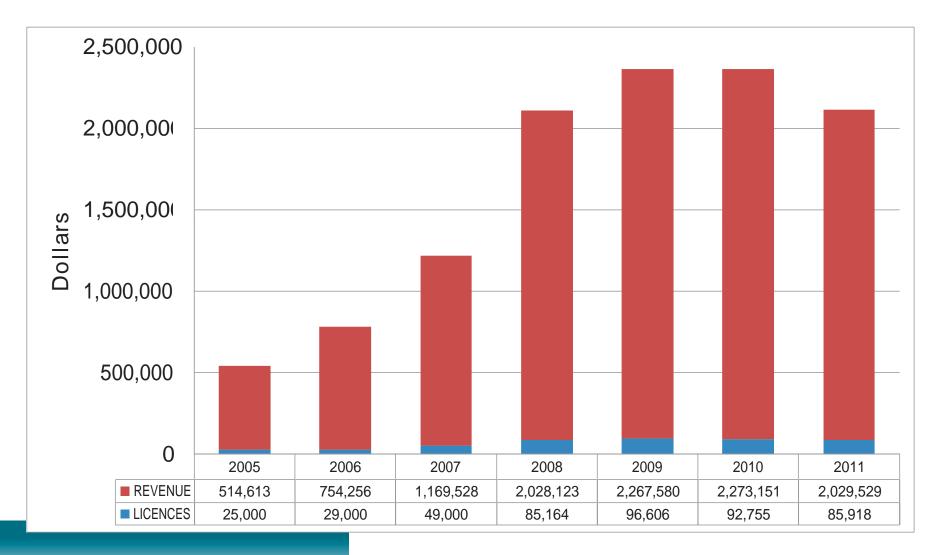
### American Licensing Comparators



# Canadian Licensing Comparators



### **Toronto – Licensing & Revenue**



# **Licensing Compliance Rates**

The 2005 - 2008 Licensing Strategy Achievements:

- Promotion of responsible pet ownership
- Year over year increase in licensing compliance and revenues from 2005 that peaked in 2010

Decline in Compliance and resulting Revenue Shortfalls – why?

- > Perception of public that licensing was a "tax", and/or was being eliminated
- Discontinuation of door- to- door canvassing



# **The Calgary Model**

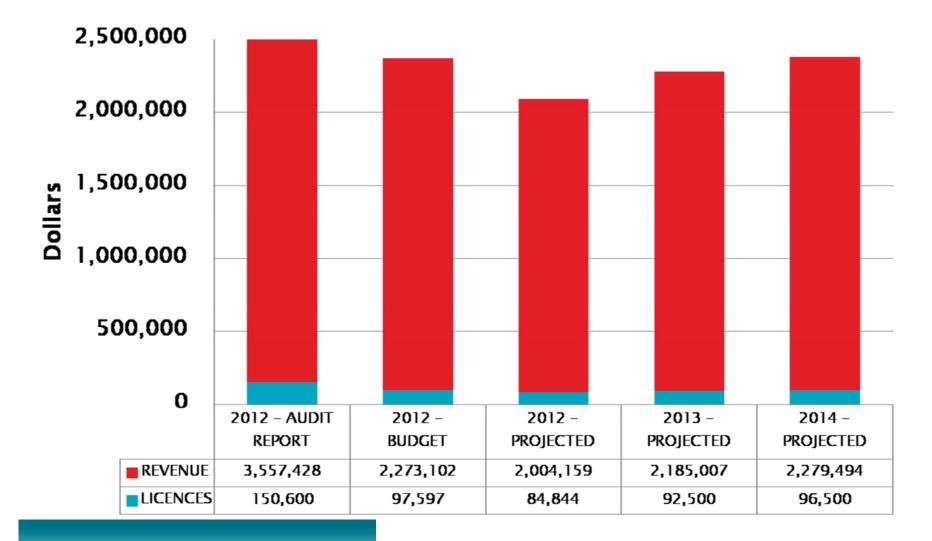
- Accessible and affordable licensing with value added incentives Rewards/ Loyalty programs
- Elimination of pet limits
- Focus on marketing the benefits of licensing, as the assurance that lost pets will have a "ticket home" versus a "zero tolerance" enforcement message of a "ticket"
- Council endorsement of services and programs
- From a service delivery / Municipal mandate perspective our programs are the same, other than our involvement in Wildlife issues and deceased animal recovery



#### Pet Licensing – Next steps

- Development of an education plan to the public on the importance of licensing and responsible pet ownership
- Accessible licensing options enhanced online, partnerships
- Value added incentives Rewards program RFQ is near completion
- Licensing Options multi- year renewals, waive first six months for new licences, discounted rates for micro- chipped
- The key to 2012 and 2013 will be to stabilize the licensing compliance program, to include establishing attainable licence and revenue targets based on proven past performance

# **Licence & Revenue Projections**



# Partnerships

#### Licensing Partnerships

 Establish 3<sup>rd</sup> party partnerships with pet and pet supply stores, veterinarians, humane societies, groomers to offer expanded availability for sale of our licences

#### Adoption Partnerships

- Pet stores
- Veterinarians
- Humane Societies
- Rescue Groups

#### **Rewards Program**

Explore loyalty programs to promote licensing and adoptions



# Marketing Strategy

Promote responsible pet ownership and adoption campaign

- Project Manager, Fundraising and Marketing
  - Responsible for development and management of marketing for TAS
  - Liaise with other City divisions to increase visible presence at community events, city parks, community meetings, media, etc.
  - Oversight to the Volunteer Program
  - Manage adopt- a- thons and promotion for each event
  - Manage partnership agreements (licensing and adoptions)
  - Liaise with industry partners to further broaden licence and adoption base
  - Develop and promote educational venues to support licensing



#### **Donations**

TAS has reopened the donations section of the e- Pets licensing and donations website

- Working with the Toronto Office of Partnerships, PF&R and others in the development of the Corporate long term solution of e- Donations
- The ability to access e- Donations through the Licensing system will continue to be available.
- Proactively marketing of fundraising campaigns, naming rights opportunities and sponsorships will be undertaken by the Project Manager



#### **Program and By-law Review**

• Stray time/ Sheltering Technical • Language amendments /

clarity

- Animal • Animal Cruelty Investigations lssues
  - Feral Cat Provisions

### Licensing

- Fee Options
- Commissions

# Summary

- Many of the AG and CSR recommendations have formed the foundation for the program review and have been implemented.
- > The Animal Services Program review will continue, and will be focused on:
- - Promoting licensing and responsible pet ownership to improve return to owner rates
    - Developing and promoting partnerships & agreements to further licensing and adoption opportunities

  - Aggressively marketing our services including donation and volunteer opportunities

  - Pursue the use of technology to improve public accessibility to our services and programs
  - Review and amend applicable by-laws to support technical and legislative changes, as required



# Questions

