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4. PAC does not currently take cats because they don't have an area set up for

5. On November 1, 2009, the City of Porterville contracted with the City of Lindsay for the use of the Lindsay Animal Shelter. The cost to Porterville for the use of the shelter is $1.00 per year.

6. On February 1, 2010 the City of Lindsay contracted with the City of Porterville for shelter services. Per contract Lindsay transports its animals to the facility for impound.

7. Lindsay pays the following shelter service fees:

a. Dog or cat	$30.00 per impound
b. Dog or cat (Quarantine)	$50.00 per impound
c. Evidence fowl	$6.00 per day
d. Horse, cow, goat, etc.	Actual cost at market value
e. Protective custody/evidence hold	$6.00 per day
f. Other evidence hold	Actual cost at market value
g. Dead animal disposal	$6.00 per animal
h. Veterinary services	Actual reimbursement costs

8. On August 1, 2010 the City of Woodlake contracted with the City of Porterville for sheltering any animals that Woodlake transports to the PAC Facility.

9. Woodlake pays the following shelter service fees:

a. Dog or cat (Litters are counted as one)	$30.00 per impound*
b. Dog or cat (Quarantine)	$50.00 per animal
c. Evidence fowl	$6.00 per day
d. Horse, cow, goat, etc.	$10.00 per day
e. Protective custody/evidence hold	$8.00 per day
f. Other animal hold	$8.00 per day
g. Dead animal disposal	$8.00 per animal
h. Veterinary services	All incurred costs

*Impounded dogs or cats are held a minimum of 6 days. If an animal is to be held longer than the 6-day minimum there will be an additional charge of $8.00 per day.

10. PAC is located at 23611 Rd 196, Lindsay, CA, and is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5PM, Saturday from 9AM to 4PM and Sunday from 9AM to 3PM.

11. PAC has five full time staff members and a number of volunteers.

12. Volunteers are from a court ordered Sheriff Work Program called Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP).

13. During the inspection of the PAC Shelter, the Grand Jury observed the following:
    a. The kennels were remarkably clean
    b. The dogs were quiet and calm
    c. Volunteers and staff take the dogs out of the shelter and exercise the animals in a grassy area.

14. All animals brought into the shelter are vaccinated during processing.

15. With the exception of sick, injured and vicious animals, PAC strives not to practice euthanasia.

16. On a daily basis, PAC advertises, in the Porterville Recorder's lost and found section, the animals brought into the shelter. Animals available for adoption are advertised in the pet section.

17. Owners claiming their pet pay a $20 impound fee plus a daily boarding fee.

18. The cost for adopting an animal is $70, which includes spay or neuter services and a leash.

19. Some of the animals available for adoption are given to rescue shelters, increasing their chance for adoption.

20. There were two elderly Pomeranians that were not adoptable because of their age and medical conditions. PAC found a pet nursing home type of facility to take these dogs and care for them.

21. The City of Porterville requires all dogs to be licensed. The fees are $10 per year for an animal that has been neutered or spayed and $22 for an unaltered animal.

22. PAC is required to file an annual report to the California Department of Health. Some of the information included in the most recent report dated December 31, 2010 includes:

a. Dogs/cats reclaimed by owners	1,227
b. Dogs/cats adopted	358
c. Dogs/cats euthanized	915
d. Dogs/cats died of other causes	66
e. Dogs/cats stolen, escaped, etc. (from the shelter)	55
f. Dogs/cats rescued, transfer to other shelter	621
g. Total animal bites (within the City of Porterville)	28

CONCLUSIONS

The Grand Jury believes that PAC is adequately providing the services needed for animal control in Porterville.

PAC is to be commended for going above and beyond its services by utilizing the press as an aid to reunite families with their pets and advertising pets available for adoption.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Incorporate an area at the PAC Shelter for cats.

2. Continue using the press for family reunification and adoption.

RESPONSES REQUIRED

Porterville Animal Control

Porterville Police Department

Porterville City Council