

HSBH Budget Proposal

Prepared for the City of Rapid City Legal and Finance
Committee – July 29, 2015



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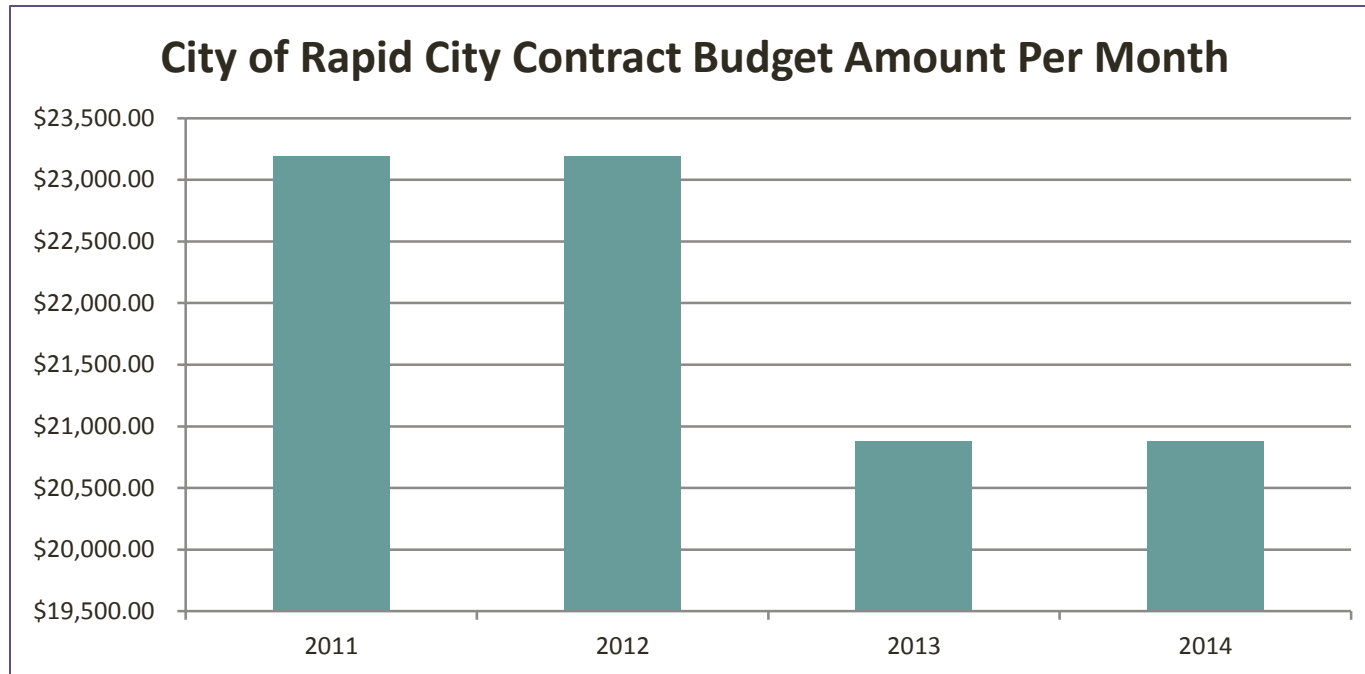
HSBH FINANCIAL SUMMARY



Overview of Activities

- New board and new organizational direction since 2013
- Significant progress in fundraising as well as adoption numbers, but still is not enough funding to cover the increasing costs of operations and building maintenance
- Review of financials for extraneous expenses reveals no significant cost categories that HSBH can eliminate
- The organization has worked hard to provide improved service while covering increased numbers, yet despite careful management and improved procedures, we are experiencing a budget shortfall

City of RC Budget Summary



HSBH Warrant Seizures and Investigations

ANIMAL SERVICES AND ENFORCEMENT (ASE) REPORT – JUNE 2015



ASE Duties and Situations

- Enforce Rapid City ordinances
- Obtain warrants for animal seizures
- Investigate animal cruelty
- Assist Police Department
- Investigate bites and seize animals for quarantine
- Respond to wildlife calls
- Pickup strays
- Work with aggressive animals
- Perform potentially dangerous and dangerous animal investigations
- Educate the public
- Enforce rabies vaccinations and licensing

ASE Improvement Plan

- HSBH has made tremendous efforts to progress its animal control services from basic functions to fully responsive officers serving as an extension of the Rapid City Police Department (RCPD)
- In 2014, we implemented a plan to better address past and current animal control issues, which resulted in managing an increased number of animal control calls and activities with a high level of professionalism and accuracy

ASE Improvements Since 2014

- Hired lead full-time ASE officer in March 2014; lead officer has sufficient experience and education to be able to write warrants
- ASE officers now receive advanced training and certification from the National Animal Control and Humane Office Academy, which consists of three training modules
- During current season, on-call officer needs to have the another officer serve as a backup because of the increase in dog bites and aggressive dog calls, and because HSBH does not want the public to have to wait too long to receive assistance in these situations

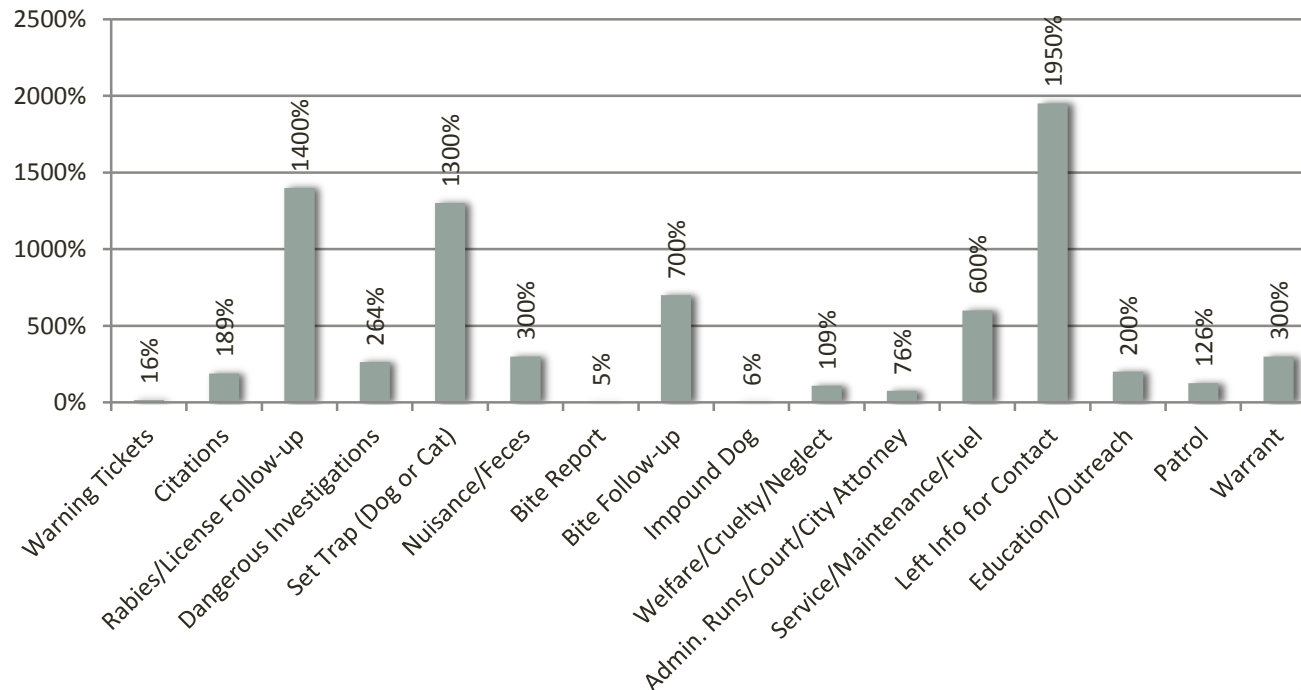
ASE Improvements Since 2014

- Due to increase in ASE services and busy season, HSBH found a significant need for a part-time officer, and hired one to increase assistance and decrease officer over-time within the last month
- Potentially dangerous dog investigations and dog seizures have increased dramatically to create a safer community (HSBH first works with dog owners through education and other means to neutralize situations, but seizes animals if owners do not show improvement)
- HSBH is also stressing the importance of current rabies vaccinations and licensing to promote community safety

Increase in ASE Services

According to RCPD reports, the HSBH has increased its calls taken and response to calls by 34.27%

Percent Increase Since Last Quarter



Providing Public Safety

- An officer may find situations in which the animals are safe and healthy, but they often run into situations where animals are in bad health due to mistreatment
- Above all, we are here to keep the public and the animals safe, while enforcing laws, ordinances, and public safety

Overview

WARRANT SEIZURES



Warrant Seizure May 2015

- 2 Great Danes
- 21 Lambs
- 20 Rabbits

Violations

- Inhumane treatment
- Care and treatment
- Illegal kenneling
- Maintenance and places where kept
- Livestock kept within the city limits



Haines Ave. Seizure

Warrant Seizure May 2015

- 2 Great Danes
- 21 Lambs
- 20 Rabbits
- Several deceased animals removed



- Lambs living inside of the home and eating insulation
- Many code violations
- House full of hay and trash
- Breeding rabbits and dogs

Haines Ave. Seizure

Warrant Seizure June 2014

- 8 dogs seized

Violations

- Care and treatment
- Maintenance and places where kept



Sunshine Trail Seizure

Warrant Seizure June 2014

- Many of the dogs had bacterial skin infections
- All were filthy with feces and urine
- Paws were infected and swollen
- Warrant was obtained and all dogs were seized and received Veterinarian care



Sunshine Trail Seizure

Warrant Seizure December 2014

- 9 dogs seized

Violations

- Care and treatment
- Maintenance and places where kept



Scott Street Seizure

Warrant Seizure December 2014

- 7 puppies born at HSBH
- All dogs were living in filth and feces
- All emaciated, dehydrated, mite, flea and lice infested
- All were starving and in very poor condition



Scott Street Seizure

Warrant Seizure February 2015

- 1 dog seized for abandonment

Violations

- Care and treatment
- Abandonment



Chalkstone Drive Seizure

Warrant Seizure February 2015

- 2nd warrant seizure at Chalkstone address
- Dog escaped and bit a neighbor
- Owner would not comply or contact ASE
- Warrant obtained and dog seized



Chalkstone Drive – 2nd Warrant Seizure

Warrant Seizure July 2014

- Suspect: Raccoon
- Results: Animal moved out of Rapid City limits

Violations

- Illegal animal in city limits
- Was able to inspect home and find other violations
- Made to obtain license and rabies vaccinations for multiple animals on property

Warrant Seizure April 2014

- 22 cats seized

Violations

- Code violations for property mess
- Restraint of animal
- Maintenance and placed where kept

- Warrant obtained
- Fire and RCPD assisted
- House deemed unsafe
- Obtained order to trap
- Trapped 22 cats from Elm Avenue address

Elm Avenue Seizure



Warrant Seizure June 2014

- 2 dogs and puppies seized
- Dogs placed with a family member
- Owner was arrested- animals left inside of the home
- Dogs were left in the home a full week before we were notified
- Warrant obtained to obtain custody of abandoned animals

Fairmont Boulevard Seizure



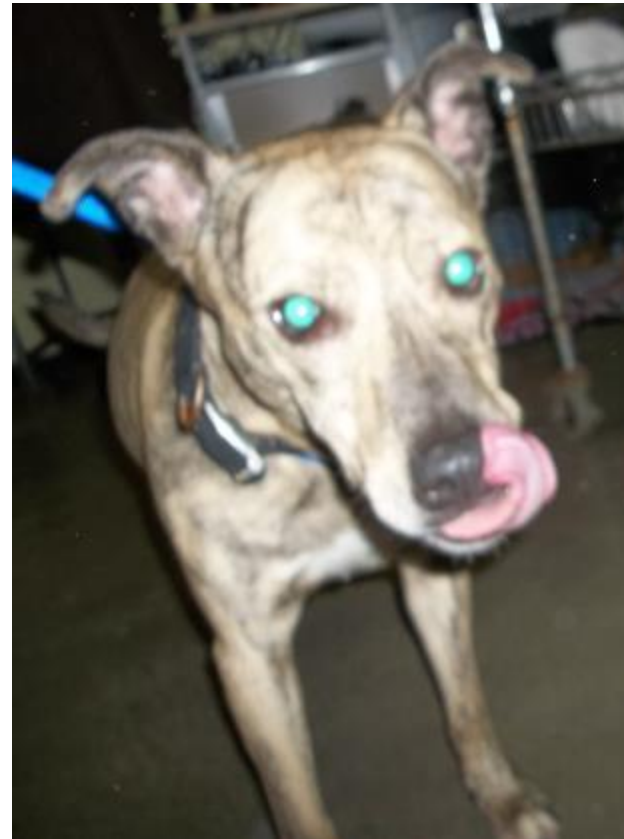
Overview

POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS INVESTIGATIONS



Potentially Dangerous Investigation December 2014

- 2 bites to humans
- 1 animal on animal attack
- Deemed potentially dangerous



MacArthur Investigation

Potentially Dangerous Investigation

June 2014

- 2 human bites
- Multiple at large complaints
- Complaints on aggression
- Dog deemed potentially dangerous
- Full stipulations
- Family admits to many sustained bites from the dog

Potentially Dangerous Investigation September 2014

- 2 human bites
- Child was bitten in face
- Extreme amount of at large complaints, charging, and chasing neighbors
- Deemed potentially dangerous
- Obtained warrant and seized dog after deemed; failure to comply



Savoy Circle Investigation

Potentially Dangerous Investigation

September 2014

- Dog has charged police officers multiple times
- 2 instances of trapping dog
- Always at large
- Deemed potentially dangerous; seized for being at large and failure to comply
- Dog euthanized



Filmore Street Investigation

Potentially Dangerous Investigation

March 2015 Herman Street

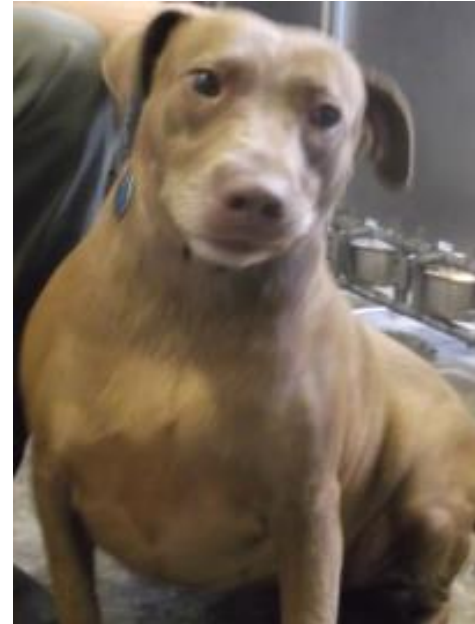
- Dog has bitten multiple times
- Dog on dog attack numerous times
- At large complaints
- Dog deemed potentially dangerous and euthanized



Herman Street Investigation

Potentially Dangerous Investigation September 2014

- 2 dog on dog attacks
- Dog seized and placed under an investigation
- Dog deemed potentially dangerous with stipulations



Elm Avenue Investigation

Potentially Dangerous Investigation

December 2014

- Belgian Malinois
- Dog seized and placed under an investigation
- Trained as a protection dog
- Dog deemed potentially dangerous with full stipulations
- 3 attacks to a walker (one incident)
- 1 year mandatory training

Sun Valley Drive Investigation



Potentially Dangerous Investigation

June 2014

- Dog has multiple bites
- Last bite was to a child's pelvic region
- Dog always at large
- Dog deemed potentially dangerous
- Brown and white pit bull, two years old
- USPS refused to drop mail until the dog was deemed and contained

Oak Avenue Investigation



Summary

ASE ACTIVITIES



In One Year:

- We have had 134 bites From January 1, 2015 to May 29, 2015
- We have had 12 search warrants this year
- We have had 34 potentially dangerous dog investigations
- From January 1, 2015 to May 29, 2015 we have written 43 citations (court appearance required)
- 183 written warnings have been written from January 1, 2015 to May 29, 2015
- ASE officers handle wildlife calls in the city limits to include skunks, rattlesnakes, raccoons, etc.
- ASE officers are licensed with State GFP for wildlife rehabilitation to assist with the wildlife issues

Fiscal Year 2016

HSBH PROPOSED BUDGET



Budget Justification

- ASE Improvement Plan has been implemented, resulting in increased services, both in volume and quality
 - Improved services have resulted in additional staff members
- Community engagement
 - Hardship holds
 - Food bank
 - Education events
 - Assistance to area Indian reservations
- Steady increase to Rapid City area population
- Minimum wage increase to \$8.50

Budget Justification

- Fundraising efforts (some recent fundraising and community engagement materials pictured)

We Need Your Help Here
in Rapid City



The Humane Society of the Black Hills rescues over 4,800 animals every year. By donating to us directly, you can help the local animals and families who need it most.

Wish List


- Cash Donations
- Heavy Duty Trash Bags
- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Copy Paper
- Dog/Cat Toys
- Raw Hides
- Dog/Cat Treats
- Kitty Litter
- Cleaning Volunteers

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Humane Society of the Black Hills added a new photo.
July 18 at 5:05pm

Today's Adoptions!
Congrats to all of these adorable kitties on finding new homes!

Luna
Oliver
Ce-Lo
Annette
Lucious



We are a guaranteed-adoption shelter
100% of our adoptable animals find forever homes!



Humane Society of the Black Hills
Animal Shelter

7,632 people like this

Sponsorship Packet



Memorial Park
September 12, 2015
1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

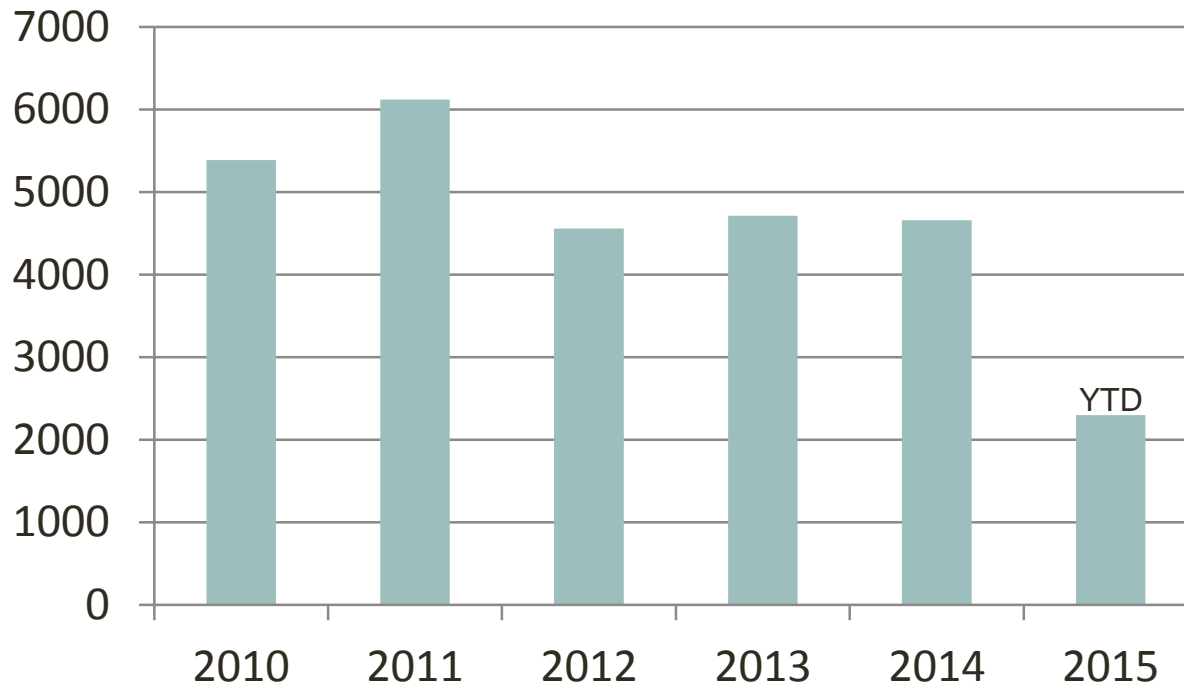
A Music Festival Celebrating all things
Canine (and feline)!

Music, Food, Vendors and More. . . . !



A Community Without HSBH

Animal Intake by Year



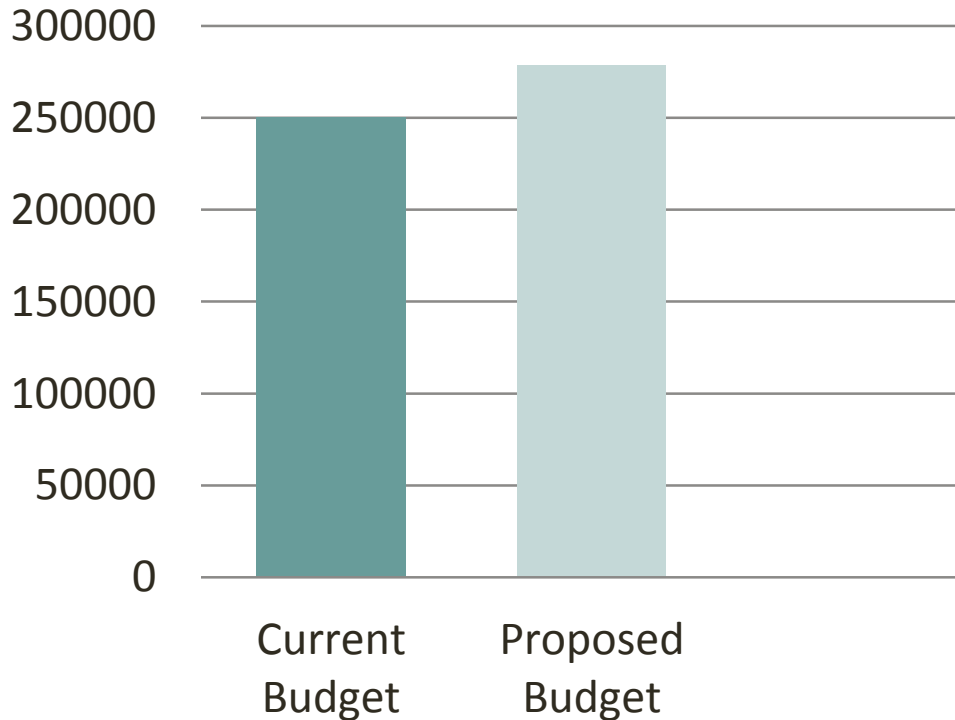
**Cost per animal per day is \$13*

HSBH takes in an average of over 5,000 animals each year. Without our organization, what will happen to these animals?

FY 2016 Budget Request

- HSBH requests that its budget for Fiscal Year 2016 be restored to its previous highest contract amount of approximately \$278,000 per year

Budget Comparison



Conclusion

QUESTIONS?

