



# City of Fort Pierce

## Community Response Divisions Code Enforcement & Animal Control

Protecting the health, safety and welfare of our community

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TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners  
CC: Nicholas Mimms, City Manager  
FROM: Peggy Arraiz, Code Compliance Manager  
RE: Animal Control Enforcement  
DATE: May 3, 2016

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### **ANIMAL CONTROL ENFORCEMENT UPDATE**

- From January 1, 2016 to April 30, 2016 Animal Control has issued 108 citations:
  - Registration Required (includes 1 breeder registration) – 34
  - Rabies Required – 25
  - Running at Large / Fail to Restrain – 27
  - Animal Care / Injury / Abuse & Cruelty – 12
  - Public Nuisance / # of Animals / Public Areas – 10
- In addition to bite cases, stray dogs and cats and welfare checks, Animal Control has responded to the following types of calls in the past few months (this is just a sample):
  - Dead possum with live babies
  - Injured birds – owls, hawks, Sandhill cranes, gannets, and pelicans
  - Dead sea turtle
  - Nuisance alligator
  - Goat running loose
  - Kitten stuck in pipe
  - Ducklings stuck in drain
  - Chicken complaints
  - Large iguana eating birds and their eggs
  - Dead hog in roadway
  - Snakes at Public Works
- We continue to work with PetData on our registration program.
  - Prior to PetData our annual registration income was \$3,880. In FY 2015 (our first full year with PetData) our registration income was \$10,658.
  - We are on track this year to meet that same income.

- We now have PayPal readers to make pet registrations easier.
  - In 2015 we attended a rabies clinic hosted by the Humane Society but we were unable to issue any registrations and turned people away because no one had cash or check to pay.
  - All three ACO's now have card readers in their trucks and can issue registrations on site.
  - The readers are equipped with a chip reader, so are compliance with the new regulations.
  - The readers are connected to the PetData bank account and are pre-loaded with the registration costs.
  
- We have a plan to improve our call follow ups, issuing reports and record keeping.
  - SLC purchased an enterprise license for the animal control module from SunGuard. It is available to the COFP and in fact is already at the FPPD.
  - Shay is working in two phases –
    - Upgrading the existing laptops to a “Toughbook” type of laptop for use by AC in the field. These computers would be leased v. purchasing outright.
    - Once received, they will hopefully be set up with the OneSolution program, which will be available in the field. This will require coordination with SLC Operation Center, FPPD and PSLPD (who already has it set up). We are currently just in the initial exploratory phase of this project.
    - We will also have access to the CAD program from SLC Operation Center that provides access to all AC calls – pending, active and past.