

Montgomery County

Cat Services



Animal Resource Center




MONTGOMERY
C O U N T Y

ANIMAL RESOURCE CENTER

Types of Cats in Our Community

- Owned
- Stray
- Feral



Cats now outrank dogs in total ownership
60% of owned cats live outside
84% of owned cats are spayed/neutered
25% of citizens feed outdoor cats
45% of those have had more than one litter

Too Many Cats

Cat intake #s continue to climb
The cat population has been on a large and steady growth curve since 1999. In fact, the number of cats entering area shelters has increased by 45% since 1999.



Cat Intake Numbers

1999	---	4313
2000	---	4664
2001	---	5227
2002	---	6296
2003	---	6136
2004	---	6310
2005	---	6562

Includes ARC, HSoGD & SICSA



ARC Cat Handling 2007

- 3678 cats received
- 422 adopted
- 68 transferred
- 31 returned to owner at the ARC
- 0 returned to owner in the field



Challenges Confronting Cats

- **Sickness & Disease**
- **Weather & Environment**
- **Predation**
- **Man Made Hazards**
- **Lack of Identification**
- **No required holding periods under Ohio Revised Code**



Right Now

Shelters are in a reaction mode due to time, resources and volume of cats received.

Animal Resource Center services are provided to the community including contact localities.



ARC Services Include

- Accept all cats presented*
- Humane care & medical treatment
- Evaluation for adoption or transfer
- Spay / Neuter & adoption

*Service fee applies to cats presented from non-contract localities



Safe Cat Program

- Joint program
- Held 4 times in 2007
- Funded by a grant
- Intervention & education
- Basic ID & microchips
- Basic veterinary exams
- Spay / Neuter surgeries



Contract Services to Localities

- Guaranteed acceptance of cats, no maximum
- Minimum three day hold
- No cost to citizen at counter
- Per cat cost, no minimum
- Monthly invoicing



Voluntary Cat Registration

- Under development
- Establish ID tag database for cats
- Offer 14 day hold for cats displaying this ID
- Yearly renewal in July
- Vacation Registration



Voluntary Cat Registration

- Suggested \$6.00 per year
- Reduced cost for Senior Citizens 55 and older
- Register 4 Life option with microchip
- Included with Adoption



Summary

- Provides service to citizens
- Provides safe housing for cats
- Develops and implements new programs
- Protects community safety

