

## Boone County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Division: Full Time Officer Proposal



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### Preface

This Presentation is a compact, summarized version of the Full Time Officer Proposal Binder provided to the Boone County Commissioners and Boone County Council and serves to provide validation and support for the need of a Full Time Animal Control Officer position in Boone County.



### Statistics

Population as of 2015: 63,437

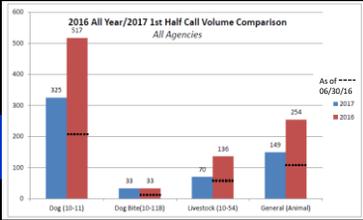
Estimated Domestic Animal\* Population as of 2015: 77,545

**There are 18% more cats and dogs than persons!**

\*This number refers only to dogs and cats and doesn't include other domesticated animals such as small rodents, reptiles, rabbits, etc.



### Statistics, cont.



Category	2016	2017 (As of 06/30/16)
Dog (10-11)	825	977
Dog Bite (10-13B)	33	33
Livestock (10-54)	70	130
General (Animal)	149	254

- 1<sup>st</sup> half 2017 > 1<sup>st</sup> half 2016 in ALL categories
- 1<sup>st</sup> half 2017 = All year 2016 in dog bite reports



### Statistics, cont.

The 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2017 is at:

- 64% of all of 2014.
- 55% of all of 2015.
- 61% of all of 2016.

Year	Total
2014	896
2015	1048
2016	940
2017 1 <sup>st</sup> Half	577

If the problem was handling itself, the halfway mark for the current year would be *less* than the halfway mark for the previous year, but that is not the case.



### Photographic Support



Some are unwanted.                      Some are dumped.  
Some are mistreated.                      Some are saved.

**ALL deserve a chance to be fought for.**

\*All of the above occurred in Boone County.



### Publicity and Social Media

"Police: Someone shot, dumped dog on Lebanon roadside in duct-taped tote"

"...neighbor's cats were found in plastic bags behind their house dead from unnatural events (meaning a person had to do it.)..."

"...Because of the condition of his body she had an autopsy done and discovered he was poisoned..."

"Dog abandoned at Lebanon truck stop..."



### Letters of Support

From law enforcement officers:

"Animal law is a very specialized and specific slice of enforcement...It requires the utmost in dedication, resolve and training..."

"We are long overdue to have a full time animal control officer in the county..."

"I feel that the amount of calls we respond to for animal issues warrants a full time position."



### Letters of Support

From Boone County residents:

"I believe that with the current population of the county and the growth that is happening now this can no longer be delayed."

"Several of these [calls] have been for animal abuse, which needs a person in a position to enforce laws."

"Negative experiences of other areas should remind us that preparation and prevention is less expensive and traumatic than reaction."



### Letters of Support

(cont)

"Volunteers do not have the hours outside of their jobs...we need the help from law enforcement."

"It is unbelievable that Boone County does not have an Animal Control Officer."

"It is time for this wonderful county we live and work in to join the 21<sup>st</sup> century and help the helpless."

"As a lifelong Republican voter, who is against raising taxes, would gladly pay a tax in support of this."



### Letters of Support

From out of county residents who support Boone County:

"In the end, it is the animals that really need this assistance."

"Neglected animals need the voice of the law behind them when they are suffering from neglect."

"...very adamant in supporting the need for an animal control officer as an integral part of Boone County's effort to better care for the pets."



# Questions

(and open discussion)

