

# **Animal Control Update**

## **TMC Title #17 Adequate Care**

City of Tacoma  
Police Department



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# Overview

- Washington Alliance for Humane Legislation proposed a revision to the Tacoma Municipal Code, Title 17, Animal Control to include adequate care standards for animals
- City Ordinance #28271 Passed on December 16, 2014



# Background

- The ordinance was designed to ensure that animals have basic and adequate care
- Animal Control Officers focus on education with the pet owners as the first step in achieving compliance with the law
- Enforcement is the next step



# 2015 Statistics

- Total calls for service - 8675
- Calls for service regarding neglect - 423
- Infractions issued for neglect/adequate care violations - 3



# Education

- Officers have determined that most citizens do not intend to violate the ordinance and have been responsive to education
- Education has been successful in stopping animal neglect and keeping pets with their owners



# Next Steps

- Animal Control Officers and staff will continue their education and enforcement efforts with pet owners





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