

# PRESENTATION FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

- Enforcement of Title 7: Litter Permits and Sale of Animals
- Mandatory spay/neuter of all animals sold at pet stores
- Differential Licensing

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## **DID YOU KNOW? From January through October 2009:**

Over 18,000 animals were impounded.

Over 14,000 animals were killed.

There are an estimated 400,000 stray animals in our community.

Title 7 is the local ordinance that assists Animal Services and is primarily related to rabies control and prevention as well as pet care. Title 7 is what gives the Health Authority and Veterinarian Officer their authority to enforce certain aspects of the ordinance related to rabies, registration, nuisance conditions, animal care standards and dangerous dogs.

## **BREEDING AND SELLING:**

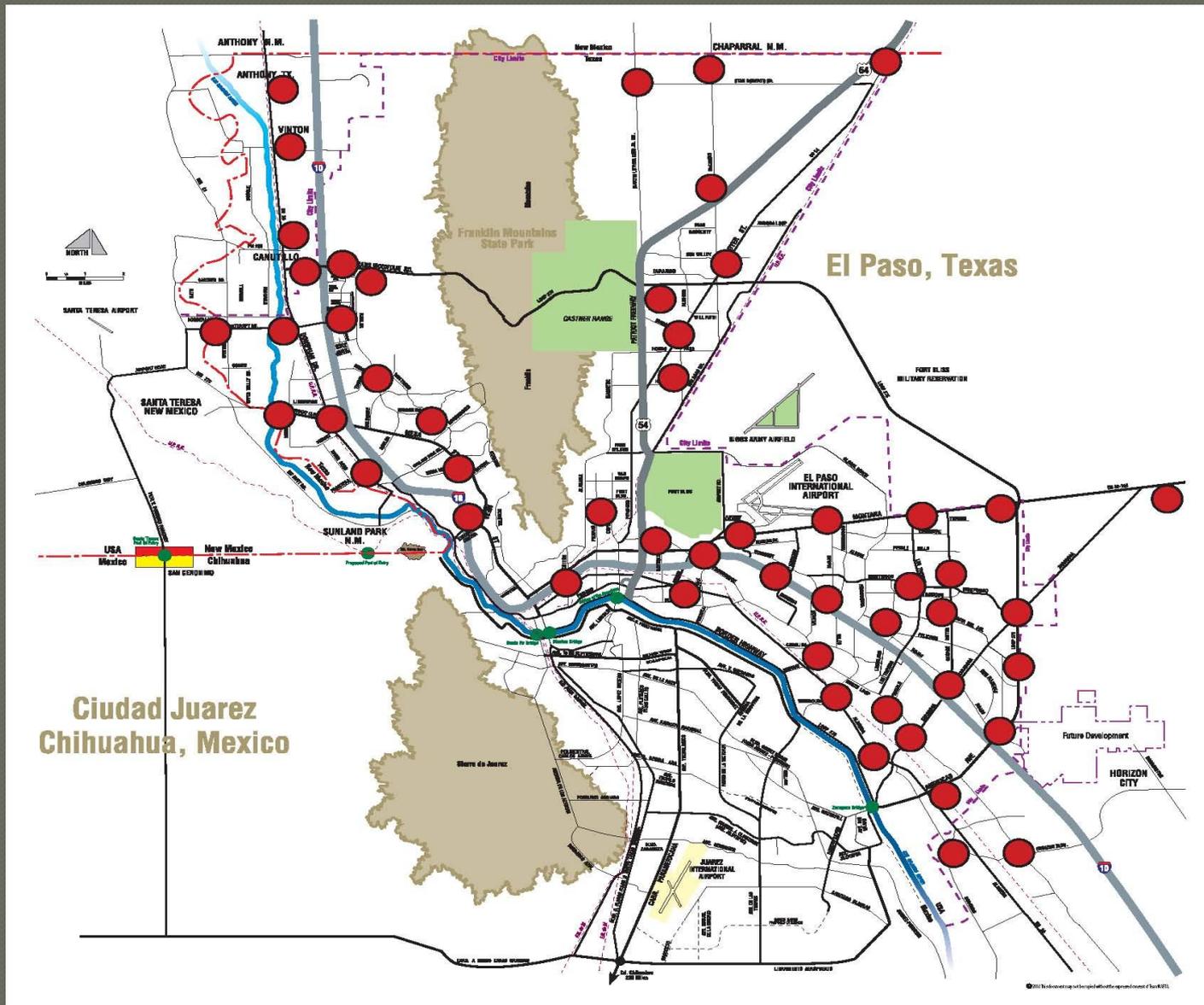
### **What is the breeding regulation?**

Any person that allows a female dog or cat to breed will be required to pay a \$75.00 annual litter permit fee for each female dog or cat and be allowed up to two litters a year per animal (accidents or planned, professional or non-professional, mixed-breed or purebred). You have 10 days after the birth of a litter to get a permit. Regulated breeding will help prevent the thousands of unwanted animals born each year. Puppies and kittens not purchased or given away may be later abandoned, neglected or treated cruelly.

### **Can I sell animals on the roadside?**

It is unlawful to sell, trade, barter, lease, rent, give away or display for a commercial purpose any animal on any roadside, public right-of-way, commercial parking lot, or at any flea market or festival. A seller's permit and proper zoning requirements must be met before selling animals.

Red dots identify animal sales within our community.





***An unspayed female dog, her mate and all of their puppies and their puppies' puppies, if none are ever neutered or spayed, add up to:***

**1 year: 16**

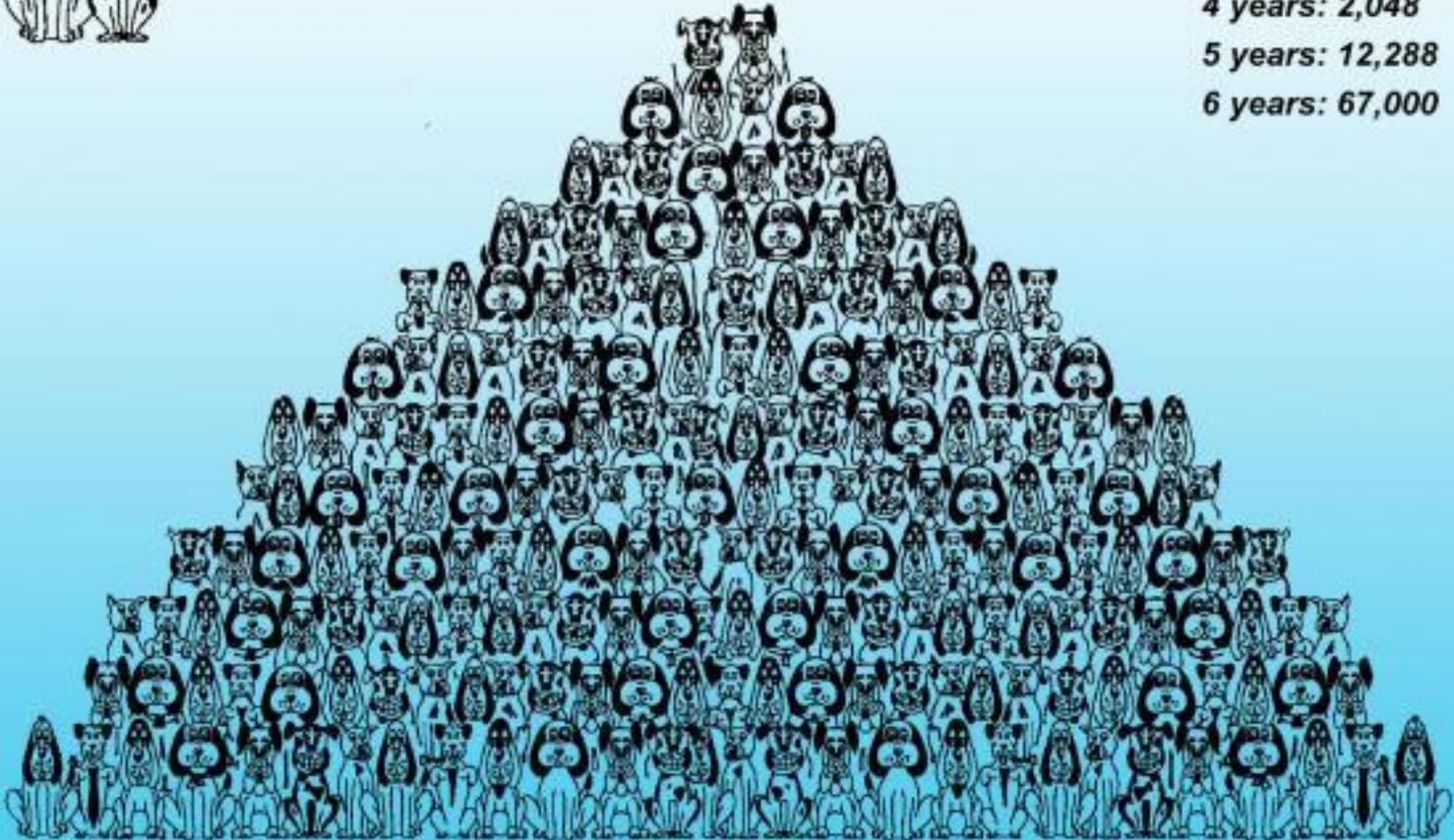
**2 years: 128**

**3 years: 512**

**4 years: 2,048**

**5 years: 12,288**

**6 years: 67,000**



# ADVERTISING OF ANIMALS FOR SALE

- Print Media
  - El Paso Times
  - Thrifty Nickel
  - Flyers
- Websites:
  - El Paso Times.com
  - Craigslist
  - KFOX classifieds
  - Lycos.com



## Refine your search

### Category

[Pets & Animals](#)

[Dogs](#):65

[Cats](#):4

[Other Pets](#):4

[Lost Pets](#):3

### Pet Breed Dog

[English Bulldog](#):4

[Australian Shepherd](#):1

[Parson Russell Terrier](#):1

[Poodle](#):1

[Yorkshire Terrier](#):1

### State

[Texas](#):69

[New Mexico](#):7

### Price

[\\$0 - \\$1](#):10

[\\$1 - \\$50](#):3

[\\$100 - \\$150](#):11

[\\$150 - \\$200](#):8

[\\$200 - \\$500](#):29

[\\$500 - \\$1000](#):11

[\\$1,000 - \\$5,000](#):4

Description	Price	Listed
 <a href="#">CHIHUAHUA Tea cup &amp; tiny toys reg playful healthy .</a> 11.32 miles 	\$150.00	Text Ad 10/11/2009
C CHIHUAHUA Tea cup & tiny toys reg playful healthy beautiful colors shots \$150 up cash 915-740-0841		
 <a href="#">AKC registered English Bulldog</a> 9.31 miles 	\$200.00	<b>Power Ad</b> 10/11/2009 <a href="#">s4475fmith46483</a>
AKC registered and comes with a pedigree, current vaccinations, \$200 Contact: smith.micheal@live.com		
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AKC registered and comes with a pedigree, current vaccinations, \$200 Contact: smith.micheal@live.com		
 <a href="#">Huskies-Siberian Pups 6 wks pure breed shots dewo.</a> 4.43 miles 	\$200.00	Text Ad 10/10/2009
Huskies-Siberian Pups 6 wks pure breed shots dewormed \$200. 915-407-5578		
 <a href="#">Pug Puppies 1st shots. 7wks only! Fawn Parents on .</a> 10.94 miles 	\$400.00	Text Ad 10/10/2009
Pug Puppies 1st shots. 7wks only! Fawn Parents on site! \$400. 915-999-3339		
 <a href="#">Beagles 8wks old 5 males 1 female tri-color, paren.</a> 11.03 miles 	\$250.00	Text Ad 10/10/2009
Beagles 8wks old 5 males 1 female tri-color, parents on site \$250. 594-1906 (after 9am)		
<a href="#">French Poodles 6 wks female &amp; males \$140 call 859.</a> 11.08 miles 	\$140.00	Text Ad 10/10/2009

	French Poodles 6 wks female & males \$140 call 859-0336	
	<a href="#">Blue Heelers 2M/5F 5 wks old! \$150 ea. Call 856-69.</a> 18.12 miles 	\$150.00 Text Ad 10/10/2009
Blue Heelers 2M/5F 5 wks old! \$150 ea. Call 856-6957 or 892-6670		
	<a href="#">Pugs Puppies 6wks. dewormed must see! \$300 856-9747.</a> 20.18 miles 	\$300.00 Text Ad 10/10/2009
Pugs Puppies 6wks. dewormed must see! \$300 856-9747 or 545-3738		
	<a href="#">Corgi Pups 6 wks old 1st shots tails docked 3 male.</a> 28.52 miles 	\$400.00 Text Ad 10/10/2009
Corgi Pups 6 wks old 1st shots tails docked 3 males and 3 females \$400 Call 915-203-6119		
	<a href="#">Schnauzers-Mini Two wht females 8wks 1st shots tai.</a> 0.11 miles 	Text Ad 10/09/2009
Schnauzers-Mini Two wht females 8wks 1st shots tails docked & dewormed. Two 1yr olds trained male & female. 915-820-5793		
	<a href="#">Labrador 2 females black 1st shots 9 weeks \$160 9.</a> 5.34 miles 	\$160.00 Text Ad 10/09/2009
Labrador 2 females black 1st shots 9 weeks \$160 915-875-4205		
	<a href="#">Boxer puppies 3 male 2 females 5 wks old tails doc.</a> 7.39 miles 	\$150.00 Text Ad 10/09/2009
Boxer puppies 3 male 2 females 5 wks old tails docked dewormed parents on site \$150 491-5486		
	<a href="#">Red Nose Pitbulls 6wks 4 females 3 males POS. \$100.</a>	\$100.00 Text Ad



8.17 miles



10/09/2009

Red Nose Pitbulls 6wks 4 females 3 males POS. \$100 ea. 915-760-7607

[Yorkshire Terriers AKC m & f 5 wks shots microchip.](#)

8.98 miles



\$1,300.00

Text Ad  
10/09/2009

Yorkshire Terriers AKC m &amp; f 5 wks shots microchip puppy warranty deposit ok \$1300-\$1500. Call 915-422-8102

[German Shepherd AKC 7 wk puppies rare black champ.](#)

10.47 miles



\$500.00

Text Ad  
10/09/2009

German Shepherd AKC 7 wk puppies rare black champ bloodline special \$500. 915-593-7537

[Mini-Schnauzer Beautiful puppies 6 weeks tail doc.](#)

11.46 miles



\$250.00

Text Ad  
10/09/2009

Mini-Schnauzer Beautiful puppies 6 weeks tail docked 1st shot pure breed. Salt &amp; pepper and black. \$250. 857-0205

[YORKIE Beautiful female 1 year shoots very tiny \\$4.](#)

11.70 miles



\$425.00

Text Ad  
10/09/2009

YORKIE Beautiful female 1 year shoots very tiny \$425. 915-490-1175

[Maltese Must sell. Very small AKC Male puppy 1st s.](#)

12.52 miles



\$550.00

Text Ad  
10/09/2009

Maltese Must sell. Very small AKC Male puppy 1st shots \$550. 915-443-1133

[Boston Terrier Puppies. \\$500-\\$800 Call for detail.](#)

12.60 miles



\$500.00

Text Ad  
10/09/2009

Boston Terrier Puppies. \$500-\$800 Call for details 915-491-1665 or 246-0874

[Pomeranian 8wks old 1M 2F \\$400 1 Black 1 Gray 1 Mu.](#)

13.32 miles



\$400.00

Text Ad  
10/09/2009

Pomeranian 8wks old 1M 2F \$400 1 Black 1 Gray 1 Multi 915-328-4298

[Chihuahua Puppies purebred 8wks \\$100. 859-2102 Cal.](#)

13.48 miles



\$100.00

Text Ad  
10/09/2009

Chihuahua Puppies purebred 8wks \$100. 859-2102 Call after 4 pm.

[German Shepperd Puppies 5 female 3 male 5 weeks ol.](#)

13.68 miles



\$125.00

Text Ad  
10/09/2009

German Shepperd Puppies 5 female 3 male 5 weeks old. \$125. 915-307-6115

[Chihuahua AKC TEACUP & Tiny Toy MUST SEE & MUST C.](#)

15.04 miles



\$150.00

Text Ad  
10/09/2009

Chihuahua AKC TEACUP &amp; Tiny Toy MUST SEE &amp; MUST COMPARE very small different colors shots dewormed Health Gauranteed \$150up. 915-820-4433

[MALCHI 6 months old a mix of chihuahua with maltese.](#)

15.39 miles



\$350.00

Text Ad  
10/09/2009

MALCHI 6 months old a mix of chihuahua with maltese. \$350. 915-849-1496

[Jack Russell Pups 6 wks 1m 2f tails docked \\$300. C.](#)

18.00 miles



\$300.00

Text Ad  
10/09/2009

Jack Russell Pups 6 wks 1m 2f tails docked \$300. Call 915-274-4515

[Cane Corso Pups Big Italian Mastiff blood line. Mu.](#)

18.79 miles



\$300.00

Text Ad  
10/09/2009

Cane Corso Pups Big Italian Mastiff blood line. Must see! \$300 &amp; up! 915-824-4594.

[Husky Puppies 4 females \\$175 1 male \\$200. Black/wh.](#)

\$175.00

Text Ad



19.48 miles



10/09/2009

Husky Puppies 4 females \$175 1 male \$200. Black/white some w/ white eyes. 241-8726

[Labradorblk \\$140 Choco. \\$195Full breed 1 shot.852.](#)

19.98 miles



\$140.00

Text Ad  
10/09/2009

Labrador blk \$140 Choco. \$195 Full breed 1 shot, 852-3350 740-3677

[German Shepherd Pups AKC reg 7 wks 1st shots dewo.](#)

21.39 miles



\$500.00

Text Ad  
10/09/2009

German Shepherd Pups AKC reg 7 wks 1st shots dewormed 3 female 5 male. \$500 cash only 9328-2512 539-9383

[COCKER SPANIEL PUPSBeautiful Pure breed Shots tail](#)

4.43 miles



\$200.00

Text Ad  
10/08/2009

COCKER SPANIEL PUPS Beautiful Pure breed Shots tail docked \$200 407-5578

[Shih TzuPups 4 sale AKC Reg 4m/1 fem \\$390 & Non R.](#)

6.72 miles



\$390.00

Text Ad  
10/08/2009

Shih Tzu Pups 4 sale AKC Reg 4m/1 fem \$390 &amp; Non Reg 1fem/2m \$275 all 1st shot d-wormed Blk Brn &amp; Gray Call 915-203-1897 or 781-0733

[Pomeranian2 males registered 12 weeks shots \\$500..](#)

10.30 miles



\$500.00

Text Ad  
10/08/2009

Pomeranian 2 males registered 12 weeks shots \$500.Call 915-440-4149

[ChihuahuaTeacup & mini toy 7 wks old pure breed \\$.](#)

10.94 miles



\$130.00

Text Ad  
10/08/2009

Chihuahua Teacup &amp; mini toy 7 wks old pure breed \$130. 694-8665

[Lhasa Apso Pups 6 Weeks -\\$250 ea 222-8372 491-489.](#)

13.64 miles



\$250.00

Text Ad  
10/08/2009

Lhasa Apso Pups 6 Weeks -\$250 ea 222-8372 491-4899

[Chihuahua2 males \\$125 each Call 619-647-0146...](#)

13.78 miles



\$125.00

Text Ad  
10/08/2009

Chihuahua 2 males \$125 each Call 619-647-0146

[Cocker SpanielAdorable! 4 mo from \\$250 East El Pa.](#)

14.11 miles



\$250.00

Text Ad  
10/08/2009

Cocker Spaniel Adorable! 4 mo from \$250 East El Paso Milya 803-528-5409

[Shih tzu puppies. 8 wks. 1st shots. Call for an i.](#)

14.42 miles



\$350.00

Text Ad  
10/08/2009

Shih tzu puppies. 8 wks. 1st shots. Call for an interview. \$350 915-307-1240

[English Bulldog](#)

9.31 miles



\$250.00

**Power Ad**  
10/08/2009  
[daniellachristia](#)

English Bulldog Female AKC reg, Vet checked. Shots up to date, she has a gorgeous wrinkles and a beautiful rope. daniellachristia@yahoo.com

[German Shepherd7 wks old 5 males \\$130 4 females \\$.](#)

7.61 miles



\$130.00

Text Ad  
10/07/2009

German Shepherd 7 wks old 5 males \$130 4 females \$115 755-0024 or 503-7556

[English Bulldogs7 wks old. AKC reg. 3F Parents on.](#)

10.94 miles



\$1,500.00

Text Ad  
10/07/2009

English Bulldogs 7 wks old. AKC reg. 3F Parents on site! \$1500 obo. 539-7567

[Boston Terriers. AKC 4 m 6 wks old black. Vet che.](#)

Text Ad



17.60 miles



10/07/2009

\$250.00

Boston Terriers. AKC 4 m 6 wks old black. Vet checked &amp; shots. \$250-300 ea. Very cute. 915-329-9927

[ADOPT KITTENSaid to Spay/NeuterKITTENS & CATSFRIE.](#)

3.04 miles

Text Ad  
10/06/2009

ADOPT KITTENS Aid to Spay/Neuter KITTENS &amp; CATS FRIENDS of ANIMALS 565-0473

[Labrador Retriever puppies AKC champion lines \\$45.](#)

7.29 miles



\$450.00

Text Ad  
10/06/2009

Labrador Retriever puppies AKC champion lines \$450 915-329-7328

[Bull MastiveGorgeous male puppy 7weeks. \\$325 cash.](#)

8.59 miles



\$325.00

Text Ad  
10/06/2009

Bull Mastive Gorgeous male puppy 7weeks. \$325 cash. 915-256-1865

[Shih Tzu 2.5 mo old 2 ma \\$350 603-7012...](#)

11.02 miles



\$350.00

Text Ad  
10/06/2009

Shih Tzu 2.5 mo old 2 ma \$350 603-7012

[English BulldogWhite beautiful male 9 wks 1st sho.](#)

12.63 miles



\$1,300.00

Text Ad  
10/06/2009

English Bulldog White beautiful male 9 wks 1st shots. \$1,300 obo. Good blood line!! 915-494-3499

[LABRADOR Blk M 6 yrs. old DALMATION mix Fem. 3yrs.](#)

15.43 miles

Text Ad  
10/06/2009

LABRADOR Blk M 6 yrs. old DALMATION mix Fem. 3yrs old both fixed current on all shots trained. Good with kids! Small rehousing fee 373866

[2 males](#)

\$250.00

Power Ad  
10/06/2009

43.18 miles

[aalvord](#)

puppies are 9 weeks old. Have had first two puppy shots. Tails are NOT docked. Pure bred, parents are on site. Very friendly sweet little guys! Asking \$250. Call alicia at (575) 649-9621 for more info or to come see them. I am located in Las Cruces.

[Yorkies3 healthy male puppies 8 weeks old. \\$500 ea.](#)

3.67 miles



\$500.00

Text Ad  
10/05/2009

Yorkies 3 healthy male puppies 8 weeks old. \$500 each 915-532-3322

[PersianPure breed cats 2 yr old male silver & a 3.](#)

5.70 miles



\$150.00

Text Ad  
10/05/2009

Persian Pure breed cats 2 yr old male silver &amp; a 3 yr old copper female. \$150 ea or \$250 for couple obo. spayed/neutered 915-497-3140

[West Highland White Terrier Puppies \(Westies\)6 wk.](#)

8.84 miles



\$600.00

Text Ad  
10/05/2009

West Highland White Terrier Puppies (Westies) 6 wks old AKC reg. 2F \$600 1M \$500. 592-6132 or 276-2893.

[LABRADORAKC Yellow 2nd shot parents on site 3fm 9.](#)

9.31 miles

Text Ad  
10/05/2009

LABRADOR AKC Yellow 2nd shot parents on site 3fm 915-274-0931

[Old English Bulldog2nd shots parents on site 10 w.](#)

9.31 miles

Text Ad  
10/05/2009

Old English Bulldog 2nd shots parents on site 10 weeks old 915-274-0931

[Boston TerrierAKC Males 12 wks \\$500-800 Stud serv.](#)

14.51 miles



\$500.00

Text Ad  
10/05/2009

Boston Terrier AKC Males 12 wks \$500-800 Stud service avail. 915-877-7114



Boxer puppies 8 wks 1st shots tails docked brindle.

19.38 miles



\$150.00

Text Ad  
10/05/2009

Boxer puppies 8 wks 1st shots tails docked brindle \$150 740-1454 or 329-2902



Cute Akc English Bulldog For Christmass Gift!

9.31 miles



\$200.00

**Power Ad**  
10/05/2009  
[nicholas9834](#)

GORGEOUS, WRINKLED, ENGLISH BULLDOG PUPPY ! FOR SALE NOW (CHAMPION LINES, SHOW QUALITY) FOR SALE! 12 weeks old, She is A female, raised with kids and pets. Paper trained, healthy, with a 1 year health guarantee! Up to date on shots, registered with papers. Feel free to email us at: Nicholas9834@gmail.com



German Shephard mixed beautiful born August 11 \$30.

13.25 miles



\$30.00

Text Ad  
10/04/2009

German Shephard mixed beautiful born August 11 \$30 Call 227-0373



FREE Kittens to good home 5 months old 3 domestic.

7.33 miles



Text Ad  
10/03/2009

FREE Kittens to good home 5 months old 3 domestic short hair fm 915-204-5061



Yorkies 2 Litters 12 & 14 wks. Shots Full breed. \$.

9.81 miles



\$450.00

Text Ad  
10/03/2009

Yorkies 2 Litters 12 & 14 wks. Shots Full breed. \$450 standard \$700 toy 204-9381



Poodles Tea cup 1st shot very tiny. \$120 and up.

11.29 miles



\$120.00

Text Ad  
10/03/2009

Poodles Tea cup 1st shot very tiny. \$120 and up. 408-1547



Yorkies 12-15 wk fem \$500-\$950 AKC 253-0724...

11.98 miles



\$500.00

Text Ad  
10/03/2009

Yorkies 12-15 wk fem \$500-\$950 AKC 253-0724



Mini Schnauzer Beautiful pups! 6 wks. White, Salt,

12.20 miles



\$300.00

Text Ad  
10/03/2009

Mini Schnauzer Beautiful pups! 6 wks. White, Salt & pepper. \$300. 328-5995



Pitbull Pups. 3M 2F 10 wks Parents on site. Pure br.

12.68 miles



\$100.00

Text Ad  
10/03/2009

Pitbull Pups. 3M 2F 10 wks Parents on site. Pure breed. Must see! Gorgeous \$100 915-274-1153



Pit Bull Blue Puppies! Big head! 5 wks old. Deworm.

12.75 miles



\$250.00

Text Ad  
10/03/2009

Pit Bull Blue Puppies! Big head! 5 wks old. Dewormed 4M 3F Blue Champagne. \$250 875-9507



Adorable Yorkie Puppie

9.31 miles



\$250.00

**Power Ad**  
10/03/2009  
[daniel\\_kennel69](#)

These two puppies are amazing. I currently have 1 boy and 1 girl. They are 10 weeks old now and ready to go. Email me via [daniel\\_kennel69@yahoo.com](mailto:daniel_kennel69@yahoo.com)



Australian Shepherd, Red Merle, Male, Puppy

43.18 miles



\$800.00

**Priority Power Ad**  
09/29/2009  
[bilpup](#)

Australian Shepherd puppy, red merle, male for sale, \$800, in Las Cruces, NM. He was born on June 23, 2009. I got him from a registered breeder in Bosque, NM. I have not filled out all of the paperwork yet for him to be in my name. I also purchased breeding rights for him. He is show quality. We paid more than the price being asked. Plus he has had some shots and been looked at by the vet...

# PET OVERPOPULATION

Within a 30 day period, the El Paso Times Classified Department published 65 dogs/puppy ads, and 4 cat/kitten ads. Based on the statics published by the National Humane Society of America, assuming that each ad only advertised one pet for sale and not a litter of puppies or kittens the community of El Paso will reproduce:

**4,355,000** puppies in six years

**1,680,000** kittens in seven years.

The numbers above only represent the estimated number of animals that could potentially reproduce based on the number of classified ads in the El Paso Times within a thirty day period. It is important to note that there are hundreds of pets being sold in addition to what is advertised in the El Paso Times.

# FT. BLISS ANIMAL CONTROL

The most recent statistics available via the Ft. Bliss website:

In 2002, the Animal Control section registered 3,063 animals, investigated 319 bite cases, captured & released 275 wild animals, and collected 382 stray animals.

This data is eight years old, it is assumed that there were less than 10,000 soldiers at Ft. Bliss at the time.

Today it is estimated that by 2012, Ft. Bliss will have more than 37,000 soldiers.

Based on the 2002 data, it is estimated that in 2012 there will be 11,000 registered animals, 1,100 bite cases, and approximately 1,400 stray animals.

Is Ft. Bliss prepared to handle the potential animal welfare issues?

Source: Ft. Bliss website

# ANIMAL SERVICES OF EL PASO

Animal Services responded to almost 2,200 bite investigations, 767 animals quarantined, 394 aggressive animals, 35,993 officer activities, and 111,381 calls to the shelter were conducted from January through October 2009.

## **Goal:**

To regulate and control zoonotic diseases and protect animal welfare through enforcement of state and local ordinances.

## **Activities:**

- Patrol problematic areas for stray animals
- Impound stray animals
- Respond to complaints of animal bites and stray animals
- Investigate reported cases of animal neglect or abuse
- Issue animal permits
- Provide adoption services
- Provide spay/neuter surgeries for adopted animals

## Field Services

Each day field officers patrol the community of 1,058 square miles with a population of 755,085. Five to Six Officers are on duty from 7:30 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. daily with emergency services provided at other times by an on-call officer.

Field officers respond to the following service requests:

- patrol requests and capturing of biting, vicious, disease, loose and stray animals
- stray dogs and cats, pick up
- owner release dogs and cats (if unlicensed a fee will apply)
- animal pick-ups
- cruelty investigations
- vicious animal complaints
- animal bites
- barking dog complaints
- injured animal rescues
- pet license sales
- requests for animal traps to capture nuisance stray pets
- assistance for law enforcement calls
- leash law violations
- loose livestock

## Definition of an Animal Control Officer

### Wikipedia:

*(March 2008)* An animal control officer may be an employee of, or a contractor to, a municipality, that is charged with the responsibility of responding to calls for service ranging from stray animals to investigations of cruelty to animals and dog fighting, and bringing them to a compound or animal shelter, where the animals are held for a certain time before being returned to their owners, put up for adoption, released back into the wild, or euthanized. Animal control departments are also responsible for investigating incidents of human contact with both wild and domestic animals, such as bites. They may work with Health Departments, police departments, sheriffs departments or parks and recreation departments.

**Health and Safety Code: Title 10. Health and Safety of Animals, Chapter 829. Animal Control Officer Training; Sec. 829.001. Definitions.**

(1) "Animal control officer" means a person who:

- (A) is employed, appointed, or otherwise engaged primarily to enforce laws related to animal control; and
- (B) is not a peace officer.

Based on the above information;

1 Animal Services Officer (ACO) responds to 5,998 call per year on average, not including follow up calls.

Approximately 19 calls per day, primarily responding to bite cases, aggressive animals, animals in traps, wild life, abuse/cruelty cases, stray animals.

Clearly Animal Services needs assistance. And based on the definition of the Texas Health and Safety Code, is it an ACO's primary responsibility to enforce our City Ordinance?

The only way the community of El Paso can control the pet overpopulation problem is to spay/neuter and enforce the Title 7 ordinance.

In order to effectively enforce the current ordinance we need the assistance of many of our community partners to include:

1. EPPD
2. Ft. Bliss
3. Business owners
4. The El Paso Times and other print media/advertising publications
5. Volunteer canvassing

The committee estimates that more than 60,000 animals will be housed in shelters this coming year with an average daily shelter count in excess of 500 animals. Despite great strides to increase the adoption and redemption rates, there remain very few post-impound strategies capable of dealing with this number of apparently unwanted pets.

As the City's pet population continues to grow, due to the economy, the deployment of soldiers and the continued back yard breeding there is simply not enough shelter space to house this surplus. The Committee's solution is to decrease the population of unwanted pets through a multi-pronged approach.

1. Existing low cost spay/neuter program
2. Differential Licensing
3. Mandatory spay/neuter of all pets sold
4. Revisions and enforcement of Title 7

Of the 18,945 stray pets that were impounded from January through October 2009, only 1,625 (11%) were reclaimed by their owners, leading to 14,158 (75%) euthanized.

# PROPOSAL

The Animal Welfare Advisory committee proposes that the Legislative Review Committee assist in the following:

1. Prohibit all print publication, online publications/websites, or any other form of advertisement agency advertising to the public the availability of dogs or cats for sale or adoption without displaying the city required litter permit number.
2. Differential licensing: annual licensing fee of \$10.00 for an altered animal and \$50.00 for an unaltered animal.
3. Mandatory spay/neuter of all animals sold at pet stores.