## Causes

## Problems

## Too many unwanted dogs and cats

* Unaltered animals reproducing
* Owners relinquish animals
* Lost and abandoned animals


## Too few homes to adopt them

* Adoption rates are below need


## Solutions

- Reduce the number of unwanted animals
* Responsible Pet Owner Ordinance
* Provide access to spay-neuter services
- Implement Responsible Pet Ownership Program
* Outreach and education
* Increase licensing
* Increase 'return to owner' rate
* License fees support animal shelter system


## Poor outcomes for animals

* Longer shelter stays, warehousing
* Increased potential for behavior problems
* Stress, illness, disease
* Ongoing need for euthanasia


## Poor outcomes for residents and stakeholders

* Increases costs for shelter system
* Stress for employees and visitors

