## Causes

### Problems

Attachment 1

# 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

### Increasing numbers of animals at shelters

- Animal shelters are over capacity
- Volunteer and foster care system is overburdened
  - Current system is not meeting needs of animals, volunteers or the community

Consequence

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## **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