

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# State of Maine Department of Agriculture



**Animal Welfare Program**  
**2005**

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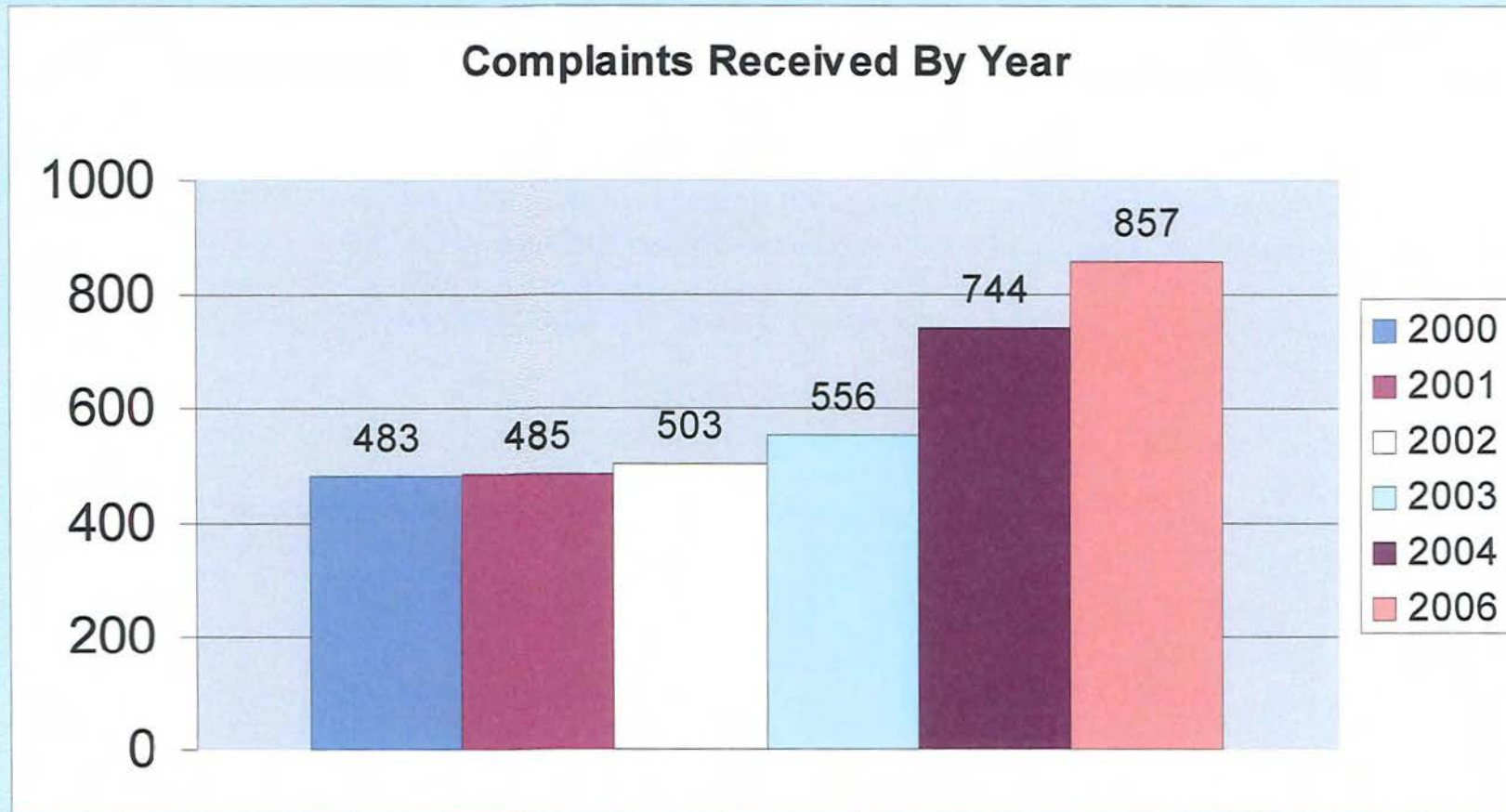
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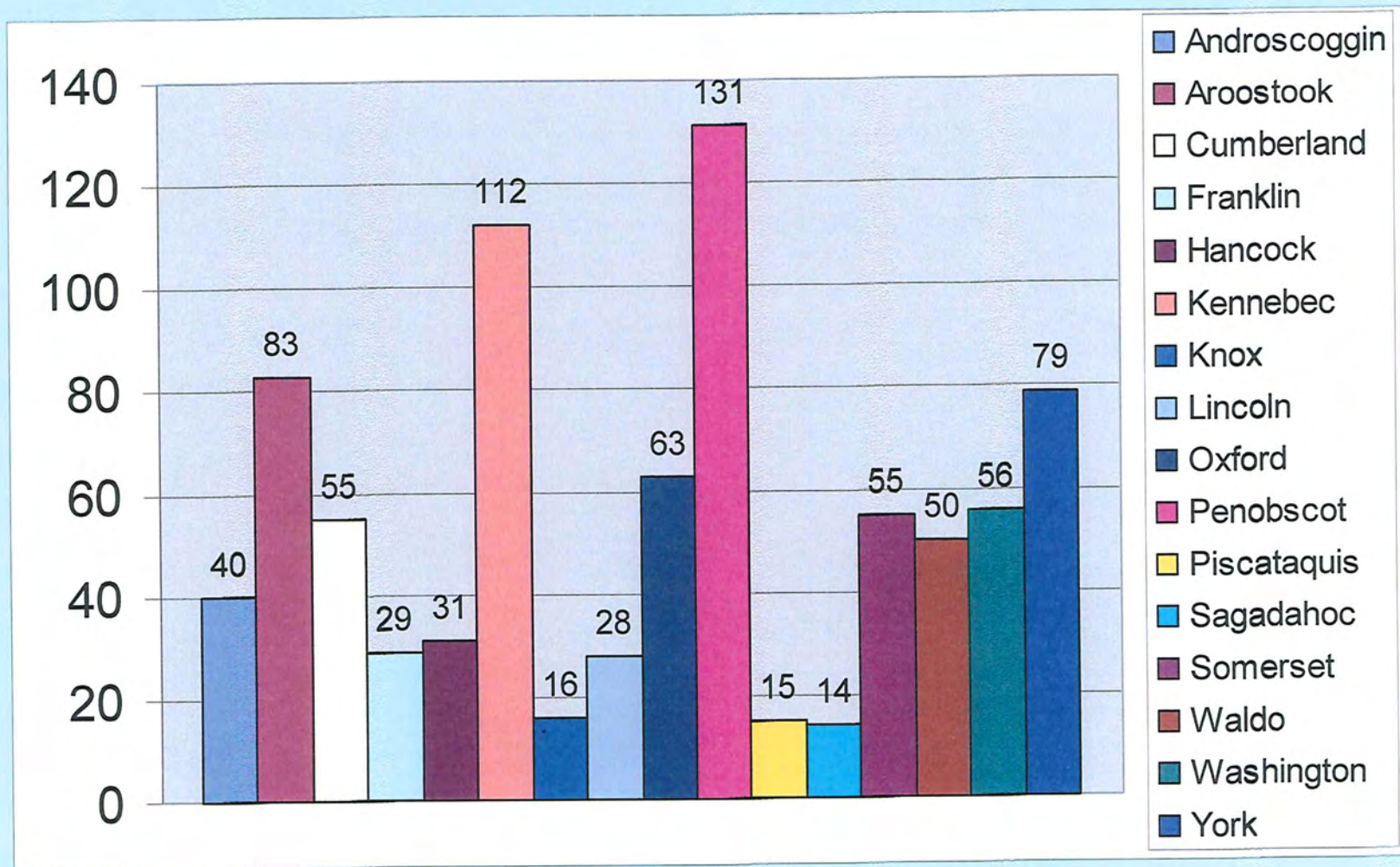
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# AWP Complaints Received By Year



# AWP Complaints By County

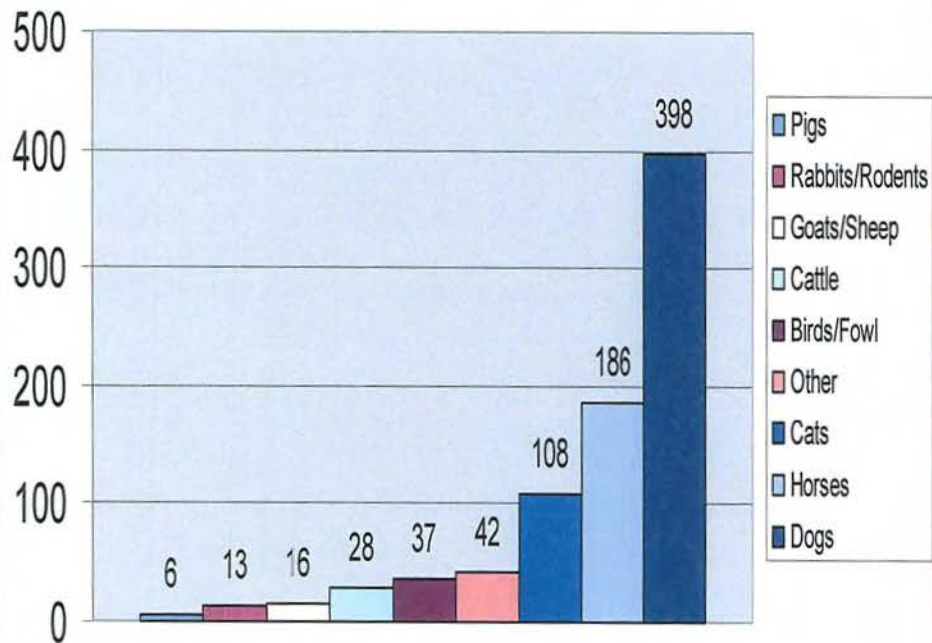




# AWP Complaints By Species

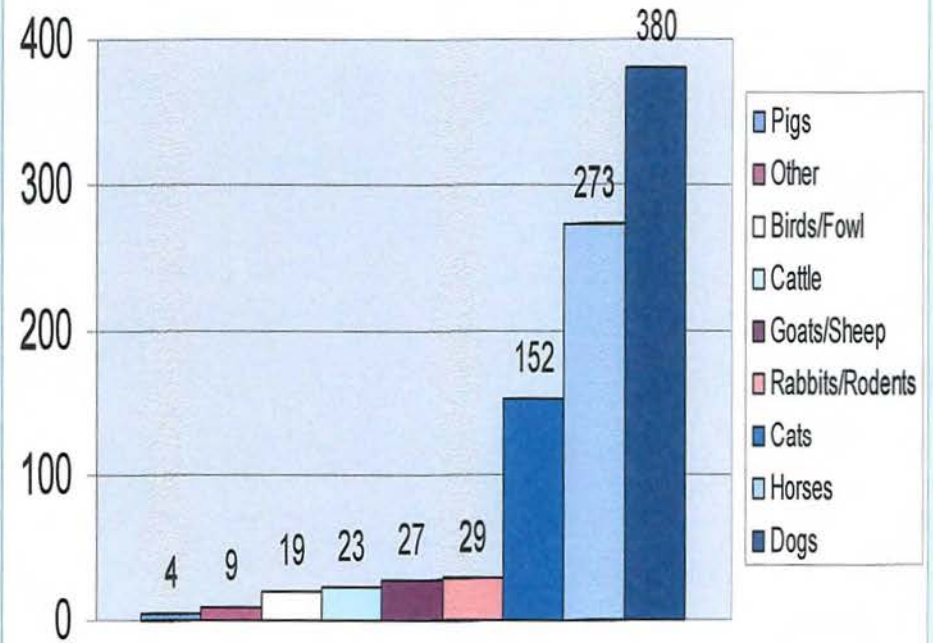
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2004 Complaints By Species

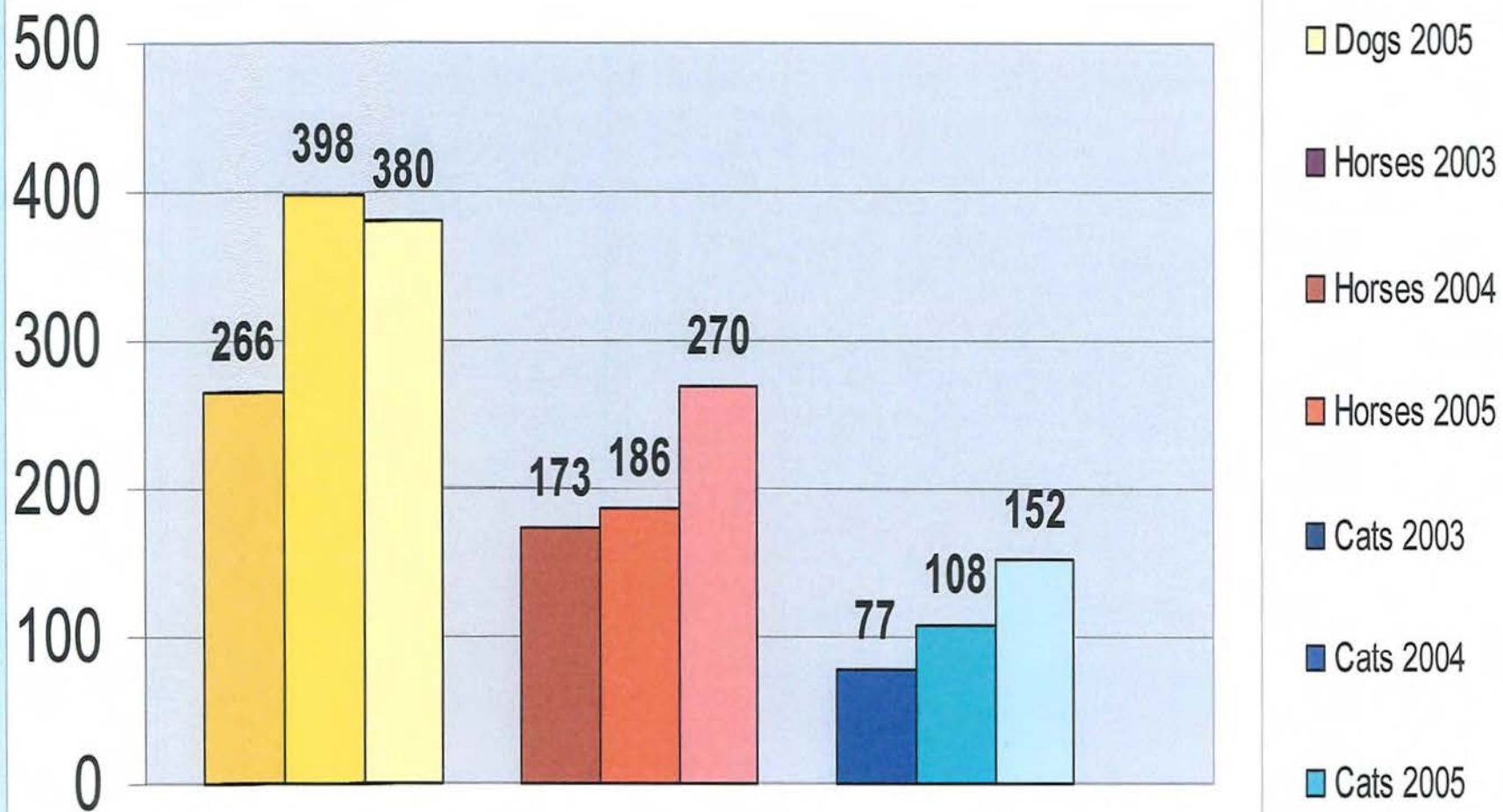


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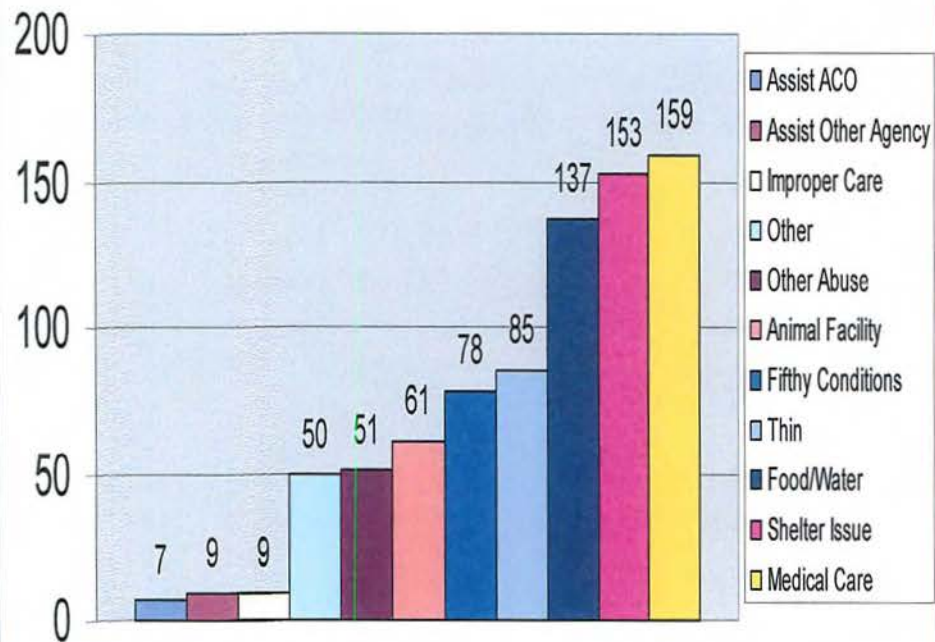
## Dogs, Horses & Cat Complaints 2003, 2005, & 2006



# AWP Complaints By Type

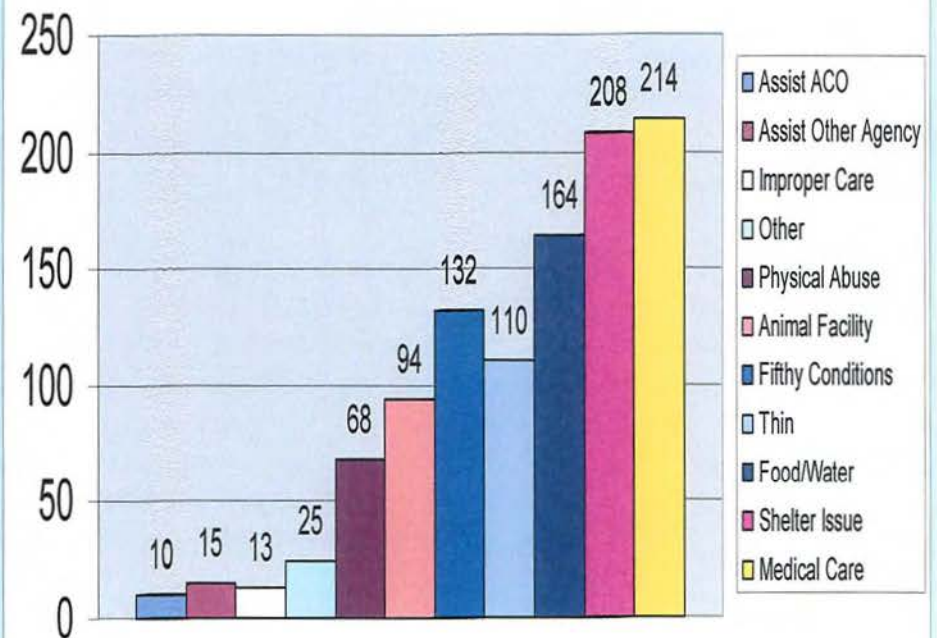
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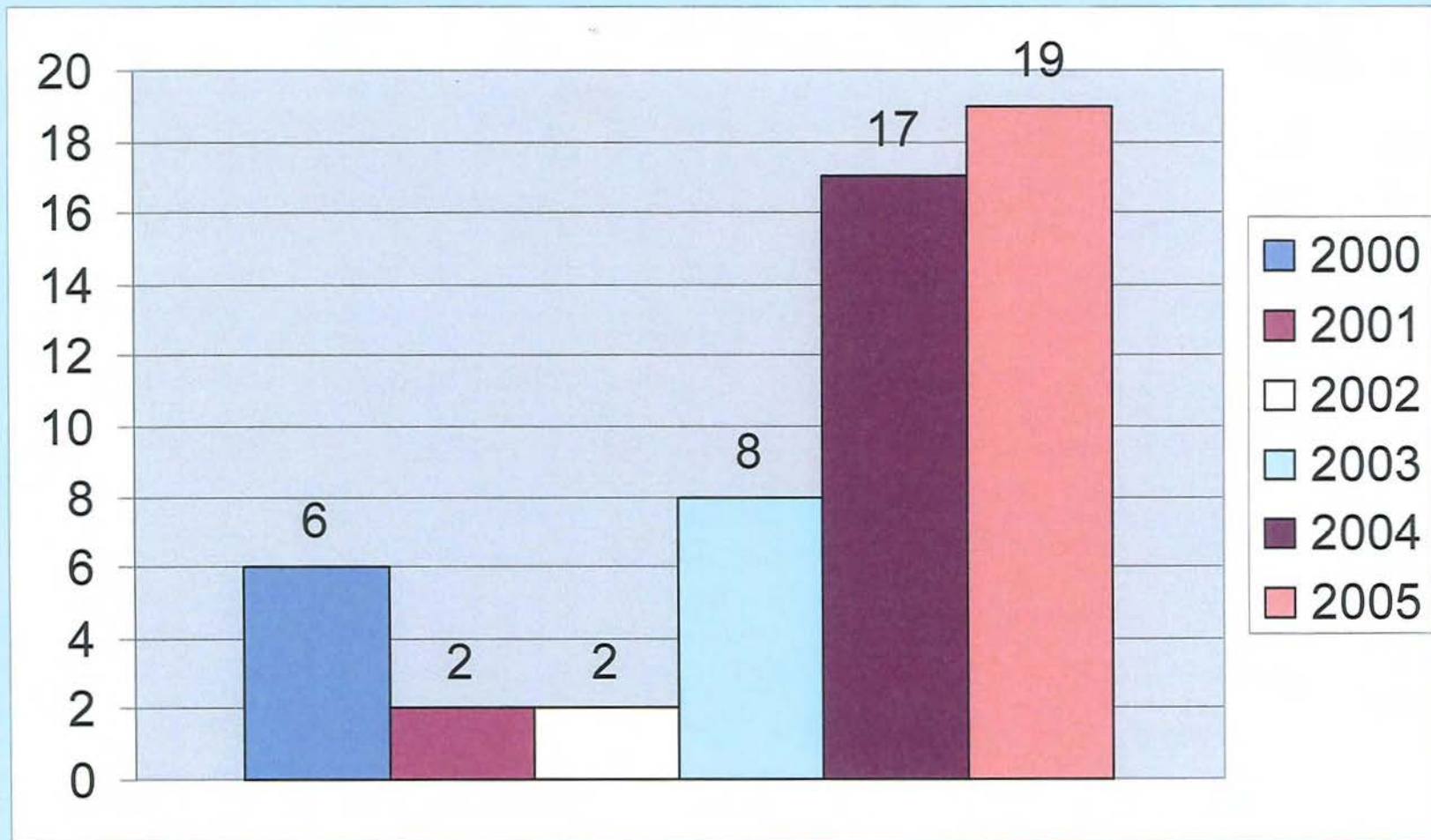
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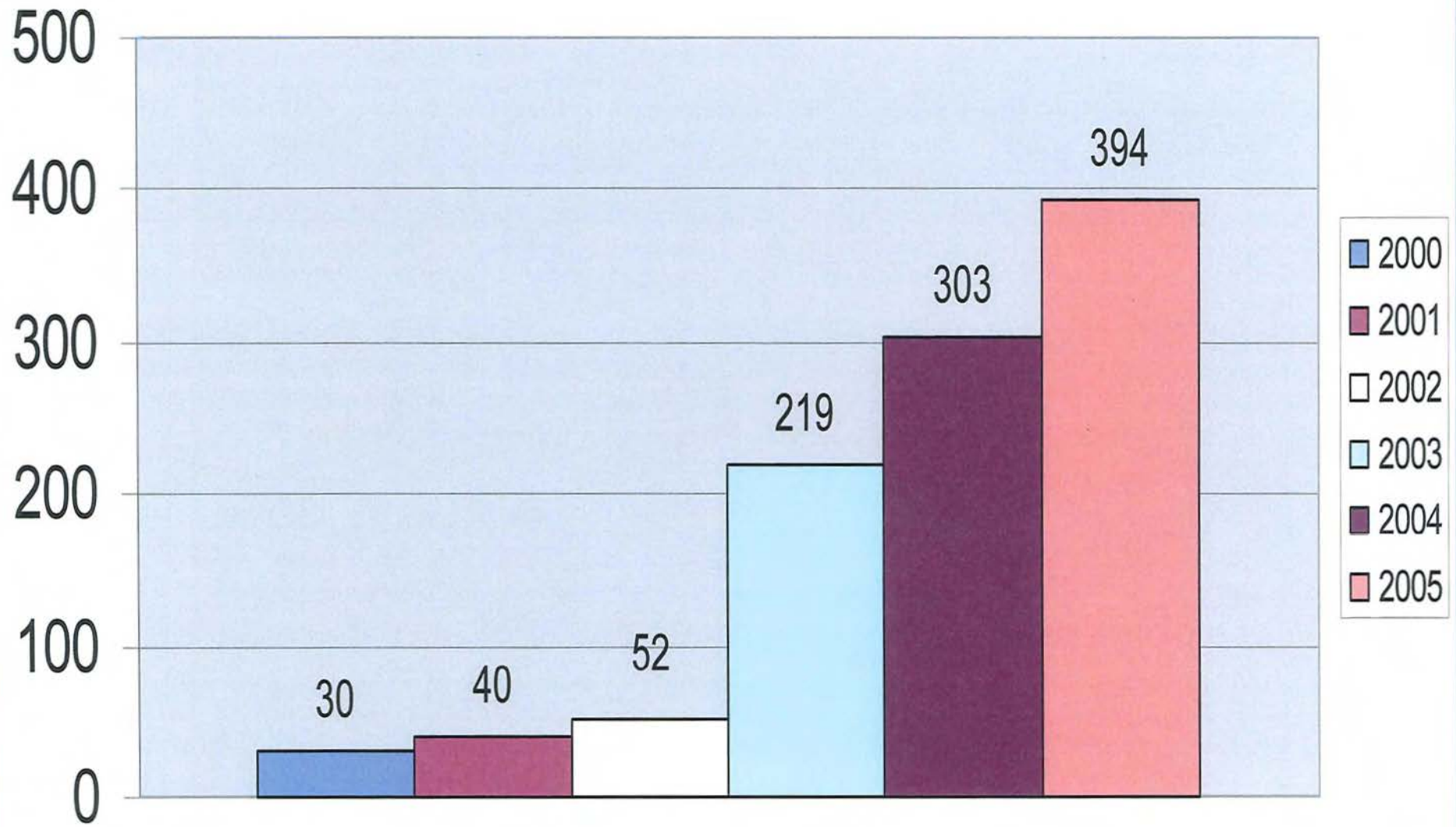




# AWP Court Cases By Year



## Animals Removed From Abusive Situations



# AWP Complaint Process

See Handout.



# **“Help Fix ME”**

**Created 2004**



**A Dog & Cat Spay/Neuter Program  
for Low Income Owners**

# Overview of S/N Program

- Low-Income Program Designed to Assist Potential Clients who are currently receiving:
  - MaineCare (formerly Medicaid)
  - TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
  - Food Stamps
  - SSI (Supplemental Security Income)
  - SSD (Social Security Disability)
- If not currently enrolled in one of the above programs, income must be low enough to qualify for one of these programs.
- Income is based on Federal Poverty Guidelines.

## Co-Payment Requirements By Eligible Dog or Cat Owner

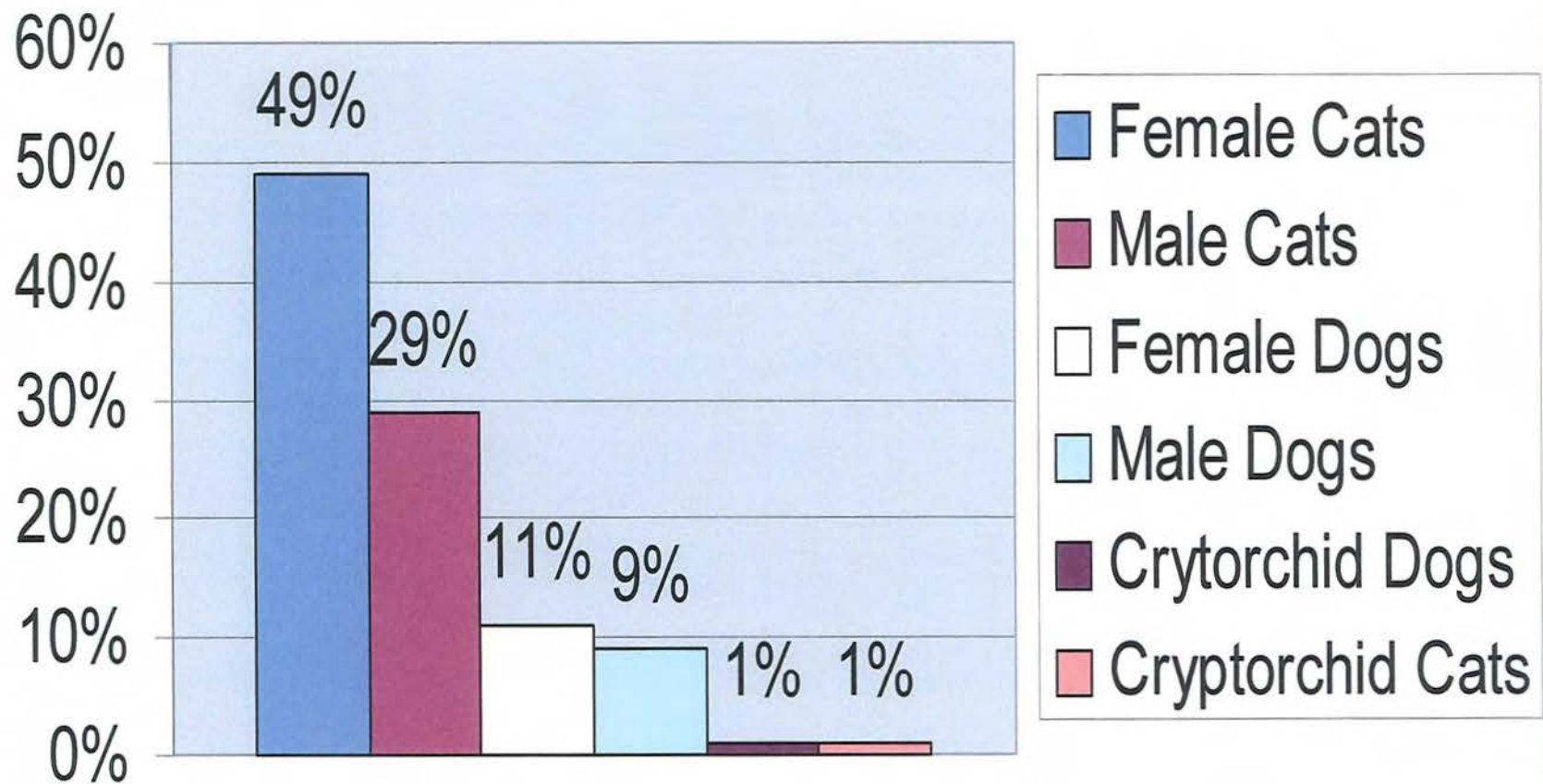
- \$10.00 per cat (to be reviewed 7/1/06)
- \$20.00 per dog (to be reviewed 7/1/06)

## Total Number of Animals Altered FY 04-05

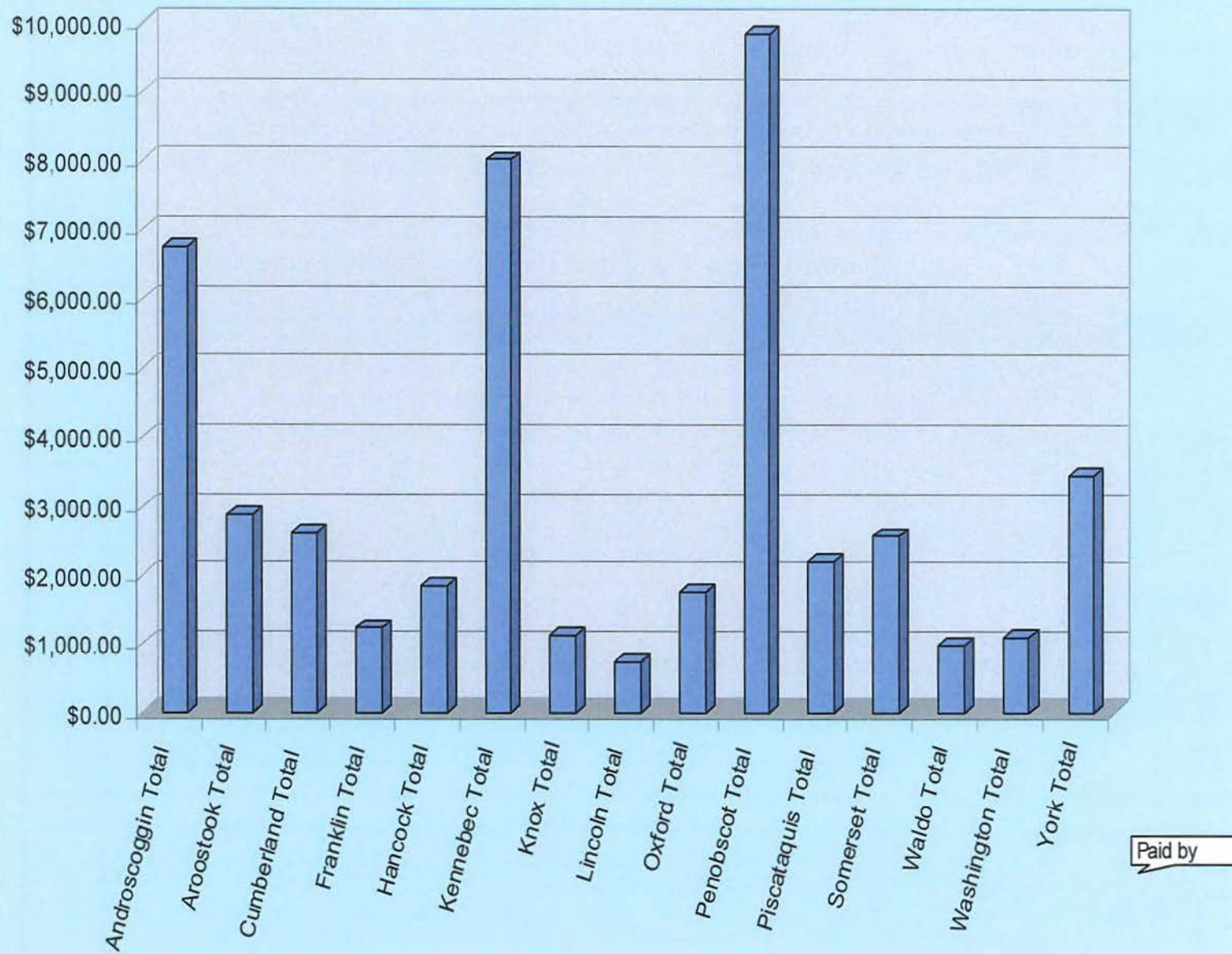




## Division of Funding by Species



## Paid by County



# Total Funds Expended on Help Fix ME Program

- FY 2004 – 2005

Processed on Vouchers = \$82, 032

Refunded co-pays = \$140

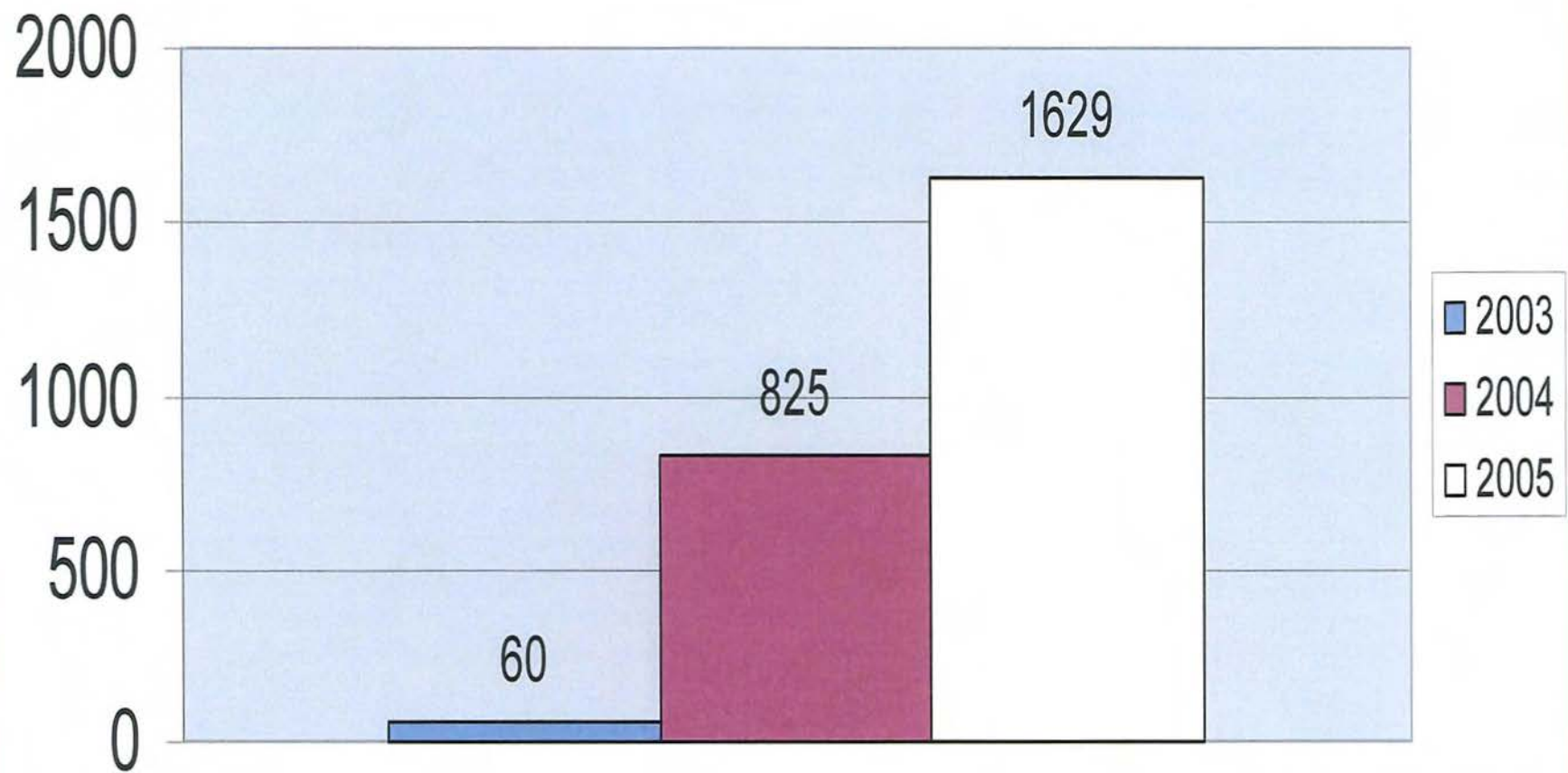
Total Spent = \$82, 172



# On Line Dog Licensing Program Created 2003



# On Line Dog Licensing Sales By Year

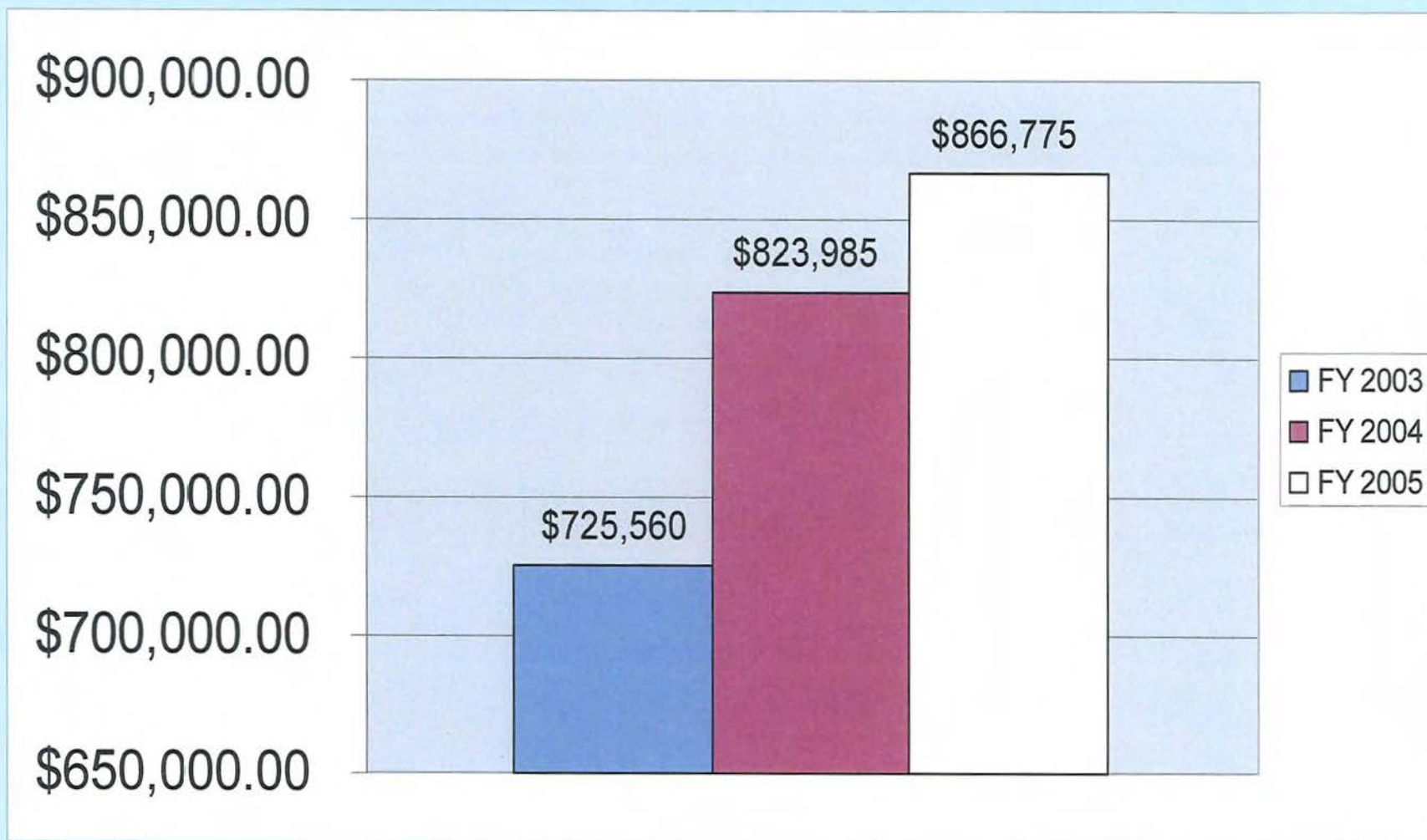


# Animal Welfare Program Funding by Fiscal Year



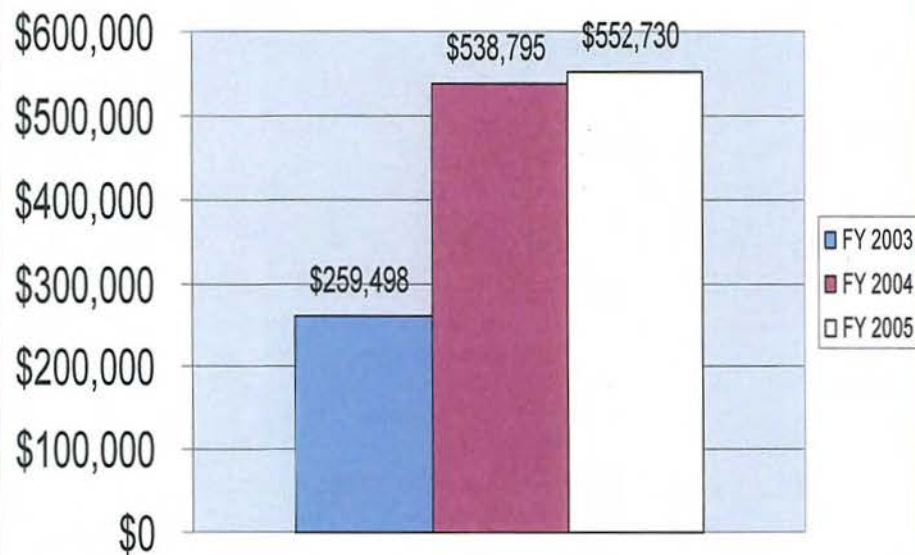


# Revenue By Fiscal Year



# Breakdown of Major Revenue Sources By Year

## Dog License Sales

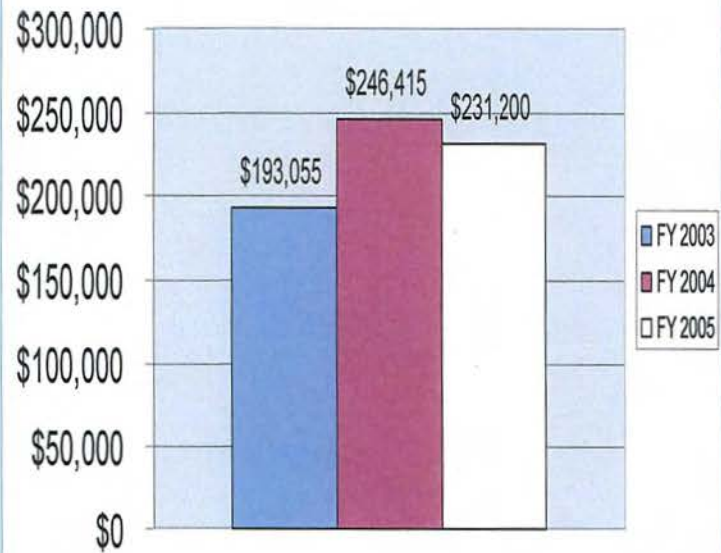


## Facility Licenses Fees

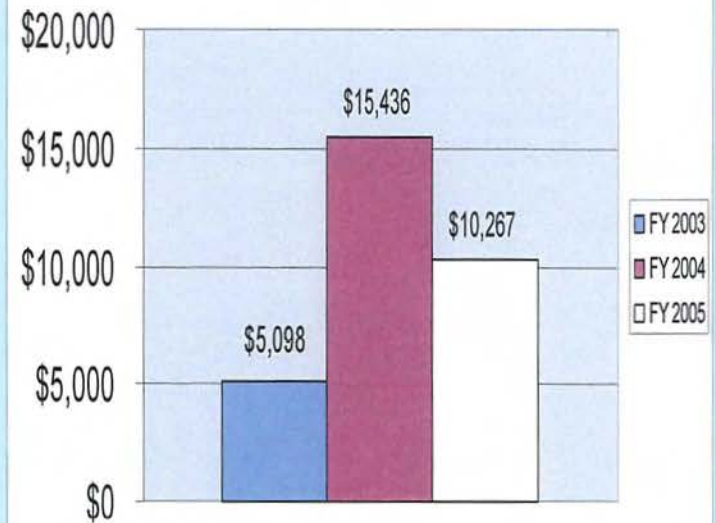


# Revenue Cont.

## Feed Reg. Revenue



## Court Fines/Restitution



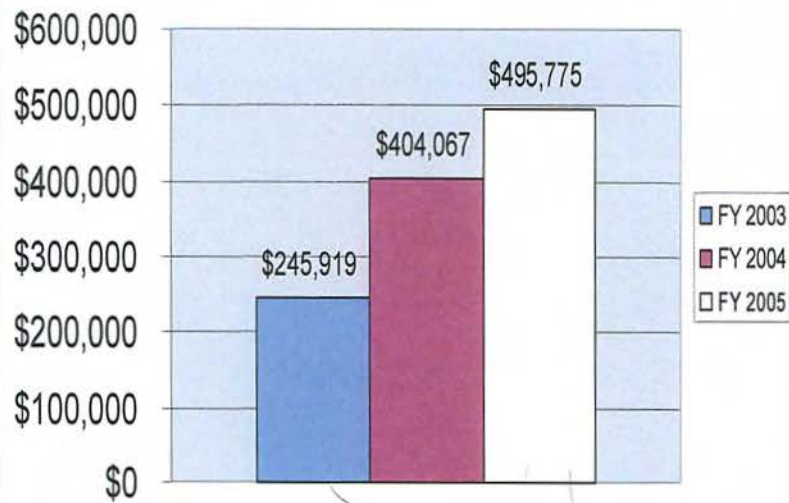


# Public Donations Received By AWP In 2005

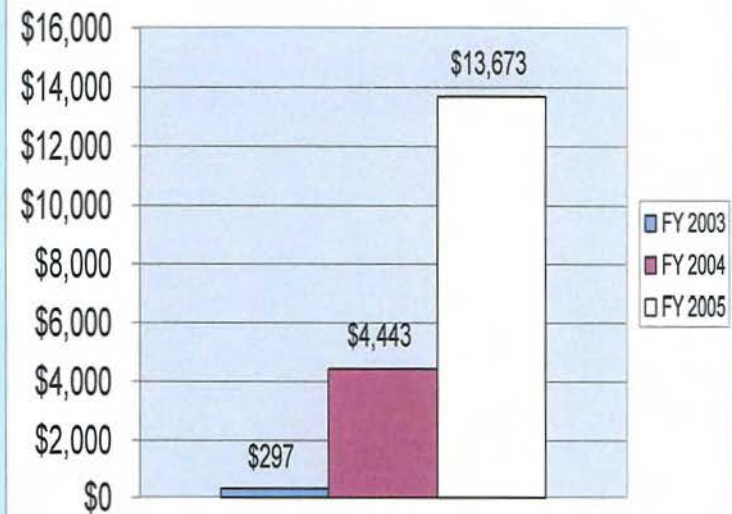
- Companion Animal Sterilization Fund  
(Tax Check Off) \$12,410.00
- Animal Welfare Auxiliary Fund.  
\$1,395.00

# Major Expenditures

## Salaries & Benefits



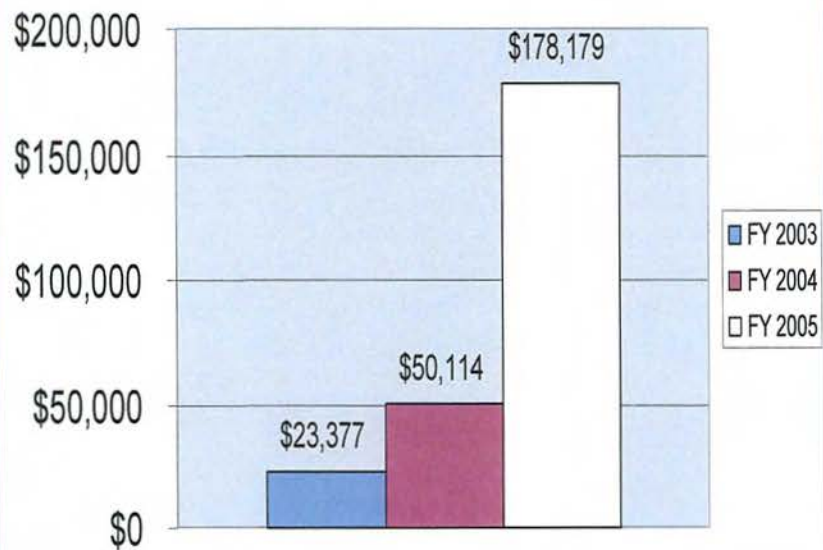
## Training & Equipment



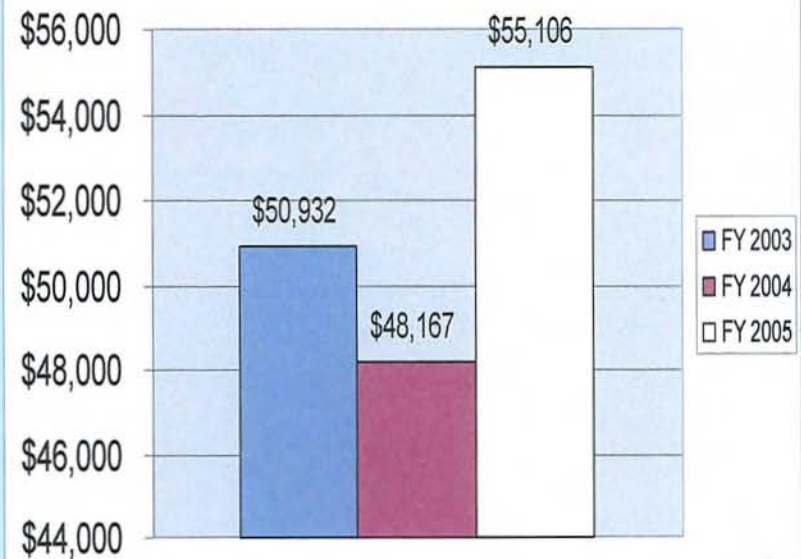
*legislative decision to add staff*

# Major Expenditures Cont.

## General Operations



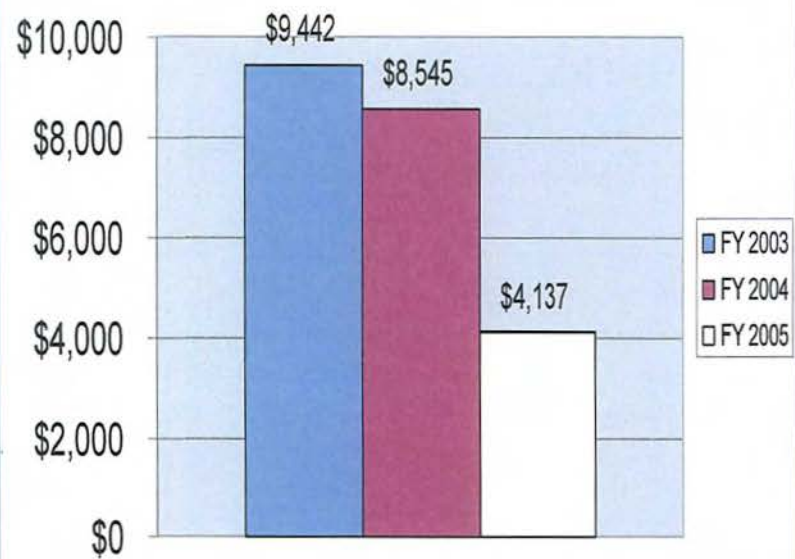
## Professional Services



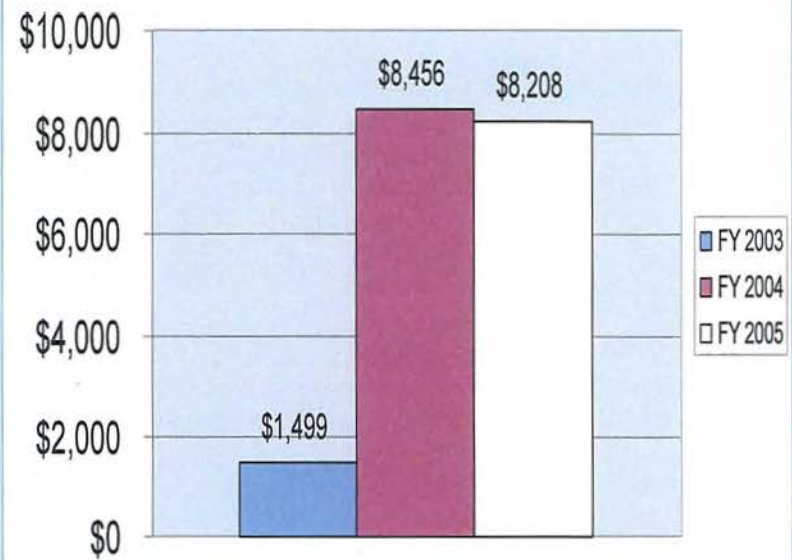


# Major Expenditures Cont.

## Travel Expenses - In State

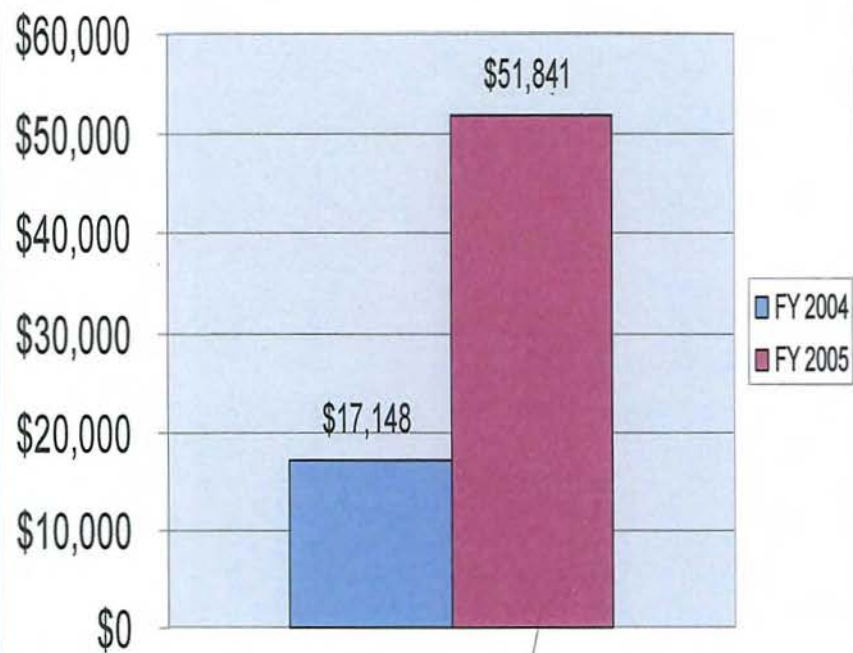


## Travel - Out of State



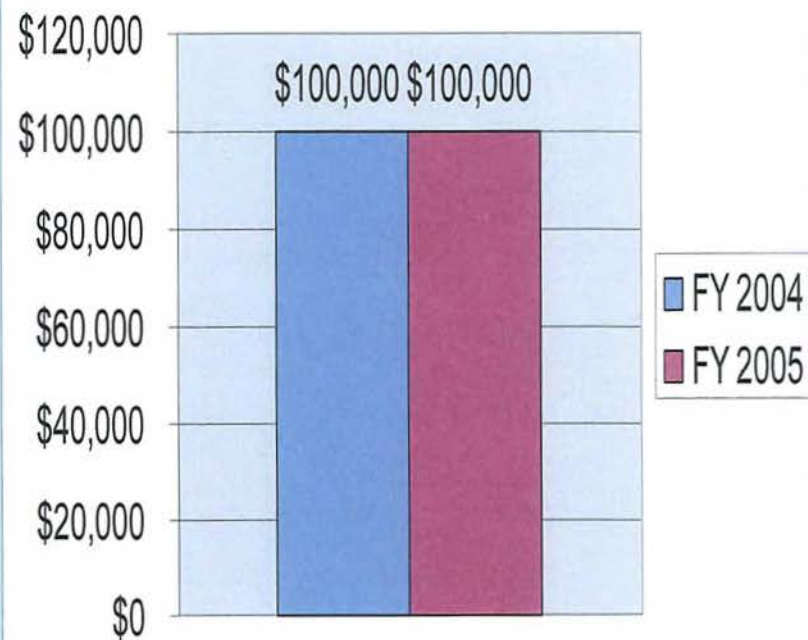
# Major Expenditures Cont.

## Seized Animal Expenses



*high profile  
large dog  
seizures*

## "Help Fix ME" Funding



# Proposed Rules for the Care and Treatment of Elephants





# History of Proposed Rule

- 2003 S.P. 109 – L.D. 327

Resolve Requiring the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to adopt rules regarding care and treatment of elephants.

## Elephant Rules cont.

- April 2004 Proposed Rule Hearing – Cancelled.
- October 2005 – Rewritten Proposed Rule distributed.
- December 9, 2005 – Rule Hearing held.
- December 23, 2005 – Deadline for written testimony.
- April 23, 2006 – Deadline to send finalized Rule to Secretary of State's Office for publication.

# AWP & Ag. Employees





CHART 1.  
ANIMAL WELFARE  
COMPLAINT PROCESS

ANIMAL WELFARE CONCERN IDENTIFIED  
(animal shelters, public, others)

KEY:

Complainant



Next Step



Welfare Agent



Interaction



DA Office



ISSUE



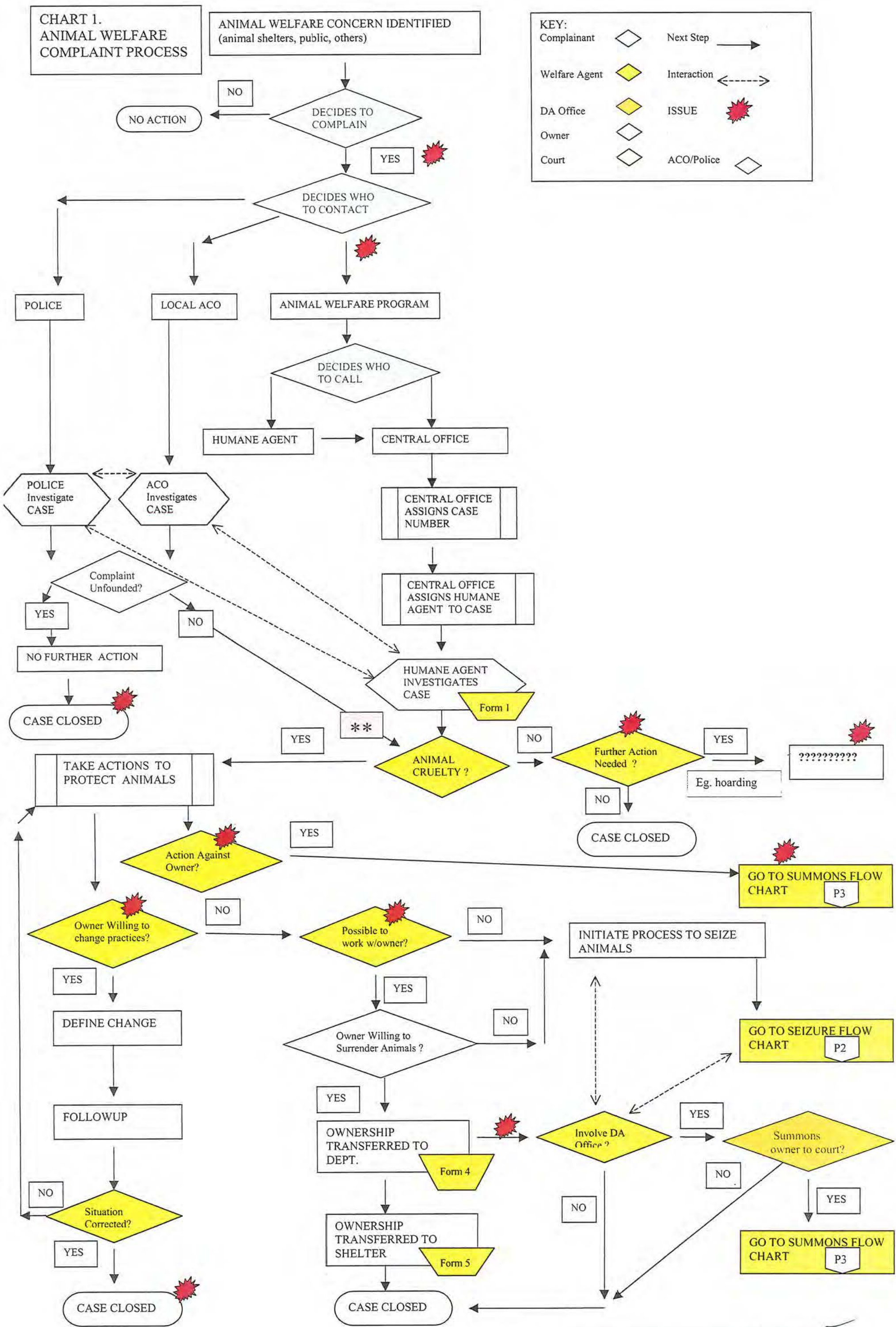
Owner



Court



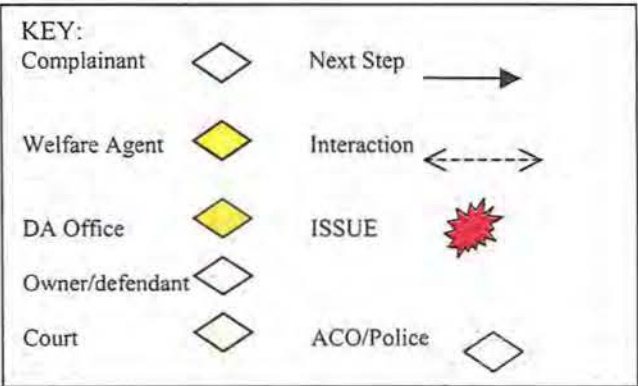
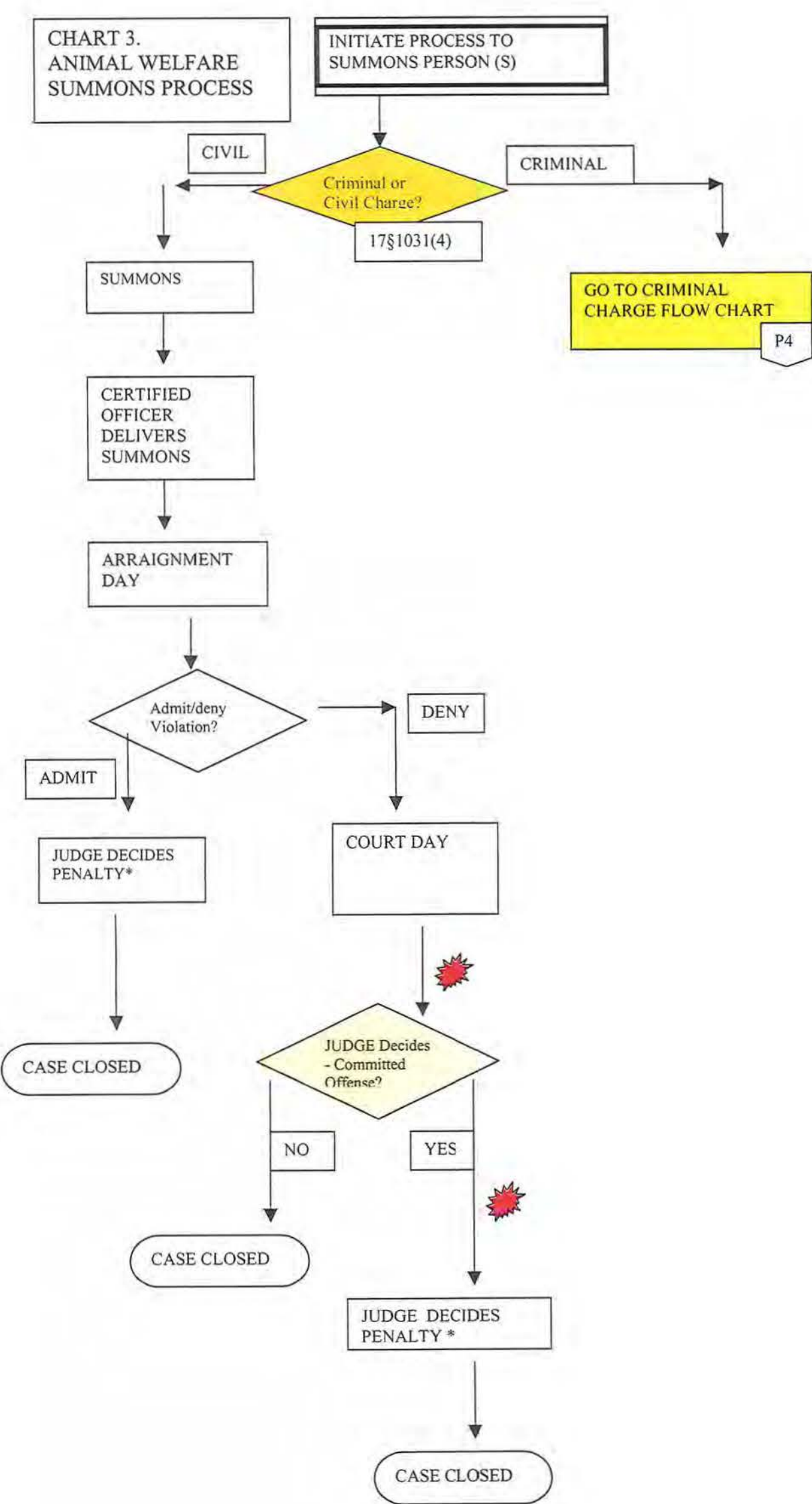
ACO/Police



\*\* SAME PROCESS FOR ACO AND POLICE





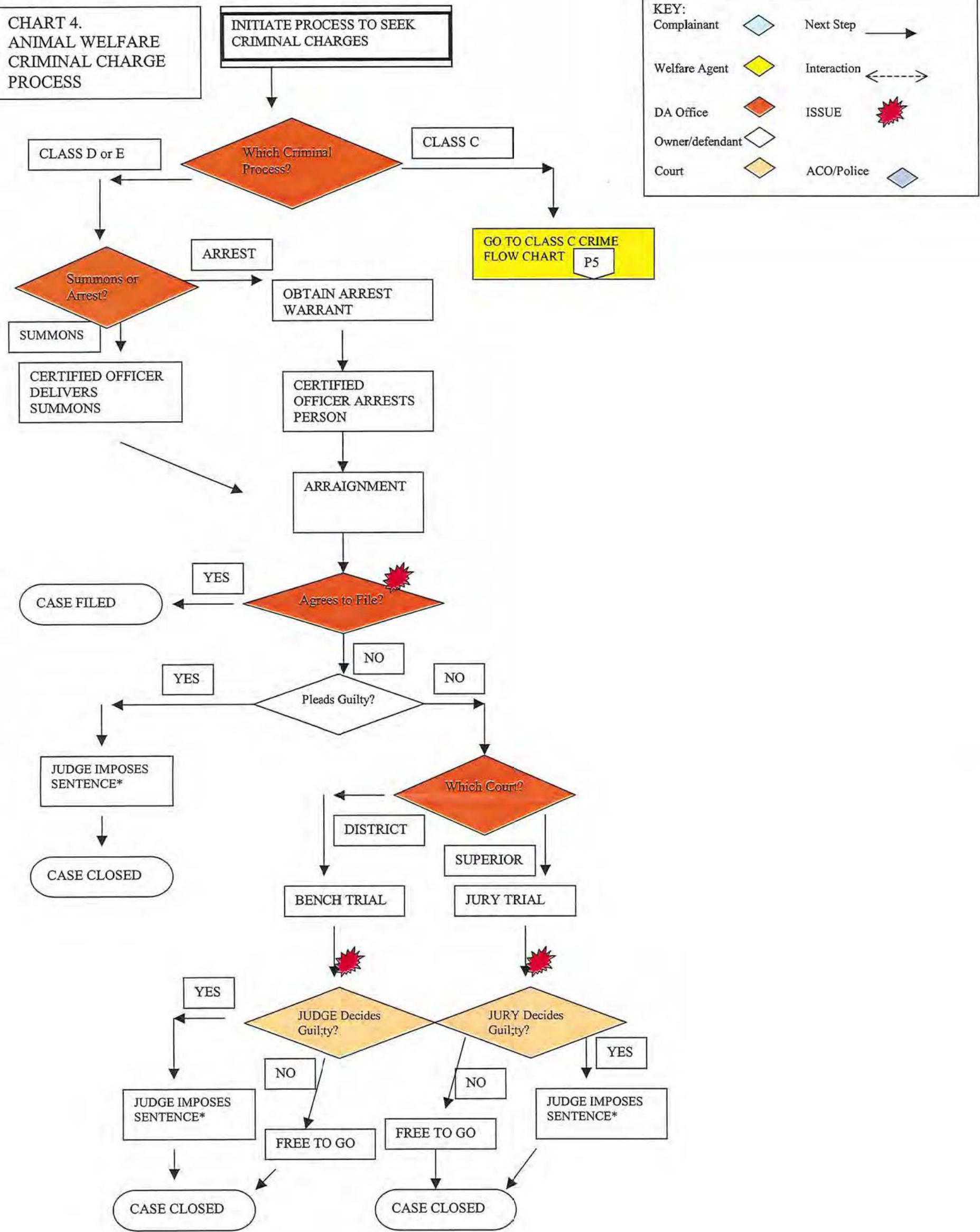


\*Fines – minimum \$500;  
Restitution – for costs for care;  
Prohibition on owning animals;  
Psychological evaluation

Input from Police, ACO,  
Humane Agent during trial.



CHART 4.  
ANIMAL WELFARE  
CRIMINAL CHARGE  
PROCESS



\*Fines; Jail; Probation;  
Restitution – for costs for care;  
Prohibition on owning animals;  
Psychological evaluation  
  
Input from police officer, ACO,  
Agent, Victim during trial

CHART 5.  
ANIMAL WELFARE  
CLASS C CRIME  
PROCESS

