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DOAG PROGRAM MAKES STATE HEALTHIER FOR PETS, PEOPLE

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Animal Population Control Program

The Dept. of Agriculture's (DoAg's) efforts to reduce overpopulation and disease among dogs and cats in Connecticut are among the most comprehensive and aggressive in the nation.

Over the past two decades, the Animal Population Control Program (APCP) has produced a continual decline in the number of dogs and cats requiring impoundment.

Pet overpopulation presents a significant burden on the limited resources of cities and towns, but Connecticut is one of only a few states that offers pet-sterilization through a state agency.

The APCP is also believed to be unique in the nation for the benefits offered to municipal pound animals, feral-cat reduction and pets owned by lower-income residents.

More than 100,000 animals have been treated under the APCP, including nearly 5,000 in 2013, as detailed in the agency's recently-released annual report for that year. The program enlists more than 525 participating veterinarians who provide sterilization and vaccination of the pets.

The program's goals are to control the growth of the overall animal population, relieve the burden on municipal pounds and shelters, and minimize the chance of rabies and other infectious diseases being transmitted among animals or from animals to humans.

"Reducing surplus animals in our communities, coupled with higher immunization rates, produces a wide range of positive results for both pets and people," DoAg Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said. "We are not only decreasing the amount of strays and the transmission of disease, but are allowing our cities and towns to shift resources to focus more on enforcement of animal control laws and encouraging responsible pet ownership."

At the heart of the program are subsidized vouchers issued to those who adopt animals from municipal pounds that are used to sterilize and/or vaccinate dogs and cats at a participating veterinarian.

The voucher program is run through its own dedicated account with revenue from several different sources, including a mandatory \$50 fee for anyone adopting from a pound. It receives no money from the state's General Fund.

The voucher is good for 60 days from the adoption date. It provides a one-time sterilization subsidy of \$50 for a male cat, \$70 for a female cat, \$100 for a male dog and \$120 for a female dog.

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Photo by Marcia Goodman

DoAg's Animal Population Control Program has sterilized and/or vaccinated more than 100,000 dogs and cats since it was created 20 years ago.

Adopt a pound pet...



...and receive vaccination and sterilization benefits.

THE CONNECTICUT ANIMAL
POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAM
(860) 713-2507

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

		Low	High
49-54	200-300 lbs	83.50	88.50
	300-400 lbs	78.00	82.00
54-58	200-300 lbs	89.00	93.00
	300-400 lbs	83.50	85.50
Sows,US1-3	300-500 lbs	69.00	71.00
	500-700 lbs	72.00	75.00
Boars	400-720 lbs	46.00	52.00

PA GRADED FEEDER PIGS

Lancaster, PA, per cwt. June 4

		Low	High
GR US 1	WT 15-25	340.00	400.00
	WT 25-35	300.00	330.00
	WT35-40	245.00	270.00
GR US 2	WT20-20	410.00	410.00
	WT25-25	280.00	300.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, June 17, 2014

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	50.00	57.50
61-75 lbs.	75.00	85.00
76-90 lbs.	190.00	195.00
91-105 lbs.	215.00	220.00
106 lbs. & up	225.00	230.00
Farm Calves	235.00	240.00
Starter Calves	55.00	65.00
Veal Calves	150.00	155.00
Open Heifers	90.00	160.00
Beef Steers	106.00	155.00
Beef Heifers	96.00	116.00
Feeder Steers	115.00	150.00
Stock Bulls	102.00	106.00
Beef Bulls	102.00	116.00
Boars	17.00	40.00
Sows	61.00	79.00
Butcher Hogs	115.00	140.00
Goats each	50.00	170.00
Kid Goats	60.00	140.00
Canners	up to	100.00
Cutters	101.00	103.00
Utility Grade Cows	104.00	109.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	4.00	23.00
Chickens each	3.00	21.00
Ducks each	3.00	30.00
Feeder Pigs	25.00	55.00
Lambs	50.00	125.00
Sheep	65.00	75.00

EASTERN, PA, HAY

average price per ton

	PREMIUM	GOOD
ALFALFA	270.00-310.00	160.00-190.00
MIXED	190.00-390.00	150.00-185.00
TIMOTHY	205.00	175.00
STRAW		50.00-220.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	LOW	HIGH
RHUBARB,20LB	35.00	35.00
ARUGULA,4LB	12.00	12.00
TOMATOES 25LB LG	20.00	21.00
SPINACH,1 1/9BU	12.00	12.50
CHIVES,1LB	8.00	8.00
RADISHES,1/2BU	18.00	18.00
STRAWBERRIES 8/1QT	30.00	32.00
CILANTRO,30'S	16.00	16.00

SHIPPED IN

BEETS,12'S,NJ	14.00	16.00
BEAN,RD grn,bu,GA	26.00	27.00
BOK CHOY,50LB NJ	25.00	26.00
CABBAGE,GREEN,50LB NJ	18.00	20.00
CORN,4dz,FL	16.00	16.00
CUCUMBERS,1 1/9BU,NJ	26.00	28.00
ENDIVE, 11/9 BU NJ	12.00	16.00
KALE,12ct,NJ	16.00	16.00
KOHLRABI,12'S,NJ	16.00	16.00
HORSERADISH,5LB,NJ	14.00	14.00
ONION,VIDALIA,40 IB,GA	19.00	19.00
PEA, SUGAR,10LB,GU	21.00	23.00
PEA,ENGLISH,1 1/9 BU,NJ	58.00	65.00
SQUASH,YELLOW,1/2BU,NJ	18.00	22.00
BLUEBERRIES12/1PT,GA	19.00	21.00
CHERRIES,9 1/2 ROWS,BING	43.00	45.00
PEACHES,1/2BU.2 1/2UP,GA	18.00	22.00

WHOLESALE GREENS, LETTUCE

	LOW	HIGH
COLLARD GREENS,12'S NJ	13.00	15.00
DANDELION GREENS,12'S,NJ	18.00	20.00
ESCAROLE,1 1/9BU,NJ	14.00	14.00
BOSTON BIBB,24,NJ	14.00	15.00
RED LEAF,24'S,NJ	16.00	17.00
GREEN LEAF. 24'S NJ	22.00	24.00
ROMAINE,24'S,NJ	16.00	17.00
SWISS CHARD,12'S,NJ	16.00	16.00

USDA WEEKLY RETAIL BEEF PRICES**NORTHEAST USA, PER LB.**

	LOW	HIGH
BNIN RIBEYE STEAK	7.99	8.99
STEW MEAT	3.69	5.29
T-BONE STEAK	5.99	11.99
PORTERHOUSE STEAK	5.99	11.99
SIRLOIN STEAK	4.99	6.99
LONDON BROIL	2.99	4.99
BRISKET	6.49	6.99
GROUND BEEF,80-90%	3.49	4.99
TOP ROUND STEAK	4.49	5.49

PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Average Dressing

	Low	High
SLAUGHTER COWS:		
breakers 75-80% lean	96.25	101.25
boners 80-85% lean	92.75	97.00
lean 85-90% lean	87.25	92.00
CALVES graded bull		
No 1 95-120lbs	234.50	267.50
No 2 95-120lbs	206.75	241.50
No 3 80-120lbs	166.50	222.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm3-4	147.25	150.00
Ch2-3	143.25	144.50
Sel1-2	132.50	135.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS.		
HiCh/prm3-4	148.75	152.25
Ch2-3	145.00	148.50
Sel	138.75	142.25
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/prm2-3	127.00	130.00
Ch2-3	127.50	126.50
Sel2-3	115.00	105.00
VEALERS	42.25	74.25
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3		
40-60lbs	n/a	
50-60lb	180.00	220.00
60-80lbs	177.00	200.00
80-110lbs	180.00	208.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3		
90-120 lbs	90.00	105.00
120-160lbs	60.00	80.00
Bucks		
120-140lbs	62.00	85.00
160-190lbs	40.00	70.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS:Sel.1, by head, est.		
20-40lb	n/a	
40-60lb	132.00	167.00
60-80lb	160.00	190.00
80-100lb	190.00	250.00
Nannies/Does: 80-120lbs	145.00	160.00
120-160lbs	170.00	220.00
Bucks/Billies: 120-130lbs	220.00	240.00
150-230lbs	225.00	350.00

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

Per doz., USDA Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.22	1.26
LARGE	1.20	1.24
MEDIUM	1.16	1.20

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Prices paid per doz. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.71	1.83
LARGE	1.66	1.78
MEDIUM	1.40	1.52

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Two pre-surgical vaccinations are also provided with the sterilization. Other sources of revenue are:

- An annual surcharge on Connecticut dog licenses issued by municipalities of \$2 per sterilized animal and \$6 per unsterilized. State law requires all dogs over six months of age to be licensed and have a current rabies vaccination prior to licensing. Current fees are \$19.00 for any unsterilized dog and \$8.00 for those that are altered. The more tags sold means more pets will be eligible for vaccination & sterilization benefits. This program is the source of about 65 percent of APCP revenue.
- Proceeds from the sale of the "caring for pets" commemorative license plate. More than \$600,000 has been deposited into the APCP account since the unveiling of the plate in 1998. The "Caring for Pets" plate has maintained its popularity with Connecticut pet lovers and is still second in sales to only the Long Island Sound plate.
- Private donations.

In 2013, \$486,438 was received from dog license surcharges; \$223,110 from the mandatory adoption fee; \$37,195 from the Dept. of Motor Vehicles license plate program and \$302 in private donations for a total of \$747,045.

More than \$550,000 of that was paid to participating veterinarians – an average of about \$130 per dog and \$80 per cat. Administrative costs took up the bulk of the remaining revenue.

In 2007, the General Assembly voted to set aside up to 10% of APCP income to be targeted at pets owned by low-income residents. For 2014, the allotment was increased to 20% of all APCP revenue. To be eligible, recipients must be participating in a public-assistance program and be approved by the Dept. of Social Services.

In 2013, \$75,000 was set aside for the low-income program, which funded vouchers to sterilize 864 cats and 564 dogs living in every county of the state.

Of the 4,939 total pets treated last year, mixed-breed dogs were the most prevalent with 1,317 adoptions and 971 sterilizations. The Pit Bull/Pit Bull mix was second with 903 adoptions and 596 sterilizations. (Some animals that are adopted are found to be previously sterilized.)

The top five purebreds treated were: Chihuahua, Beagle, Labrador Retriever, Yorkshire Terrier and German Shepard.

Cat adoptions totaled 1,818 with 1,307 sterilized. The great majority (1,433) were the domestic short hair breed, with the domestic medium hair second (180). A few pedigree cats such as Himalayans, Manx, Persians and Siamese were also included in the total.

The Connecticut Humane Society (CHS) also assists with DoAg's pet overpopulation efforts by acquiring dogs and cats from municipal facilities without the requirement of paying a voucher fee.

Once a pet is removed from a municipal impound facility, CHS is required to provide vaccination, sterilization and adoption services through one of its three statewide facilities.

CHS is also required to submit a biannual report to the APCP that details the disposition of each pet removed. In 2013, the Society removed 601 pets (337 dogs and 264 cats) from Connecticut municipal impound facilities.

Of that total, 411 pets were vaccinated and sterilized, 106 were found to be previously sterilized, 28 were euthanized and 56 were grouped as returned to the pound, in foster care or pending surgery.

More information on the APCP can be found at: ct.gov/doag/apcp and questions on the program can be sent to apcp.agr@ct.gov.

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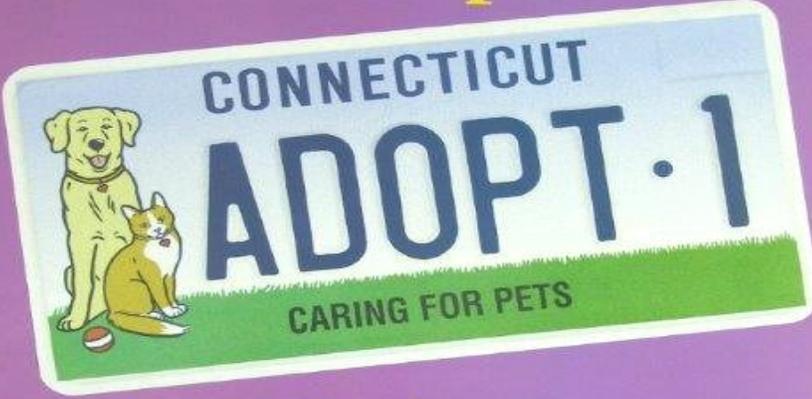
MEMBERS OF CT FARM WINE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL APPOINTED

DOAG Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky appointed the below to the CT Farm Wine Development Council at its meeting last week. The terms run until 2018.

Cmsr. Reviczky chairs the volunteer council, which meets quarterly to discuss issues affecting the industry and identify marketing opportunities. A complete list of Connecticut's 32 farm wineries, as well as council meeting agendas and minutes, can be found at CTGrown.gov.

- Hilary Criollo
Hopkins Vineyard, New Preston
- Linda Auger
Taylor Brooke Winery, Woodstock
- George Motel
Sunset Meadow Vineyard, Goshen
- Russell Holmberg
Holmberg Orchards and Winery, Gales Ferry
- Jamie Jones
Jones Winery, Shelton
- Judy Ferraro
Connecticut Valley Winery, Orange
- James Frey Jr.
Walker Road Vineyards, Woodbury
- Michelle Niedermeyer
Lost Acres Vineyards, North Granby
- Gregory Weidemann
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