October 2026 Monthly Report

Gratiot County Animal Control

Field Operations and Public Safety

Our officers responded to a total of 113 complaints this month, maintaining a strong presence across the county. Officers conducted 40 welfare checks throughout the month. When education is not enough, enforcement becomes necessary, resulting in 13 tickets being written this month for various county and state ordinance violations. Additionally, our officers opened and investigated 6 formal cases.

Public safety also remains a top priority, with officers responding to 13 bite reports. Furthermore, our team managed 25 calls for dogs running at large (RAL) and responded to 7 stray animal calls.

A major highlight in our field operations continues to be the improved response times and resolution rates thanks to the Gratiot County Livestock Registry website launched last month. Central dispatch and our officers utilize this mapping tool to quickly identify nearby farms and contact owners before loose livestock can cause an accident, making these calls much safer and more efficient to manage.

Shelter Operations and Community Engagement

Inside the facility, shelter operations remained steady. We took in 33 animals this month. This month, we successfully had 6 animals spayed or neutered. We are particularly proud of the continued success of the Home to Home program, which facilitated 34 rehomes this month. We also processed 17 euthanizations for pets suffering from severe age-related decline or medical issues, providing a compassionate end-of-life service for county residents. Finally, we celebrated 12 successful adoptions this month.

Our community's generosity was on full display, with officers completing 5 donation pickups from local partners. For the month of October, only a few long-distance pickups or transports (3) were required.

October 2026 Statistical Breakdown

Field & Officer Activity	Total
Total Complaints Answered	113
Welfare Checks	40
Dogs Running at Large (RAL)	25
Bite Reports	13
Tickets Written	13
Formal Cases	6
Stray Animals	7
Donation Pickups	5
Pickups or Transports	3

Shelter Operations	Total
Intaked Animals	33
Home to Home Rehomes	34
Animals Spayed or Neutered	6
Adopted Animals	12
Euthanizations – Owner Requested	17

If there are any questions regarding this month's statistics or ongoing shelter programs, please let me know.

Thank You,

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