GRATIOT COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

November 2026 Monthly Report

Operations, Shelter Activity & Community Engagement Summary

86	28	5,308	563K+
Complaints Answered	Total Animal Intakes	Licenses Mailed	Facebook Views

Field Operations and Public Safety

Our officers responded to a total of 86 complaints this month, maintaining a consistent and proactive presence across the county. Dogs running at large (RAL) accounted for the largest share of field activity, making up 35 of our 86 total calls. Officers also conducted 14 welfare checks and responded to 11 bite reports to protect public safety.

When education and compliance efforts are not enough, formal enforcement becomes necessary. This month, officers issued 9 tickets for county and state ordinance violations, resulting in 2 felony cases and 1 misdemeanor case. Beyond complaint response, officers completed 8 area patrols, 6 veterinary visits, and 12 miscellaneous operational trips, including donation pickups and vehicle maintenance at the mechanic shop.

Shelter Operations

Inside the facility, our team managed 28 total animal intakes this month, 14 of which were strays. Through dedicated daily care and outreach, we successfully reunited 11 animals with their owners, celebrated 7 adoptions, completed 1 transfer, and placed 2 dogs into foster care. In addition, we facilitated 13 Home to Home rehomes through Facebook, helping connect pets directly with new families without requiring shelter intake. To support long-term population control and animal health, we also had 9 animals spayed or neutered this month. Finally, we provided compassionate end-of-life services for county residents by processing 13 owner-requested euthanizations.

Licensing, Volunteers, and Community Engagement

Behind the scenes, staff completed a massive administrative effort by manually folding, stuffing, and mailing 5,308 dog licenses to county residents. We also facilitated at least 100 hours of volunteer and community service, providing valuable support to daily shelter operations while engaging local residents.

Our digital outreach continues to drive strong community connection and visibility for the animals in our care. In November, the Gratiot County Animal Shelter Facebook page reached over 563,000 views, generating 42,595 engagements, 708 comments, and over 156 direct messages from the public, while also supporting 13 Home to Home rehomes.

November 2026 Statistical Breakdown

Field & Officer Activity	Total
Total Complaints Answered	**86**
Running at Large (RAL)	**35**
Welfare Checks	**14**
Miscellaneous (Donations, Mechanic, etc.)	**12**
Bite Reports	**11**
Tickets Written	**9**
Patrols	**8**
Vet Visits	**6**
Felony Cases	**2**
Misdemeanor Cases	**1**

Shelter Operations	Total
Total Intaked Animals	**28**
Stray Intakes	*14*
Home to Home Rehomes (Facebook)	**13**
Owner-Requested Euthanizations	**13**
Reclaimed Animals	**11**
Adopted Animals	**7**
Animals Spayed or Neutered	**6**
Transferred Animals	**1**
Animals in Foster	**1**

Licensing & Community Engagement	Total
Licenses Manually Folded, Stuffed & Mailed	**5,308**
Volunteer / Community Service Hours Facilitated	**100+**
Facebook Page Views	**563,000+**
Facebook Engagements	**42,595**
Facebook Comments	**708**
Facebook Messages	**156+**

Our team continues to operate with a shared passion for the animals of Gratiot County and a steadfast commitment to public safety. We look forward to carrying this momentum forward as we head into the winter months. If there are any questions regarding this month's statistics or ongoing shelter programs, please let me know.

Thank You,

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