

Galion City Board of Health Environmental Division Monthly Report for December 2018

Accreditation

Baby steps...

Food Safety

The resolution summaries for fee changes were published in the Galion Inquirer for December 22nd and 29th, 2018 as is required by O.R.C. 3709.09. A walk-thru was completed at 741 Portland Way South with the health commissioner and zoning to obtain background information on what the existing structure is, because there is a potential buyer for the facility; however, the prospective operator will have to follow the complete plan approval process. Second round inspections will be completed in mid-January to February on licensed FSO's. The licensing year for the food program is March 1st to February 28th.

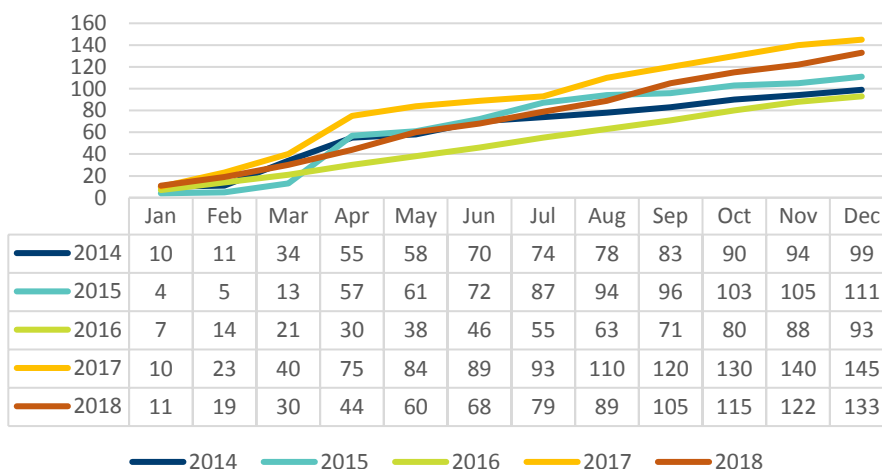
General Environmental Health

I submitted a proposal for an environmental intern to NEHA for the summer in 2019. There is no cost to our department, and the intern (if we are selected) will complete a project concerning an environmental health problem, analyze it and provide possible solutions. I am also starting the grant application for mosquito funding that has become available for 2019 from the EPA. The annual Ohio Department of Health survey of the swimming pool licensing program in Galion has been completed, approved and filed.

Public Health Nuisances

There were 11 new nuisance complaints in December. Four have been abated, two have asked for extensions, and I am currently working on the other five complaints.

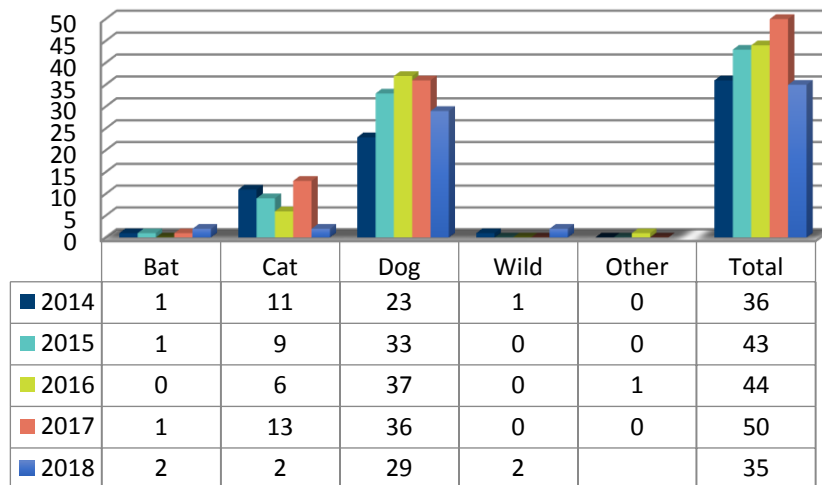
Public Health Nuisances, Cumulative Total



Rabies Prevention

GCHD did not receive any animal bite reports in December. The total animal bites/exposures remain at 29 dog bites, 2 cats bites, 2 bats, and 2 raccoon exposures. Quarantine notices are sent out and pet owners must comply with pet vaccination requirements. The wild animals or strays are tested when the animal is available otherwise victims are then referred to their physician and/or ER for follow-up. Our recommendation in the case of a stray or wild animal is post exposure prophylaxis with the rabies immune globulin, because of the unknown risk.

Animal Bites/Exposures Reported



Respectfully Submitted,

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