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Tourism and our community suffer on one of the biggest community problems, stray dogs. Strays messes up tourist attractions. Revenue and public safety are affected with these problems. The government, whose sole purpose is to make sure the many factors of tourism and as well as the community aren’t afflicted with this predicament, may result into violating the Prevention Cruelty to Animal Acts (Kalekar 54). Dog Control makes sure that they do not violate any of rules listed in the Animal Acts so it won’t cause problems between them and the community.

An improved shelter for animals is the key for better community involvement because it could lead to more people adopting animals or being involved in other areas (“Saipan has between”). Antonio Reyes, stray dog handler, said that stray dogs in the shelter have forty-two hours until they call in the vet to apply euthanasia. Healthy and active dogs are put up for adoption and those who aren’t well are put to sleep by the veterinarian. As for mother strays, dog handlers surveys area and look for an owner of the dog, if no there isn’t an owner around, dog control captures the puppies as well if they are below eight weeks of age. Young puppies have to be with their mother if they are not eight weeks old.

According to Spencer C. Marchadesch, who is the Dog Control Program Manager, mentions that owned “dogs should always be on a leash,” especially goes to walkers on the sidewalks that are walking their dog. Walkers have the risk of getting bitten by a dog if they aren’t leashed.

“Pets are an integral part of a human family and this aspect has many social and emotional implications” (Verga, Marina & Manuella Michelazzi; p. 1). Due to some other circumstances, long term relationships with pets can lead to distress problems between these domesticated animal and human (Verga, Marina & Manuella Michelazzi; p. 3). Dog shelters are there when these domesticated strays (abandoned by humans) are rejected by their masters. Dog Control makes sure to bring the dog and set them up for adoption just in case there is someone out there wanting to adopt a dog. Stray dogs programs are there to sponsor dog awareness, which influences on how dog owners treat their pet.

Dog Control programs take action when an individual calls their office to file a complaint. The Dog shelter is open to the public for future dog owners who want to take a look at their menagerie of stray dogs.

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