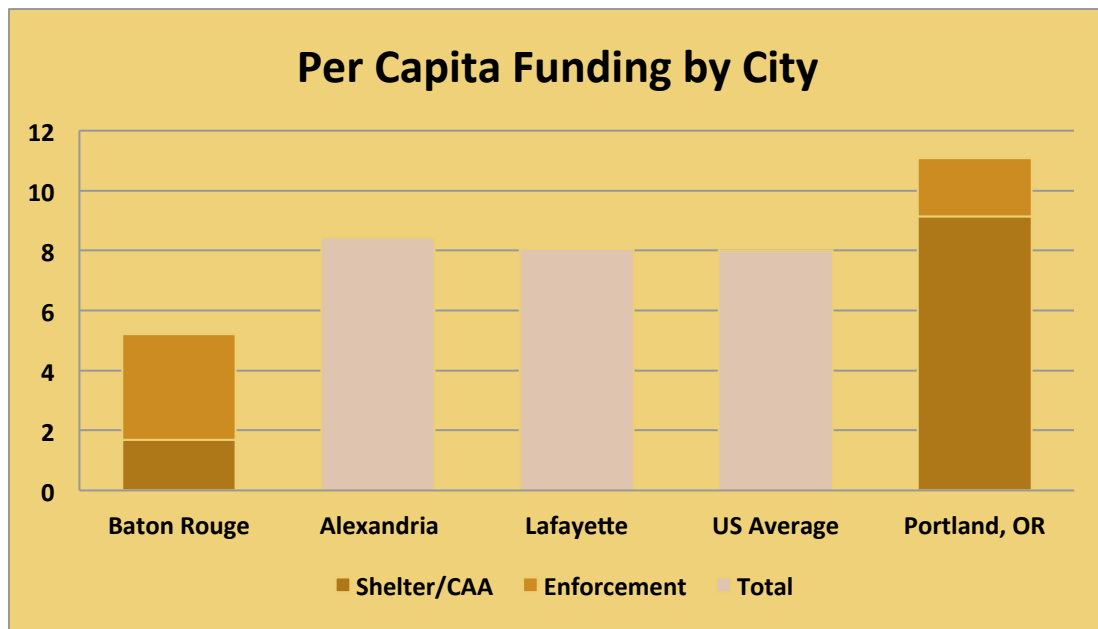




Proposal for Increasing Pet Registration Fees

- **CAA had almost 8000 animals brought to the shelter in 2013.** Over 6900 were picked up by Animal Enforcement and approximately 1000 animals were owner surrendered or abandoned at the shelter.
- Per capita funding for animal welfare in East Baton Rouge City Parish lags behind other smaller cities in Louisiana, the national average as reported by HSUS, and model cities like Portland, OR.



- **CAA's budget relies heavily on one-time private donations and single year grants** to make ends meet, and is unsustainable. Approximately 38% of CAA revenue in 2013 was from donations, grants and events, and CAA ended the year with a budget deficit. CAA needs dependable funding to continue to operate at current levels.
- **EBR's pet registration fee has not increased since 2008 and the proposed increase is moderate:**
 - Altered animals currently \$7 + **\$3 proposed increase** = \$10
 - Unaltered animals currently \$14 + **\$6 proposed increase** = \$20

- **CAA does not receive any of the current pet registration fees.**
- **Additional funding will pay for:**
 - **low cost spay/neutering services** that are vital to decreasing the overpopulation crisis facing the City Parish. CAA currently pays for approximately 2000 spay/neuters per year, and all pets adopted from the shelter are spayed or neutered,
 - **basic costs** of food, cleaning supplies, and salaries,
 - **the rising costs of vaccines and veterinary care** needed to get stray animals ready for adoption and to continue to improve Baton Rouge's save rate.
- **Pet owners will be providing additional support for the shelter.** Raising the registration certificate fee ensures that lost pets brought to CAA by Animal Enforcement will receive the best treatment possible. **635 animals were returned to very happy owners in 2013.**
- **Additional funding will ensure that CAA can continue to offer the adopting public of EBR the healthiest pets for our family homes.** Over 1800 pets found homes from CAA in 2013. Another 1400 went to rescue organizations and found homes from those groups. The save rate has risen from:
 - **50% in 2013 (57% for dogs and 38% for cats) to**
 - **74% in the first quarter of 2014 (dogs 68% and cats 87%).**

Our shelter is cleaner and the operations are more stable than ever in CAA's history due to professional management and YOUR investment in improving animal welfare in Baton Rouge. We need your support to reach our community goal of Target Zero.