

# DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

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The Department of Animal Care and Control faces the public health and safety issues involving animals using a proactive approach. Protection of both citizens and animals, animal rescue, and efforts to minimize euthanasia of unwanted animals through spay/neuter promotion all strongly reflect the neighborhood and community driven origins of this agency. Local and state legislation is used to address pet overpopulation, responsible pet ownership issues, and cruelty or violence issues involving animals. The success of the approach would not be possible without positive community outreach and education, the job of our Humane Education Department. Involvement of the citizens through our volunteering program has also been crucial to departmental advancement. This department's county contracts provide an overall "one stop" for city and county residents in need of services, wishing to adopt an animal, seeking educational outreach materials, or assistance with lost/found pets.

The ordinance, adopted by City Council in 1982 and amended as recently as 2004, delineates the laws to be enforced and the responsibilities of the department toward achieving an overall professional and quality program. This department has been recognized nationally as a leader in the field and employs multiple national instructors in specific areas of the profession.

The department will continue to provide high levels of service in all areas of animal care and control and continue enforcement aimed at the protection and assistance of both man and animal. We will strive to increase promotion of responsible animal ownership to combat pet overpopulation and the resulting euthanasia of animals and negative impact to our neighborhoods caused by animal excesses.

## **Programming and Initiatives**

This budget reflects a maintenance approach to our current programming with plans to expand public safety initiatives and hopes of doing so without added expense beyond annexation commitments. The General Assembly passed animal fighting legislation that we have been aggressively pursuing to assist us in our efforts to decrease animal based violence in the community while assisting the war on drugs, weapons, gambling, and related crimes.

We continue to watch animal handling volumes and their effects on the shelter, the city, and our neighborhoods. The direction of the department has carried a heavy adoption focus over the last three years and continues to set trends for the agency at this time. The mission of the department remains public health and safety as it pertains to animals. As we strive to meet that mission, the demands on our animal care division continue to soar. Close examination of pet overpopulation issues and prevention of the birth of unwanted animals prior to relinquishment to the city have been identified as key for future efforts toward expense stabilization and potential reduction.

In previous discussion of what the future holds for our department, we have addressed the potential arrival of a raccoon rabies epidemic approaching from the east coast. Currently, the state of Ohio has contained the situation using oral rabies vaccine baiting. At this time the initial forecasted movement directly toward our county has been diminished by the baiting activity. This agency continues to provide nationally recognized levels of animal bite prevention programming and reaction. Fort Wayne is the only identified city in this country with a "reverse" bite statistic, showing that in our city education has led to fewer juvenile bite cases than those with adult victims.

## **Goals and Objectives**

The Department of Animal Care and Control carries out public safety and service tasks. Animal Care & Control staff protect citizens from threatening animals, enforce animal related laws, protect the city's animal population and educate the public regarding safety, the surplus animal problem and the humane care and treatment of animals.

1. To encourage responsible pet ownership and to reduce the number of unwanted domestic animals in Fort Wayne, subsequently reducing the number of animals currently being euthanized.
2. To increase the level of responsible pet ownership thus reducing animal related problems at the neighborhood level and indiscriminate breeding of animals in the city.
3. To increase education levels of both children and adults relative to safety, humane care and treatment of animals, responsible pet ownership and the plight of unwanted animals.

4. To continue promotion of the Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) for families unable to afford the spay or neuter surgery for their pet.
5. To increase contacts with owners regarding proper licensing of their pets for safe return.
6. To protect both citizens and animals using modern ordinances and state laws to reach compliance when necessary.

### **Services Provided**

1. Enforcement of state and local laws relative to animals. Full investigation for both human and animal protection.
2. Administration of the State Health Codes, investigations, and prosecutions relative to animal bites, quarantines and specimen shipments for rabies examination.
3. Promotion and administration of all license and permit programs relative to animals. Monitor special events in the community involving animals.
4. Protection of citizens from health and safety threats involving animals regardless of species.
5. Administer Humane Education programs through advanced technology applications and in person in the Fort Wayne Community School System, for local scout troops, and adult groups regarding Animal Control and responsible care of animals.
6. Provide a pet adoption source for community residents.
7. Shelter animals of all species in need of safe haven until reclaim or abandonment by owners. Provide care, sanitation, medical attention, exercise and daily maintenance for all animals admitted to the Animal Care and Control Shelter.
8. Emergency pick up of sick and injured animals, wild and domestic.
9. Live trap rental program for nuisance cat problems.
10. Emergency impound of animals involved with owner tragedy.
11. Pick up of stray animals, both confined and unconfined with enforcement of animal at large laws.
12. Respond to neighbor complaints regarding nuisance violations.
13. Euthanasia of unwanted, unclaimed and surplus animals. Euthanasia of animals by owners request due to illness, injury and age.

### **ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL: ACTIVITY INDICATORS**

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Animals Handled	13,251	13,756	13,871
Domestic Animals Handled	11,793	12,478	12,725
County Animals Handled	909	1,041	965
Animals Adopted	1,496	1,599	1,488
Animals Returned to Owner	1,440	1,545	1,571
Animals Euthanized	9,834	10,241	10,445
Domestic Animals Euthanized	8,888	9,473	9,724
Bite Cases	578	659	817
City Runs by Officers	23,409	21,484	20,788
Reportable Enforcement Issues	26,337	23,852	22,962
Registrations Sold	12,666	13,917	12,780
Dead Animals Picked Up	1,258	861	834
Cruelty Cases	1,300	1,222	1,470
Animal At Large Runs	858	790	732
Tickets Issued	2,470	4,708	5640
Court Cases Filed	628	565	685
Education Programs			
Students and scouts	147,494	147,375	140,322
# of Students receiving our monthly materials	174,160	173,088	173,536
Adult Participants	5,914	6,883	7,896
Newsletter Mailings	34,730	19,500	21,401
Media Contacts	<u>120</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>424</u>
<b>Total Contacts</b>	<b>362,418</b>	<b>346,991</b>	<b>343,579</b>
Fund Raisers Conducted by the dept.	6	6	6

**ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL**  
**Dept # 010-017-OFFC**  
**2006 BUDGET COMPARISON**

	2004		2005		2006		\$ INCREASE (DECREASE)	% CHANGE	
	ACTUAL		APPROVED THRU 7/31/05		SUBMITTED		FROM 2005 APPR TO 2006	FROM 2005 APPR TO 2006	
4111 WAGES-REG	\$	1,034,911	\$	1,113,290	\$	1,177,910	\$	64,621	5.80%
4115 PARTTIME		60,863		80,382		74,811		(5,571)	-6.93%
4118 CALL-IN		70		1,668		1,200		(468)	-28.06%
4124 SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL		-		7,280		7,280		-	0.00%
4125 OVERTIME		11,891		25,080		18,822		(6,258)	-24.95%
412L LONGEVITY		1,167		1,167		1,240		73	6.26%
<b>TOTAL WAGES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,108,902</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,228,867</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,281,263</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>52,397</b>	<b>4.26%</b>
4131 PERF		57,380		57,366		66,287		8,920	15.55%
4132 FICA		83,262		93,920		97,922		4,002	4.26%
4134 GROUP HEALTH INSUR		195,000		217,000		251,200		34,200	15.76%
4135 EMPLOYEE MEDICAL		3,168		2,100		2,082		(18)	-0.86%
4136 UNEMPLOYMENT		576		613		640		27	4.41%
4137 WORKERS COMP		8,472		8,472		10,275		1,803	21.28%
4138 CLTHNG ALLOW		13,264		12,900		14,736		1,836	14.23%
413A PERFFRINGE		31,298		34,421		36,156		1,735	5.04%
4161 STLMT/SEVRNC		11,040		8,615		-		(8,615)	-100.00%
413R RETIREE HEALTH INSR		-		7,000		15,700		8,700	124.29%
<b>TOTAL 4100</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,512,362</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,671,274</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,776,261</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>104,988</b>	<b>6.28%</b>
4213 COMPUTR SUPPL	\$	1,801	\$	300	\$	300	\$	-	0.00%
4219 OTHR OFC SUPPL		5,531		5,000		5,000		-	0.00%
4231 GASOLINE		21,395		27,500		30,300		2,800	10.18%
4241 MEDICAL SUPPL		10,817		12,000		12,000		-	0.00%
4242 ANIMAL SUPPL		8,027		9,000		4,180		(4,820)	-53.56%
4246 HSHLD SUPPL		11,750		9,900		9,900		-	0.00%
424M MICROCHIPS		8,663		8,975		13,000		4,025	44.85%
4299 OTHER MTLs		4,921		5,000		5,000		-	0.00%
<b>TOTAL 4200</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>72,906</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>77,675</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>79,680</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>2.58%</b>
4312 MEDIC SRVCS	\$	20,588	\$	25,000	\$	25,000	\$	-	0.00%
4317 INSTRCT SERVICES		53		-		-		-	0.00%
4319 VET SRVCS		26,565		34,400		34,400		-	0.00%
431N PUBLIC EDUCATION		7,499		7,500		7,501		1	0.01%
4321 FREIGHT		775		920		4,920		4,000	434.78%
4322 POSTAGE		5,306		5,725		5,725		-	0.00%
4323 TELEPHONE		5,014		6,480		7,334		854	13.18%
432C CELL PHONE		1,233		1,440		1,440		-	0.00%
423L LONG DISTANCE		374		1,170		1,170		-	0.00%
4324 TRAVEL		275		-		-		-	0.00%
4331 PRINTING		3,415		3,500		3,500		-	0.00%
4333 PHOTO/BLPRNT		96		400		50		(350)	-87.50%
4341 PROPERTY INSUR		5,614		4,761		2,400		(2,361)	-49.59%
4342 LIABILITY INSUR		1,200		1,201		1,380		179	14.92%
4343 OFCL/CRIME BOND		293		168		193		25	14.88%
4344 OTHER CASUALTY INS		-		-		859		859	100.00%
4345 AUTO INSUR		1,594		1,567		2,667		1,100	70.20%
4351 ELECTRICITY		25,499		28,820		28,820		-	0.00%
4352 NATURAL GAS		15,592		25,019		28,773		3,754	15.00%
4353 WATER		4,881		6,116		6,221		105	1.72%
4356 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		37,159		38,605		38,605		-	0.00%
4361 CONT BLD REP		10,263		10,013		10,013		-	0.00%
4363 CONT OTH REP		995		880		880		-	0.00%
4369 CONT SRVCS		18,232		19,640		19,420		(220)	-1.12%
436A MAINT. HARDWARE		1,469		1,640		1,640		-	0.00%
436N GARAGE NON-TARGET		1,267		3,600		3,589		(11)	-0.31%
436T GARAGE TARGET		22,572		22,656		29,364		6,708	29.61%
4377 CC BLD PKG		69		150		100		(50)	-33.33%
4390 PERMIT REIM		12,121		15,000		15,000		-	0.00%
4391 SUBS & DUES		127		270		270		-	0.00%
4399 OTHR SRVCS		272		475		475		-	0.00%
439B MASTER LEASE		39,175		49,734		51,403		1,669	3.36%
<b>TOTAL 4300</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>269,587</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>316,850</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>333,112</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,262</b>	<b>5.13%</b>
4444 PUR OTHR EQP	\$	4,675	\$	500	\$	-	\$	(500)	-100.00%
4445 PUR COMPUTER		3,859		-		-		-	0.00%
4453 CAPITAL REPLACEMENT		160		1,300		-		(1,300)	-100.00%
4454 BETTERMENTS		2,174		-		-		-	0.00%
<b>TOTAL 4400</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,868</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(1,800)</b>	<b>-100.00%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,865,723</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,067,602</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,189,053</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>121,452</b>	<b>5.87%</b>

## Animal Care and Control 2006-2010 Capital Improvement Program

<b>FUNDING SOURCE CODE:</b>	GRP-Grant Pending	PT-Property Tax
CC-Cumulative Capital Fund	LE-Lease	RB-Revenue Bond
CDBG-Community Development Block Grant	InfraBd-Infrastructure Bond	ST-State Source
CEDIT-Co. Economic Development Income Tax	LRS-Local Roads & Streets	SU-Sewer Utility
CO-County Source	MISC-Miscellaneous	SWU-Stormwater Utility
FED-Federal Source	MVH-Motor Vehicle Highway	TIF-Tax Increment Financing
GOB-General Obligation Bond	PCBF-Park Cumulative Bldg. Fund	UF-User Fee
GRA-Grant Approved	PS-Private Source	WU-Water Utility

Item #	Project Title & Description	Funding Source	Expenditure				
			2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
1 439B	Vehicle Fleet Rotation - Equipment includes: cage banks/install, radio, emerg.lighting, handling equip.		-	181,789	84,496	24,000	94,712
	a. Vans: including all equipment (4% inflation/yr) 2007 (3); 2008 (2); 2010 (2)	LE	-	121,869	84,496	-	94,712
	b. Sedans - 2006 move to 07' (1) 2009 (1)	LE	-	23,920	-	24,000	-
	c. Used vehicles (mini-van & pick-up) - 2007 (2)	LE	-	36,000	-	-	-
2 439B	Annexation Commitment Vehicles and Equipment		42,827	-	-	-	-
	a. 2006 (1) equipped van, Southwest Extended	LE	35,427	-	-	-	-
	b. HT radios: 2006 (1); includes radio, charger, battery, carrier	LE	3,750	-	-	-	-
	c. Mobile radios: 2006 (1)	LE	3,650	-	-	-	-
3 4453	Capital Replacements		1,500	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,200
	a. Animal Handling Equipment Replacements internal/external	LE	1,500	1,500	1,600	1,600	1,600
	b. Chair/desk repair replacement	PT	-	600	600	600	600
4 4445	Computer Replacements		2,990	4,200	3,500	3,500	3,000
	a. Estimate three computer failure/yr. (6yr life if calc'd on rotation)	LE	1,650	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
	b. Estimate three monitor failures/yr	LE	840	-	-	-	-
	b. Est. one printer failure/yr	LE	500	500	500	500	-
	c. Cable wiring to add two jacks upstairs	PT	-	700	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>47,317</b>	<b>188,089</b>	<b>90,196</b>	<b>29,700</b>	<b>99,912</b>

**Annexations/ Staffing/ Capital for Annexations:** (budget savings)

FWACC was slated to receive two Animal Control Officers and an Animal Care Specialist in 2005 in order to accommodate training to staff the 2006 entry of the Southwest Extended area. In an effort to accommodate budgeting issues, we are delayed one officer and the ACS until January, 2006. What allows us to do that is our busiest time of year will begin approximately three months after annexation, giving us that marginal time to train staff and still provide full coverage. This will also delayed the addition of some vehicle, radio, and equipment purchases to 2006.

**Technology Issues Currently Faced by the Department:**

FWACC took part in a "beta testing program" for a major software project in 1995 and has since been receiving full departmental software, support, and licensing at no charge on a national grant. We were notified in April, 2004 that the program is being discontinued and the software will no longer be available. We estimate our nine year savings at approximately \$196,680. Unfortunately, we will now be required to pay access, licensing, and support. This agency is fully automated for all law enforcement, dispatch, court case production, animal handling, bite and victim involvements, intake, redemptions, medical, and pet adoptions. In addition all departmental statistics, reports, and scheduling are handled by our network software provider. Annual licensing and support have been added to this CIP.

**Vehicle Replacements:** The vehicles will be replaced according to Fleet Management replacements guidelines.

**Capital Replacements:**

**Animal Handling Equipment:** This equipment is safety and care related. These items are purchased annually to replace worn and broken equipment used by Animal Control Officers in the field and by Animal Care Specialists in the building.

**Raccoon rabies:**

The Animal Care & Control Department continues to monitor the movement of raccoon rabies from the east. The epidemic has reached Ohio but it is currently contained to a three county area in Ohio. There is a multi-million dollar oral vaccine baiting program now being conducted by Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee. We are not currently threatened by the arrival of raccoon rabies but it is difficult to estimate it's movement as there are so many variables, including the baiting program. The potential financial impact on the city has not been addressed in this CIP or proposed operating budgets as original time-frame estimates of the arrival of the disease have come and gone. Rabies has proven to be an extremely expensive disease to combat from both the animal and human health perspectives.

**STAFFING LEVELS  
BUDGETED  
ANIMAL CONTROL**

CLASSIFICATION TITLE	EXEMPT GRID/ * UNION														
		98	99	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
Director of Animal Control *	H	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Office Supervisor *	F	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Animal Care Supervisor *	F	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Enforcement Supervisor *	F	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Lead Officer *	F									1	1	1	1	1	
Humane Education Specialist	E	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Volunteer Coordinator (grant)	E			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Animal Control Officer	IAM	7	7	8	9	9	9	10	10	11	11	11	11	11	
Animal Care Specialist	IAM	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	
Clerk Typist	IAM	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	
Maintenance	IAM	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Part time employees (fte's)	X	1.2	2	2.02	3.02	3.02	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	
<b>TOTAL</b>		26	27	29.02	31.02	32.02	32.65	33.65	34.65	36.65	37.65	37.65	37.65	37.65	

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\* Reflects Grid and Salary Ordinance changes

Note: The Volunteer Coordinator is fully grant funded, no tax dollar expenditure

Note: 1.5 part-time employees are grant funded, no tax dollar expenditure