

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

The Department of Animal Care and Control faces the public health and safety issues involving animals using a proactive approach. Protection of 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 ordinance, adopted by City Council in 1982 and amended as recently as 2007, 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 community residents and animals. We will strive to increase promotion of responsible animal ownership to combat pet overpopulation and its resulting euthanasia of animals and negative impact to our neighborhoods caused by animal excesses.

Programming and Initiatives

In review of 2007, we began to stabilize after an increase in demand for field services and animal impoundments exceeded expectations following the Aboite area annexation. Theoretically, our animal populations should have increased minimally. We increased our animals handled by 14% to nearly 16,000 animals, and our run volume went up 19%. While the increases in demand stabilized for us in 2007, we continued to work toward aggressive programming to address the never ending influx of animals and the risk faced by citizens reference aggressive animals. The first ever "Community Input Panel" composed of animal and neighborhood representatives was convened to discuss and draft legislation advancing the handling of dangerous dogs. The Animal Care and Control Commission also ramped up its fundraising efforts to support the non-tax based programming that our department pursues. The reason we are able to do so much more for our city than common governmental shelters is seated in our citizen community involvement.

This budget reflects a maintenance approach to our current programming with plans to work toward expansion of donor dollar use in our medical, care, and educational areas. We continue to advance our public safety responsibilities regarding dogs with the application of the new legislation. As we moved into 2008, our staff conducted the first, annual we hope, "Neuter for a Nickel" in an effort to bring attention to the need for spay/neuter in the community to minimize euthanasia. With an intake of over 8,000 cats and fewer than 4% reclaimed by owners, the cat became the focus for this years' event.

Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control has long been a national leader in the area of government based animal services. However, the City of Fort Wayne as a community is beginning to stand out as one of those failing in it's efforts toward the fight against pet overpopulation and in the prevention of euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals. What do other communities have that we do not? We do not have a non-profit agency in our community helping with outreach programming for area pets. The tax based funding and volunteering at a government shelter cannot meet all the programming needs for this community. We will make an effort in 2008 to work toward collaborative involvements with interested groups who may share some of those same conclusions to see what opportunities may lie ahead for our city.

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>2005</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Animals Handled (total) | 14,023 | 15,919 | 15,719 |
| Domestic Animals Handled | 12,351 | 14,919 | 14,730 |
| County Animals Handled (known) | 1,297 | 1,134 | 1,136 |
| New Haven Animals Handled (known) | 151 | 234 | 256 |
| Animals Adopted | 1,733 | 1,920 | 2,132 |
| Animals Returned to Owner | 1,574 | 1,692 | 1,712 |
| Dogs Euthanized | 2,781 | 3,052 | 2,980 |
| Cats Euthanized | 6,381 | 7,446 | 6,962 |
| Animals Euthanized (total) | 10,164 | 11,508 | 11,397 |
| Field Service Activities | 17,973 | 20,658 | 20,885 |
| Field Service Results | 24,601 | 31,124 | 33,512 |
| Bite Cases | 659 | 915 | 829 |
| Registrations Sold | 12,757 | 14,176 | 13,661 |
| Est. Currently Tagged Pets (lifetime tags) | 13,485 | 15,356 | 16,250 |
| Tickets Issued | 3,435 | 3,673 | 3,071 |
| Court Cases Filed | 852 | 641 | 759 |
| Volunteers (active, yr end) | 79 | 83 | 130 |
| Outreach and Education | | | |
| Media Contacts | 424 | 1,129 | 1,646 |
| Website Hits | n/a | 293,047 | 488,612 |
| Cable Broadcast Hours | 126.5 | 178 | 240 |
| Program Attendance | 145,994 | 166,553 | 136,132 |
| Fund Raisers by the dept. | 6 | 5 | 6 |

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 2009 BUDGET COMPARISON

| | 2007 ACTUAL | 2008 ACTUAL THRU 30-Jun-2008 | 2008 REVISED BUDGET | 2009 SUBMITTED | \$ INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM 2008 APPR | % CHANGE FROM 2008 APPR TO 2009 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---|--|
| 5111 TOTAL WAGES | 1,265,191 | | 1,437,332 | 1,458,569 | 21,237 | 1.48% |
| 5131 PERF - EMPLOYERS SHARE | 75,087 | | 94,091 | 98,891 | 4,800 | |
| 5132 FICA | 93,447 | | 110,676 | 111,579 | 903 | |
| 5134 LIFE MEDICAL & HEALTH INSURAN | 272,000 | | 297,000 | 297,000 | - | |
| 5135 EMPLOYEE MEDICAL EXPENSES | 2,022 | | 2,243 | 2,715 | 472 | |
| 5136 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION | 1,332 | | 1,447 | 1,469 | 22 | |
| 5137 WORKERS COMP INSURANCE | 10,596 | | 12,876 | 11,732 | (1,144) | |
| 5138 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE | 14,278 | | 13,800 | 13,800 | - | |
| 513A PERF - EMPLOYEES/PD BY CITY | 36,042 | | 40,325 | 40,919 | 594 | |
| 513R RETIREES HEALTH INSURANCE | 17,000 | | 9,000 | 2,250 | (6,750) | |
| 5161 WAGE SETTLEMENT/SEVERANCE PAY | - | | - | 2,413 | 2,413 | |
| Total 5100 | \$1,786,997 | \$965,898 | \$2,018,790 | \$2,041,337 | \$22,547 | 1.12% |
| 5213 COMPUTER SUPPLIES | 1,469 | | 550 | 550 | - | |
| 5219 OTHER OFFICE SUPPLIES | 8,282 | | 5,000 | 5,000 | - | |
| 5231 GASOLINE | 42,477 | | 66,904 | 68,371 | 1,467 | |
| 5241 MEDICAL & SURGICAL SUPPLIES | 13,454 | | 12,500 | 12,500 | - | |
| 5242 ANIMAL SUPPLIES | 3,865 | | 4,350 | 4,350 | - | |
| 5246 HOUSEHOLD & CLEANING SUPPLIES | 12,887 | | 12,100 | 12,100 | - | |
| 524M MICROCHIPS | 12,870 | | 13,000 | 14,000 | 1,000 | |
| 5299 OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES | 4,635 | | 3,735 | 3,735 | - | |
| Total 5200 | \$99,939 | \$52,646 | \$118,139 | \$120,606 | \$2,467 | 2.09% |
| 5312 MEDICAL SERVICES | 17,850 | | 25,000 | 25,000 | - | |
| 5319 VETERINARY SERVICES | 43,679 | | 44,300 | 45,510 | 1,210 | |
| 531N PUBLIC EDUCATION SERVICES | 4,639 | | 7,500 | 7,500 | - | |
| 531S SOFTWARE TRAINING | - | | 2,000 | 2,000 | - | |
| 5321 FREIGHT EXPRESS & DRAYAGE | 5,977 | | 6,500 | 6,500 | - | |
| 5322 POSTAGE | 5,087 | | 6,300 | 6,300 | - | |
| 5323 TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH | 7,651 | | 7,440 | 7,440 | - | |
| 5324 TRAVEL EXPENSES | 521 | | - | - | - | |
| 532C CELL PHONE | 1,093 | | 1,320 | 840 | (480) | |
| 532L LONG DISTANCE CHARGES | 318 | | 600 | 600 | - | |
| 5331 PRINTING OTHER THAN OFFC SUPPL | 4,760 | | 3,300 | 3,300 | - | |
| 5342 LIABILITY INSURANCE | 7,284 | | 8,050 | 9,824 | 1,774 | |
| 5351 ELECTRICITY | 28,361 | | 28,820 | 29,100 | 280 | |
| 5352 NATURAL GAS | 18,203 | | 41,721 | 41,721 | - | |
| 5353 WATER | 6,556 | | 7,776 | 7,776 | - | |
| 5356 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL | 39,779 | | 40,527 | 41,806 | 1,279 | |
| 5361 CONTRACTED BLDG & STRUCT REPAI | 16,173 | | 10,013 | 10,013 | - | |
| 5363 CONTRACTED OTHER EQUIPMT REPAI | 1,119 | | 880 | 880 | - | |
| 5369 CONTRACTED SERVICE | 22,842 | | 21,764 | 23,500 | 1,736 | |
| 536A MAINT. AGREEMENT - HARDWARE | 2,057 | | 2,064 | 2,064 | - | |
| 536N GARAGE CONTRACT - NONTARGET | 4,193 | | 3,589 | 2,640 | (949) | |
| 536T GARAGE CONTRACT - TARGET | 27,828 | | 30,570 | 29,012 | (1,558) | |
| 5377 CC BUILDING PARKING | 17 | | 150 | 150 | - | |
| 5390 PERMIT REBURSEMENT | 11,293 | | 13,150 | 12,420 | (730) | |

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| 5391 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DUES | 259 | | 270 | 270 | - | |
| 5399 OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES | 542 | | 475 | 475 | - | |
| 539B MASTER LEASE | 61,702 | | 79,193 | 76,065 | (3,128) | |
| Total 5300 | \$339,782 | \$187,508 | \$393,272 | \$392,706 | (\$566) | - 0.14% |
| 5453 CAPITAL REPLACEMENTS | 238 | | 2,200 | 2,200 | - | |
| Total 5400 | \$238 | \$1,037 | \$2,200 | \$2,200 | \$- | 0.00% |
| Total | \$2,226,955 | \$1,207,088 | \$2,532,401 | \$2,556,849 | \$24,448 | 0.97% |

Animal Care and Control 2009-2013 Capital Improvement Program

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|---|--|---|
| FUNDING SOURCE CODE: CC-Cumulative Capital Fund CDBG-Community Development Block Grant CEDIT-Co. Economic Development Income Tax CO-County Source FED-Federal Source GOB-General Obligation Bond GRA-Grant Approved | GRP-Grant Pending LE-Lease InfraBd-Infrastructure Bond LRS-Local Roads & Streets MISC-Miscellaneous MVH-Motor Vehicle Highway PCBF-Park Cumulative Bldg. Fund PS-Private Source | PT-Property Tax RB-Revenue Bond ST-State Source SU-Sewer Utility SWU-Stormwater Utility TIF-Tax Increment Financing UF-User Fee WU-Water Utility |
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| Item # | Project Title & Description | Funding Source | Expenditure | | | | |
|--------------|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| 1 | Vehicle Fleet Rotation - Equipment includes: cage banks/install, radio, emerg.lighting, handling equip. | | 24,000 | 69,190 | 95,958 | 74,836 | 38,915 |
| | a. Vans: including all equipment (4% inflation/yr) 2009 (0); 2010 (2), 2011 (2), 2012 (2), 2013 (1) | LE | - | 69,190 | 71,958 | 74,836 | 38,915 |
| | b. Sedans - 2009 (1), 2011 (1) | LE | 24,000 | - | 24,000 | - | - |
| 2 | North IV Annexation Vehicle | | - | - | 43,735 | - | - |
| | Van (1): including all equipment | LE | | | 43,735 | | |
| 3 | Capital Replacements | | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,300 | 2,400 |
| | a. Animal Handling Equipment Replacements internal/external | PT | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,700 |
| | b. Chair/desk repair replacement | PT | 600 | 600 | 600 | 700 | 700 |
| 4 | Computer Replacements | | - | - | - | - | - |
| | a. Estimate three computer failure/yr. | CC | | | | | |
| | b. Software upgrade | CC | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | | | 26,200 | 71,390 | 141,893 | 77,136 | 41,315 |

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.

