

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 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>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006 (1st 6 months)</u>
Animals Handled	13,871	14,023	7,238
Domestic Animals Handled	12,725	12,351	6,647
County Animals Handled	965	1,297	431
Animals Adopted	1,488	1,733	912
Animals Returned to Owner	1,571	1,574	822
Animals Euthanized	10,445	10,164	5,093
Dogs Euthanized	3,151	2,781	1,473
Cats Euthanized	6,514	6,381	3,003
Domestic Animals Euthanized	9,724	9,473	4,779
Bite Cases	817	659	491
Field Service Activities		17,973	10,453
Field Service Results		23,673	15,766
Registrations Sold	12,780	12,757	7,274
Dead Animals Picked Up	834	748	399
Cruelty Cases	1,470	1,494	785
Animal At Large Runs	732	728	435
Tickets Issued	5,640	3,435	1,886
Court Cases Filed	685	852	389
Education Programs			
Students and scouts	140,322	138,022	72,901
# of Students receiving our			
monthly materials	173,536	170,496	85,134
Adult Participants	7,896	7,972	3,515
Newsletter Mailings	21,401	18,155	1,010
Media Contacts	<u>424</u>	<u>371</u>	<u>324</u>
Total Contacts	343,579	335,016	162,884

Fund Raisers Conducted by the dept.

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ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL
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2007 BUDGET COMPARISON

		<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>\$ INCREASE</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>SUBMITTED</u>	<u>(DECREASE)</u>	<u>FROM 2006 APPR</u>
			<u>THRU 06/30/06</u>		<u>TO 2007</u>	<u>TO 2007</u>
4111	WAGES-REG	\$ 1,077,740	\$ 1,185,190	\$ 1,232,268	\$ 47,078	
4115	PARTTIME	68,276	74,811	77,598	2,787	
4118	CALL-IN	70	1,200	1,200	-	
4125	OVERTIME	11,812	18,822	18,822	-	
412L	LONGEVITY	1,525	1,240	2,498	1,258	
	TOTAL WAGES	\$ 1,159,423	\$ 1,281,263	\$ 1,332,387	\$ 51,123	3.99%
4131	PERF	54,173	66,287	78,424	12,138	
4132	FICA	86,986	97,922	101,928	4,006	
4134	GROUP HEALTH INSUR	216,996	251,200	272,000	20,800	
4135	EMPLOYEE MEDICAL	1,936	2,082	2,859	777	
4136	UNEMPLOYMENT	612	640	1,332	692	
4137	WORKERS COMP	8,472	10,275	10,596	321	
4138	CLTHNG ALLOW	13,950	14,736	13,800	(936)	
413A	PERF/FRINGE	32,504	36,156	37,644	1,487	
4161	STLMT/SEVRNC	6,996	-	-	-	
413R	RETIREE HEALTH INSR	10,065	15,700	17,000	1,300	
TOTAL 4100		\$ 1,592,113	\$ 1,776,261	\$ 1,867,970	\$ 91,708	5.16%
4213	COMPUTER SUPPL	\$ 22	\$ 300	\$ 300	-	
4219	OTHR OFFC SUPPL	6,178	5,000	5,000	-	
4231	GASOLINE	28,517	30,300	63,678	33,378	
4241	MEDICAL SUPPL	11,665	12,000	12,000	-	
4242	ANIMAL SUPPL	6,496	4,180	4,085	(95)	
4246	HSHLD SUPPL	8,411	9,900	9,900	-	
424M	MICROCHIPS	13,860	13,000	13,000	-	
4299	OTHER MATLS	2,721	5,000	5,000	-	
TOTAL 4200		\$ 77,870	\$ 79,680	\$ 112,963	\$ 33,283	41.77%
4312	MEDIC SERVICES	\$ 18,122	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	-	
4319	VET SERVICES	38,844	34,400	37,000	2,600	
431N	PUBLIC EDUCATION	7,565	7,501	7,501	-	
4321	FREIGHT	386	4,920	6,500	1,580	
4322	POSTAGE	6,018	5,725	6,000	275	
4323	TELEPHONE	8,966	7,335	7,440	105	
4324	TRAVEL	47	-	-	-	
432C	CELL PHONE	1,185	1,440	1,320	(120)	
432L	LONG DISTANCE	423	1,170	600	(570)	
4331	PRINTING	3,290	3,500	3,300	(200)	
4333	PHOTO/BLPRNT	-	50	50	-	
4341	PROPERTY INSUR	4,761	2,400	2,479	79	
4342	LIABILITY INSUR	1,200	1,380	1,560	180	
4343	OFCL/CRIME BOND	168	193	201	8	
4344	OTHER CASUALTY INSUR	-	859	414	(445)	
4345	AUTO INSUR	1,573	2,667	2,630	(37)	
4351	ELECTRICITY	26,546	28,820	28,820	-	
4352	NATURAL GAS	20,332	28,773	41,721	12,948	
4353	WATER	4,710	6,221	7,776	1,555	
4356	SOL WASTE DISPOSAL	34,336	38,605	38,605	-	
4361	CONT BLD REP	11,708	10,013	10,013	-	
4363	CONT OTH REP	849	880	880	-	
4369	CONT SERVICE	21,262	19,420	20,640	1,220	
436A	MT.HARD WARE	1,764	1,640	2,052	412	
436N	GARAGE-NON TARGET	3,121	3,589	3,589	-	
436T	GARAGE-TARGET	25,938	29,364	27,828	(1,536)	
4377	CC BLD PKG	212	100	100	-	
4390	PERMIT REIM	10,487	15,000	14,800	(200)	
4391	SUBS & DUES	289	270	270	-	
4399	OTHR SRVCS	415	475	475	-	
439B	MASTER LEASE	46,782	51,403	68,654	17,251	
TOTAL 4300		\$ 301,299	\$ 333,113	\$ 368,218	\$ 35,105	10.54%
4444	PUR OTHR EQP	\$ 449	\$ -	\$ -	-	
4453	CAPT REPLAC	915	-	2,100	2,100	
TOTAL 4400		\$ 1,364	\$ -	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	2100%**
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 1,972,646	\$ 2,189,054	\$ 2,351,251	\$ 162,197	7.41%

** Percentage high due to the fact that 4400's in 2006 were covered with lease dollars.

Animal Care and Control 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Program

FUNDING SOURCE CODE:	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				
			2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
1	Vehicle Fleet Rotation - Equipment includes: cage banks/install, radio, emerg.lighting, handling equip.		122,041	62,290	24,000	67,374	70,068
439B	a. Vans: including all equipment (4% inflation/yr) 2007 (3); 2008 (2); 2010 (2), 2011 (2)	LE	89,841	62,290	-	67,374	70,068
	b. Sedans - 2006 moved to 07' (1) 2009 (1)	LE	15,500	-	24,000	-	-
	c. Vehicles (mini-van) - 2007	LE	16,700	-	-	-	-
3	Capital Replacements		2,100	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,300
4453	a. Animal Handling Equipment Replacements internal/external	PT	1,500	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
	b. Chair/desk repair replacement	PT	600	600	600	600	700
4	Computer Replacements		-	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800
4445	a. Estimate three computer failure/yr.	PT	-	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800
	b. Software upgrade	PT	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL			124,141	68,290	30,000	73,374	76,168

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														
		99	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
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	2	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	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	1	
Animal Control Officer	IAM	7	8	9	9	9	10	10	11	11	11	11	11	11	
Animal Care Specialist	IAM	7	7	6	7	7	7	7	8	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	2	2.02	3.02	3.02	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	
TOTAL		27	29.02	31.02	32.02	32.65	33.65	34.65	36.65	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