

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 it's resulting euthanasia of animals and negative impact to our neighborhoods caused by animal excesses.

Programming and Initiatives

We launched into 2008-2009, working with our local judges to institute the newly passed Dangerous Animal Ordinances drafted and presented by a community input group in early 2008. The institution of the new laws began slowly to ensure consistency, but all parties are now on board with the new processes and we'll be reviewing results for safety impacts.

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 2009, our staff conducted the second annual "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 9,000 cats and fewer than 4% reclaimed by owners, the cat became the focus for this event.

Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control has long been a national leader in the area of government based animal services. The department was recently showcased nationally for it's progressive attitude, customer service, programming, and volunteerism. 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. Most communities our size have more non-profit activity in their geographic regions. The tax based funding and volunteering at a government shelter cannot meet all the programming needs for this community. We continue to make the effort 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.
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Services Provided

Enforcement of state and local laws relative to animals. Full investigation for both human and animal protection.

Administration of the State Health Codes, investigations, and prosecutions relative to animal bites, quarantines and specimen shipments for rabies examination.

Promotion and administration of all license and permit programs relative to animals. Monitor special events in the community involving animals.

Protection of citizens from health and safety threats involving animals regardless of species.

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.

Provide a pet adoption source for community residents.

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.

Emergency pick up of sick and injured animals, wild and domestic.

Live trap rental program for nuisance cat problems.

Emergency impound of animals involved with owner tragedy.

Pick up of stray animals, both confined and unconfined with enforcement of animal at large laws.

Respond to neighbor complaints regarding nuisance violations.

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>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Animals Handled (total all species)	15,919	15,719	16,608
Dogs handled	5,707	5,759	5,913
Cats handled	8,527	8,019	9,018
County Animals Handled (known)	1,134	1,136	1,624
New Haven Animals Handled (known)	234	256	308
Animals Adopted	1,920	2,132	2,529
Animals Returned to Owner	1,692	1,712	1,810
Dogs Euthanized	3,052	2,980	3,075
Cats Euthanized	7,446	6,962	7,635
Field Service Activities	20,658	20,885	20,809
Field Service Results	31,124	31,512	32,763
Bite Cases	915	829	901
Registrations Sold	14,176	13,661	14,841
Est. Currently Tagged Pets (lifetime tags)	15,356	16,250	18,322
Tickets Issued	3,673	3,071	3,229
Court Cases Filed	852	641	759
Volunteers (active, yr end)	83	130	192
Outreach and Education			
Media Contacts	1,129	1,646	1,678
Website Hits	293,047	488,612	67,527
Cable Broadcast Hours	178	240	298
Program Attendance	166,553	136,132	166,245
Fund Raisers by the dept.	5	6	7

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 2010 BUDGET COMPARISON

	2008 ACTUAL	2009 ACTUAL THRU 30-Jun-2009	2009 REVISED BUDGET	2010 SUBMITTED	\$ INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM 2009 APPR	% CHANGE FROM 2009 APPR TO 2010
5111 TOTAL WAGES	1,375,324		1,437,471	1,457,584	20,113	1.40%
5131 PERF - EMPLOYERS SHARE	92,392		97,463	105,632	8,169	
5132 FICA	102,907		109,966	111,506	1,540	
5134 LIFE MEDICAL & HEALTH INSURAN	297,000		297,000	326,700	29,700	
5135 EMPLOYEE MEDICAL EXPENSES	128		2,715	2,715	-	
5136 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	1,447		1,447	1,458	11	
5137 WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	12,876		11,732	14,224	2,492	
5138 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	13,410		13,800	13,800	-	
513A PERF - EMPLOYEES/PD BY CITY	39,600		40,332	40,887	555	
513R RETIREES HEALTH INSURANCE	9,000		2,250	9,900	7,650	
5161 WAGE SETTLEMENT/SEVERANCE PAY	-		2,413	-	(2,413)	
Total 5100	\$1,944,084	\$994,483	\$2,016,589	\$2,084,406	\$67,817	3.36%
5213 COMPUTER SUPPLIES	499		550	499	(51)	
5219 OTHER OFFICE SUPPLIES	7,257		5,000	5,000	-	
5231 GASOLINE	48,474		55,551	49,123	(6,428)	
5241 MEDICAL & SURGICAL SUPPLIES	13,792		12,500	12,500	-	
5242 ANIMAL SUPPLIES	4,898		4,350	4,350	-	
5246 HOUSEHOLD & CLEANING SUPPLIES	12,648		12,100	12,100	-	
524M MICROCHIPS	12,870		14,000	14,000	-	
5299 OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	5,053		3,735	3,735	-	
Total 5200	\$105,491	\$46,073	\$107,786	\$101,307	(\$6,479)	- 6.01%
5312 MEDICAL SERVICES	19,647		25,000	19,491	(5,509)	
5319 VETERINARY SERVICES	60,987		45,510	45,510	-	
531N PUBLIC EDUCATION SERVICES	10,037		7,500	7,500	-	
531S SOFTWARE TRAINING	873		2,000	873	(1,127)	
5321 FREIGHT EXPRESS & DRAYAGE	12,171		6,500	12,171	5,671	
5322 POSTAGE	9,214		6,300	6,300	-	
5323 TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH	7,564		7,440	7,440	-	
5324 TRAVEL EXPENSES	1,425		-	-	-	
532C CELL PHONE	758		840	758	(82)	
532L LONG DISTANCE CHARGES	374		600	374	(226)	
5331 PRINTING OTHER THAN OFFC SUPPL	4,335		3,300	3,300	-	
5342 LIABILITY INSURANCE	8,051		9,824	17,544	7,720	
5351 ELECTRICITY	27,995		29,100	29,100	-	
5352 NATURAL GAS	27,443		41,721	41,721	-	
5353 WATER	6,481		7,776	7,776	-	
5356 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	41,231		41,806	41,231	(575)	
5361 CONTRACTED BLDG & STRUCT REPAI	8,125		10,013	8,124	(1,889)	
5363 CONTRACTED OTHER EQUIPMT REPAI	1,169		880	880	-	
5369 CONTRACTED SERVICE	22,201		23,500	22,201	(1,299)	
536A MAINT. AGREEMENT - HARDWARE	2,057		2,064	2,064	-	
536N GARAGE CONTRACT - NONTARGET	4,344		2,640	2,832	192	

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536T GARAGE CONTRACT - TARGET	30,570		29,012	24,034	(4,978)	
5377 CC BUILDING PARKING	25		150	25	(125)	
5390 PERMIT REBURSEMENT	10,897		12,420	10,842	(1,578)	
5391 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DUES	411		270	300	30	
5399 OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	330		475	330	(145)	
539A OPERATING TRANSFER OUT	240		-	-	-	
539B MASTER LEASE	72,282		76,065	69,881	(6,184)	
Total 5300	\$391,236	\$180,920	\$392,706	\$382,602	(\$10,104)	- 2.57%
5453 CAPITAL REPLACEMENTS	2,005		2,200	2,846	646	
Total 5400	\$2,005	\$1,071	\$2,200	\$2,846	\$646	29.36%
Total	\$2,442,815	\$1,222,547	\$2,519,281	\$2,571,161	\$51,880	2.06%

Animal Care and Control 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Program

<u>FUNDING SOURCE CODE:</u>	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					
			2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
1	Vehicle Fleet Rotation - Equipment includes: cage banks/install, emergency lighting and handling equip.	-	65,082	94,392	36,604	86,068	118,773
	a. Vans: including all equipment (4% inflation/yr) 2010 (2), 2011 (2), 2012 (1), 2013 (1), 2014 (3)	LE	65,082	70,392	36,604	38,068	118,773
	b. Sedans - 2011 (1), 2013 (2)	LE	-	24,000	-	48,000	-
2	North IV Annexation Vehicle	-	-	43,735	-	-	-
	Van (1): including all equipment	LE	-	43,735	-	-	-
3	Capital Replacements	-	2,846	6,457	9,263	2,400	2,400
5453	a. Animal Handling Equipment Replacements internal/external	PT	2,004	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,700
	b. Chair/desk repair replacement	PT	-	600	700	700	700
	c. Kennel Grate Replacements	PT	842	4,257	6,963	-	-
TOTAL			67,928	144,584	45,867	88,468	121,173

1 & 2 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.

Kennel Grate Replacements: This building is 11 years old now and the kennel grates that support the dogs, allowing them the opportunity to get up off the floor, are beginning to rust out due to daily wear. We have spread this project out over three years, replacing the most worn first.

3 Raccoon Rabies: The Animal Care & Control Department continues to monitor the movement of raccoon rabies from the east. The epidemic has reached the Cleveland area of Ohio but it is currently contained to a three county area. 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.