

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 2008, 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

This year the effect of the economy on pet owners became evident and manifested in various ways across our state. Adoptions throughout Indiana are down from 2009, while animals relinquished by owners are up. We recognized the need to conserve in all areas even as our animal handling continues to climb. We will work on continuing positive moves in our programming that do not rely on additional staffing and expenses to achieve.

This budget reflects a maintenance approach to our current programming recognizing the fiscal constraints we all face at this time. With that, we are also seeing vendor and service provider's prices rising. We plan to continue to offer our full scope of services at this time with no service cuts in 2011. We carry on advancement in our public safety responsibilities regarding dogs with the application of the potentially dangerous dog legislation and hope to enhance that package with a deferral opportunity for citizens and the courts next year. We continue to work toward increased redemption of pets by owners, placements into new homes, and the decrease of the number coming in the door, all in an effort to decrease euthanasia. Spaying and neutering is key to the last point and we will continue to spotlight that issue with our third annual "Neuter for a Nickel". This event takes place with no expenditure of tax dollars. With an intake of close to 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 its 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 its 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 protects 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>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Animals Handled (total all species)	15,719	16,608	15,805
Dogs handled	5,759	5,913	5,748
Cats handled	8,019	9,018	8,580
County Animals Handled (known)	1,136	1,624	1,480
New Haven Animals Handled (known)	256	308	282
Animals Adopted	2,132	2,529	2,540
Animals Returned to Owner	1,712	1,810	1,620
Dogs Euthanized	2,980	3,075	2,630
Cats Euthanized	6,962	7,635	7,168
Field Service Activities	20,885	20,809	23,084
Bite Cases	829	901	980
Registrations Sold	13,661	14,841	14,282
Est. Currently Tagged Pets (lifetime tags)	16,250	18,322	18,570
Tickets Issued	3,071	3,229	2,972
Court Cases Filed	641	759	667
Volunteers (active, yr end)	130	192	197
Outreach and Education			
Media Contacts	1,646	1,678	1,671
Website Hits	488,612	567,527	677,456
Cable Broadcast Hours	240	298	423
Program Attendance	136,132	166,245	187,952
Fund Raisers by the dept.	6	7	10

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 2011 BUDGET COMPARISON

	2009 ACTUAL	2010 ACTUAL THRU 30-Jun-2010	2010 REVISED BUDGET	2011 SUBMITTED	\$ INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM 2010 APPR	% CHANGE FROM 2010 APPR TO 2011
5111 TOTAL WAGES	1,399,114		1,450,592	1,463,011	12,419	0.86%
5131 PERF - EMPLOYERS SHARE	94,418		105,128	116,355	11,227	
5132 FICA	104,211		110,972	111,920	948	
5134 LIFE MEDICAL & HEALTH INSURAN	297,000		326,700	336,600	9,900	
5135 EMPLOYEE MEDICAL EXPENSES	8,507		2,715	2,601	(114)	
5136 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	1,447		1,453	1,464	11	
5137 WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	11,732		14,224	12,544	(1,680)	
5138 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	14,157		13,800	13,800	-	
513A PERF - EMPLOYEES/PD BY CITY	39,072		40,692	41,068	376	
513R RETIREES HEALTH INSURANCE	2,250		9,900	20,400	10,500	
5161 WAGE SETTLEMENT/SEVERANCE PAY	476		-	-	-	
Total 5100	\$1,972,384	\$1,001,469	\$2,076,176	\$2,119,763	\$43,587	2.10%
5213 COMPUTER SUPPLIES	185		499	499	-	
5219 OTHER OFFICE SUPPLIES	6,581		5,000	5,000	-	
5231 GASOLINE	34,400		49,123	48,488	(635)	
5241 MEDICAL & SURGICAL SUPPLIES	15,385		12,570	12,500	(70)	
5242 ANIMAL SUPPLIES	5,671		4,350	4,350	-	
5246 HOUSEHOLD & CLEANING SUPPLIES	20,425		12,100	12,100	-	
524M MICROCHIPS	14,850		14,000	14,000	-	
5299 OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	6,564		3,735	3,735	-	
Total 5200	\$104,061	\$43,352	\$101,377	\$100,672	(\$705)	- 0.70%
5312 MEDICAL SERVICES	24,423		19,491	19,491	-	
5319 VETERINARY SERVICES	50,447		45,510	45,510	-	
531N PUBLIC EDUCATION SERVICES	7,440		7,500	7,500	-	
531S SOFTWARE TRAINING	1,524		873	873	-	
5321 FREIGHT EXPRESS & DRAYAGE	10,928		12,171	12,171	-	
5322 POSTAGE	7,837		6,300	8,364	2,064	
5323 TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH	7,549		7,440	7,440	-	
5324 TRAVEL EXPENSES	14		-	2,212	2,212	
532C CELL PHONE	722		758	758	-	
532L LONG DISTANCE CHARGES	564		374	374	-	
5331 PRINTING OTHER THAN OFFC SUPPL	2,973		3,300	3,300	-	
5342 LIABILITY INSURANCE	9,824		17,544	14,281	(3,263)	
5351 ELECTRICITY	30,785		29,100	30,311	1,211	
5352 NATURAL GAS	25,656		41,721	27,912	(13,809)	
5353 WATER	7,152		7,776	7,776	-	
5356 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	42,963		41,231	41,231	-	
5361 CONTRACTED BLDG & STRUCT REPAI	14,498		8,124	8,124	-	
5363 CONTRACTED OTHER EQUIPMT REPAI	1,120		880	880	-	
5369 CONTRACTED SERVICE	15,631		22,201	19,989	(2,212)	
536A MAINT. AGREEMENT - HARDWARE	2,057		2,064	-	(2,064)	
536N GARAGE CONTRACT - NONTARGET	1,669		2,832	7,299	4,467	

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536T GARAGE CONTRACT - TARGET	29,012		24,034	29,424	5,390	
5377 CC BUILDING PARKING	14		25	25	-	
5390 PERMIT REBURSEMENT	9,949		10,842	10,842	-	
5391 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DUES	264		300	300	-	
5399 OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	485		330	330	-	
539B MASTER LEASE	73,793		69,881	72,849	2,968	
Total 5300	\$379,291	\$185,679	\$382,602	\$379,566	(\$3,036)	- 0.79%
5453 CAPITAL REPLACEMENTS	1,714		2,846	6,457	3,611	
Total 5400	\$1,714	\$225	\$2,846	\$6,457	\$3,611	126.88%
Total	\$2,457,450	\$1,230,725	\$2,563,001	\$2,606,458	\$43,457	1.70%

Animal Care and Control 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Program

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. 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					
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
1	Vehicle Fleet Rotation - Equipment includes: cage banks/install, emergency lighting and handling equip.		71,892	59,002	60,402	137,574	78,746
	a. Vans: including all equipment (4% inflation/yr) 2011 (2), 2012 (1), 2013 (1), 2014 (3), 2015 (2)	LE	71,892	35,002	36,402	113,574	78,746
	b. Sedans - 2012 (1), 2013 (1), 2014 (1)	LE	-	24,000	24,000	24,000	-
2	Annexation Vehicles		-	-	-	-	-
	Van : including all equipment	LE	-	-	-	-	-
3	Capital Replacements		6,457	9,263	2,400	2,400	2,400
5453	a. Animal Handling Equipment Replacements internal/external	PT	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,700
	b. Chair/desk repair replacement	PT	600	700	700	700	700
	c. Kennel Grate Replacements	PT	4,257	6,963	-	-	-
TOTAL			78,349	68,265	62,802	139,974	81,146

- 1 & 2 **Vehicle Replacements:** None of the vehicle purchases listed are new additions to increase our overall fleet numbers, they are rotational replacements of high mileage vehicles. One vehicle originally slated for auction in 2010 will be retained for mobile adoptions but due to limited (once a week) use, it would not be advantageous to purchase a new vehicle for that application. The 2011 Vans include one with a new cage bank install and one with a cage bank that will be refurbished from an existing van. Future mobile and hand-held radio projects are not included in this CIP.
- 3 **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 build
- 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 year
- 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. There is a multi-million dollar oral raccoon rabies vaccine program that continues contingent on available funding on an annual basis and that is what is currently keeping raccoon rabies out of our area. There is no accomodation in this CIP or our budget for raccoon rabies arrival.