

# 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 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 cruelty or violence issues involving animals, pet overpopulation, and responsible pet ownership issues. The success of the approach would not be possible without positive community outreach and education.

The city ordinance delineates the laws to be enforced and the responsibilities of the department toward achieving an overall professional and quality program. The ordinance is seen as a model in the country and this department has been recognized nationally as a leader in the field, with multiple employees who have been national instructors in specific areas of the profession. Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control will continue to provide high levels of service in all areas 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 increase the safety levels in our community and to combat pet overpopulation and its resulting euthanasia of domestic animals.

## **Programming and Initiatives**

This past year the theme of our department may have been labeled cooperation, outreach, and creativity. My past notes reference programming initiatives that reflected some degree of frustration over the lack of non-profit activity in our community that is often seen in other cities our size. Those types of agencies that are better armed to focus on adoption initiatives through grant opportunities and enhanced spay/neuter efforts at high volume with targeted work were just not available for pet owners in our community. The primary focus of a government agency has to be health, safety, and cruelty prevention efforts, and that ultimately limits our abilities and resources for highest possible adoption rates if we do not have active community partners. I am happy to say that is changing in Fort Wayne.

The Allen County SPCA has been actively receiving transfers of cats and kittens from our agency. HOPE for Animals is a high volume low cost spay neuter option for metro-regional residents that actively reaches out into the community to assist and educate those pet owners who may otherwise not seek a veterinarian or recognize the importance of spaying and neutering. Our own staff here at the shelter have aggressively broadened their work with canine rescue groups who focus on re-homing via foster homes prior to their ultimate placement with adopters. That allows this shelter to open further space for our community pets that are temporarily lost by their owners, to quarantine bite cases, or to house the victims of cruelty and abuse. The overall result of all this community cooperation is an upturn in our adoptions overall which include those going to rescue, and a record fourth year in a row of decreased intake and euthanasia of cats. Both organizations along with community veterinarians assisted our agency, once again, in our Neuter for a Nickel program which we would also attribute to lending toward the downward trend in cat euthanasia.

This budget reflects a maintenance approach to our current programming recognizing the fiscal constraints we all face at this time. Last year we downsized by one employee, and transferred all weekend dispatch to the Communications Department. At the same time we are also seeing vendor and service provider's prices rising. We also expanded field work through a cooperative arrangement with the Fort Wayne Police Department in late 2011. Retired mobile computers are now transferred to FWACC, allowing us to be more efficient with our runs and dispatches and exponentially increasing the number of pets we can return directly to their owners in the field. Our plan is to continue these creative and collaborative approaches that ultimately result in a safer community and more life saving prospects for our animals.

## **Goals and Objectives**

*Our Mission: Guided by the humane ethic and livability interests within our neighborhoods, the mission of Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control is to ensure public health and safety as well as prevent pet overpopulation, animal neglect, and animal cruelty through education, rescue, and law enforcement.*

1. To protect both citizens and animals using modern ordinances and state laws to reach compliance when necessary.
2. To encourage responsible pet ownership and to reduce the number of unwanted domestic animals in Fort Wayne, subsequently reducing the number of related safety issues and the number of animals currently being euthanized.

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. To continue promotion of the Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) and local available opportunities for families unable to afford the spay or neuter surgery for their pet.
6. To increase contacts with owners regarding proper registration of their pets for safe return and the opportunity to return lost pets directly to owners homes rather than impounding them at the shelter.

### **Services Provided**

1. Enforcement of state and local laws relative to animals. Full investigation for both human and animal protection.
2. Processing of cases through the city court system and the prosecutors office for local and state violations involving safety issues with animals, animal cruelty, and animal neglect.
3. Administration of the State Health Codes, investigations, and prosecutions relative to animal bites, quarantines and specimen shipments for rabies examination.
4. Promotion and administration of all license and permit programs relative to animals. Monitor special events in the community involving animals.
5. Protection of citizens from health and safety threats involving animals regardless of species.
6. 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.
7. Provide a pet adoption source of safe animals for community residents.
8. 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.
9. Emergency pick up of sick and injured animals, wild and domestic. Rescue's as needed.
10. Live trap rental program for nuisance cat problems.
11. Emergency impound of animals involved with owner tragedy, arrest, or unforeseen emergency circumstances.
12. Pick up of stray animals, both confined and unconfined with enforcement of animal at large laws.
13. Respond to neighbor complaints regarding nuisance violations.
14. Euthanasia of unwanted, unclaimed, unsafe, and surplus animals. Euthanasia of animals by owners request due to illness, injury and age.

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

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Animals Handled (total all species)	15,805	15,791	15,863
Dogs handled	5,748	5,639	6,065
Cats handled	8,580	8,229	7,935
County Animals Handled (known)	1,480	1,502	1,451
New Haven Animals Handled (known)	282	368	424
Animals Adopted	2,540	2,265	2,382
Animals Returned to Owner	1,620	1,854	2,056
Dogs Euthanized	2,630	2,655	2,976
Cats Euthanized	7,168	7,077	6,670
Field Service Activities (runs by officers)	23,084	22,370	22,660
Bite Cases	980	863	850
Registrations Sold	14,282	13,695	14,050
Est. Currently Tagged Pets (lifetime tags)	18,570	17,983	18,800
Tickets Issued	2,972	3,283	3,394
Court Cases Filed	667	730	1,072
Volunteers (active, yr end)	197	229	204
Outreach and Education			
Media Contacts	1,671	1,430	3,120
Website Hits	677,456	594,304	548,765
Cable Broadcast Hours	423	393	425
Program Attendance	187,952	237,001	216,696
Fund Raisers by the dept.	10	9	8

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 2013 BUDGET COMPARISON

	2011 ACTUAL	2012 ACTUAL THRU 30-Jun-2012	2012 REVISED BUDGET	2013 SUBMITTED	\$ INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM 2012 REVISED	% CHANGE FROM 2012 REV TO 2013
5111 TOTAL WAGES	1,420,815		1,434,743	1,473,392	38,649	2.69%
5131 PERF - EMPLOYERS SHARE	113,350		133,781	137,644	3,863	
5132 FICA	106,522		109,611	112,714	3,103	
5134 LIFE MEDICAL & HEALTH INSURAN	336,600		377,600	377,600	-	
5135 EMPLOYEE MEDICAL EXPENSES	1,303		2,172	2,744	572	
5136 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	1,464		1,432	1,472	40	
5137 WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	12,544		8,703	7,469	(1,234)	
5138 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	12,261		13,800	13,800	-	
513A PERF - EMPLOYEES/PD BY CITY	40,003		40,135	41,293	1,158	
513R RETIREES HEALTH INSURANCE	20,400		23,600	23,600	-	
5161 WAGE SETTLEMENT/SEVERANCE PAY	8,634		-	-	-	
<b>Total 5100</b>	<b>\$2,073,896</b>	<b>\$1,070,740</b>	<b>\$2,145,577</b>	<b>\$2,191,728</b>	<b>\$46,151</b>	<b>2.15%</b>
5213 COMPUTER SUPPLIES	929		499	499	-	
5219 OTHER OFFICE SUPPLIES	9,016		5,000	5,000	-	
5231 GASOLINE	55,128		48,808	48,808	-	
5241 MEDICAL & SURGICAL SUPPLIES	10,623		15,399	15,399	-	
5242 ANIMAL SUPPLIES	4,617		5,092	5,092	-	
5246 HOUSEHOLD & CLEANING SUPPLIES	12,001		13,260	13,260	-	
524M MICROCHIPS	14,555		14,140	14,140	-	
5299 OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	2,395		2,537	2,537	-	
<b>Total 5200</b>	<b>\$109,264</b>	<b>\$55,153</b>	<b>\$104,735</b>	<b>\$104,735</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
5312 MEDICAL SERVICES	23,029		22,691	22,691	-	
5319 VETERINARY SERVICES	40,577		53,219	53,219	-	
531H BANK SERVICE CHARGES	-		-	6,000	6,000	
531N PUBLIC EDUCATION SERVICES	7,500		5,409	5,409	-	
5321 FREIGHT EXPRESS & DRAYAGE	10,497		10,696	10,696	-	
5322 POSTAGE	8,838		6,309	6,309	-	
5323 TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH	8,853		-	-	-	
5324 TRAVEL EXPENSES	1,288		-	-	-	
532C CELL PHONE	261		480	480	-	
532L LONG DISTANCE CHARGES	226		-	-	-	
532V VERIZON AIR CARDS	-		5,220	5,400	180	
5331 PRINTING OTHER THAN OFFC SUPPL	4,967		1,853	1,853	-	
5342 LIABILITY INSURANCE	14,281		17,159	13,645	(3,514)	
5351 ELECTRICITY	31,626		30,311	30,311	-	
5352 NATURAL GAS	20,494		25,536	20,551	(4,985)	
5353 WATER	7,952		7,776	7,776	-	
5356 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	44,390		41,231	41,231	-	
5361 CONTRACTED BLDG & STRUCT REPAI	10,736		8,124	8,124	-	
5363 CONTRACTED OTHER EQUIPMT REPAI	1,248		880	880	-	
5369 CONTRACTED SERVICE	15,674		18,524	10,520	(8,004)	
536A MAINT. AGREEMENT - HARDWARE	720		2,160	2,160	-	

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536N GARAGE CONTRACT - NONTARGET	4,479		4,241	4,700	459	
536T GARAGE CONTRACT - TARGET	29,424		32,920	27,310	(5,610)	
5377 CC BUILDING PARKING	-		25	25	-	
5390 PERMIT REMBURSEMENT	9,671		9,186	9,186	-	
5391 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DUES	234		310	310	-	
5399 OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	1,479		330	330	-	
539B MASTER LEASE	72,452		62,240	49,978	(12,262)	
<b>Total 5300</b>	<b>\$370,897</b>	<b>\$185,217</b>	<b>\$366,830</b>	<b>\$339,094</b>	<b>(\$27,736)</b>	<b>- 7.56%</b>
5453 CAPITAL REPLACEMENTS	6,457		1,600	2,400	800	
5454 BETTERMENTS & ADDITIONS	-		-	17,000	17,000	
<b>Total 5400</b>	<b>\$6,457</b>	<b>\$38</b>	<b>\$1,600</b>	<b>\$19,400</b>	<b>\$17,800</b>	<b>1112.50%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,560,514</b>	<b>\$1,311,148</b>	<b>\$2,618,743</b>	<b>\$2,654,957</b>	<b>\$36,214</b>	<b>1.38%</b>

## Animal Care and Control 2013-2017 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					
			2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1	Vehicle Fleet Rotation - Equipment includes: cage banks/install, emergency lighting, animal handling, & ACO equip.		78,274	109,405	132,189	110,854	75,089
	a. Vans: including all equipment (4% inflation/yr) 2013 (2), 2014 (2), 2015 (2), 2016 (2), 2017 (1)	LE	78,274	81,405	101,174	82,279	42,609
	b. Sedan/Crossover - 2013 (1), 2014 (0), 2015 (1), 2016 (1), 2017(1)	LE	-	28,000	31,015	28,575	32,480
2 5453	Capital Replacements		2,400	3,600	3,750	3,850	3,950
	a. Animal Handling Equipment Replacements internal/external	PT	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,900	2,000
	b. Chair/desk repair replacement	PT	700	800	850	850	850
	c. Investigative equipment replacement (cameras)			1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
3 5454	Betterments and Additions		17,000	43,000	8,000	15,500	8,000
	a. VCT tile replacement in Education Center with rolled rubber	PT	17,000				
	b. VCT tile replacement: lobbies and office. Rubber and vinyl	PT		35,000			
	c. Phase areas of epoxy floor recoating	PT		8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
	d. Resurface parking lot	PT				7,500	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>97,674</b>	<b>156,005</b>	<b>143,939</b>	<b>130,204</b>	<b>87,039</b>

- 1 **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. We canceled all rotations in 2012. All rotations have been inspected and approved by fleet management.
  - 2 **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.
  - 3 **Betterments and Additions:** All past building structural and large maintenance projects have been handled by property management. This is the first year building projects have been moved to our cip.
- 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, both state and federal, 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.