

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 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 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 increase the safety levels in our community and to combat pet overpopulation and its resulting euthanasia of animals.

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 and remained down in 2010, while animals relinquished by owners are up. We will work on continuing positive moves in our programming that do not rely on additional staffing and expenses.

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 have continued to offer our full scope of services through 2010 and will be evaluating against other cities our size in 2011. 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 fourth annual "Neuter for a Nickel". This event takes place with no expenditure of tax dollars. With an intake of over 8,000 cats and fewer than 4% reclaimed by owners, the cat became the focus for this event. The slow downward trend may be indicative of an impact by this event as well as new low cost spay/neuter opportunities in our community.

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. Most communities our size have more non-profit activity in their geographic regions than we do here in Fort Wayne. The tax based funding and volunteering at a government shelter cannot meet all the programming needs for this community. This past year saw a rise in some non-profit activity with HOPE FOR ANIMALS opening a new low cost spay/neuter clinic. At this time we are working closely with HOPE, the ACSPCA, and area rescue organizations in the effort to reduce pet overpopulation, to continue to save more lives, and to make this a safe community with respect to our companion animals.

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 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.

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>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Animals Handled (total all species)	16,608	15,805	15,791
Dogs handled	5,913	5,748	5,639
Cats handled	9,018	8,580	8,229
County Animals Handled (known)	1,624	1,480	1,502
New Haven Animals Handled (known)	308	282	368
Animals Adopted	2,529	2,540	2,265
Animals Returned to Owner	1,810	1,620	1,854
Dogs Euthanized	3,075	2,630	2,655
Cats Euthanized	7,635	7,168	7,077
Field Service Activities	20,809	23,084	22,370
Bite Cases	901	980	863
Registrations Sold	14,841	14,282	13,695
Est. Currently Tagged Pets (lifetime tags)	18,322	18,570	17,983
Tickets Issued	3,229	2,972	3,283
Court Cases Filed	759	667	730
Volunteers (active, yr end)	192	197	229
Outreach and Education			
Media Contacts	1,678	1,671	1,430
Website Hits	567,527	677,456	594,304
Cable Broadcast Hours	298	423	393
Program Attendance	166,245	187,952	237,001
Fund Raisers by the dept.	7	10	9

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 2012 BUDGET COMPARISON

	2010 ACTUAL	2011 ACTUAL THRU 30-Jun-2011	2011 REVISED BUDGET	2012 SUBMITTED	\$ INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM 2011 REVISED	% CHANGE FROM 2011 REV TO 2012
5111 TOTAL WAGES	1,397,947		1,463,011	1,434,743	(28,268)	- 1.93%
5131 PERF - EMPLOYERS SHARE	101,390		116,355	133,781	17,426	
5132 FICA	104,365		111,920	109,611	(2,309)	
5134 LIFE MEDICAL & HEALTH INSURAN	326,700		336,600	377,600	41,000	
5135 EMPLOYEE MEDICAL EXPENSES	2,618		2,601	2,172	(429)	
5136 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	1,453		1,464	1,432	(32)	
5137 WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	14,224		12,544	8,703	(3,841)	
5138 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	12,940		13,800	13,800	-	
513A PERF - EMPLOYEES/PD BY CITY	39,248		41,068	40,135	(933)	
513R RETIREES HEALTH INSURANCE	9,900		20,400	23,600	3,200	
Total 5100	\$2,010,785	\$1,025,516	\$2,119,763	\$2,145,577	\$25,814	1.22%
5213 COMPUTER SUPPLIES	653		499	499	-	
5219 OTHER OFFICE SUPPLIES	6,446		5,000	5,000	-	
5231 GASOLINE	40,193		48,488	48,808	320	
5241 MEDICAL & SURGICAL SUPPLIES	16,332		12,500	13,455	955	
5242 ANIMAL SUPPLIES	5,092		4,350	5,092	742	
5246 HOUSEHOLD & CLEANING SUPPLIES	12,195		12,100	12,195	95	
524M MICROCHIPS	14,000		14,000	14,000	-	
5299 OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	2,537		3,735	2,537	(1,198)	
Total 5200	\$97,448	\$50,094	\$100,672	\$101,586	\$914	0.91%
5312 MEDICAL SERVICES	23,567		19,491	19,491	-	
5319 VETERINARY SERVICES	47,581		45,510	45,510	-	
531N PUBLIC EDUCATION SERVICES	7,500		7,500	5,409	(2,091)	
531S SOFTWARE TRAINING	-		873	-	(873)	
5321 FREIGHT EXPRESS & DRAYAGE	10,696		12,171	10,696	(1,475)	
5322 POSTAGE	7,969		8,364	6,309	(2,055)	
5323 TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH	9,179		7,440	-	(7,440)	
5324 TRAVEL EXPENSES	40		2,212	-	(2,212)	
532C CELL PHONE	728		758	480	(278)	
532L LONG DISTANCE CHARGES	566		374	-	(374)	
532V VERIZON AIR CARDS	-		-	5,220	5,220	
5331 PRINTING OTHER THAN OFFC SUPPL	2,353		3,300	1,853	(1,447)	
5342 LIABILITY INSURANCE	17,544		14,281	17,159	2,878	
5351 ELECTRICITY	31,424		30,311	30,311	-	
5352 NATURAL GAS	18,338		27,912	25,536	(2,376)	
5353 WATER	7,915		7,776	7,776	-	
5356 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	43,605		41,231	41,231	-	
5361 CONTRACTED BLDG & STRUCT REPAI	11,781		8,124	8,124	-	
5363 CONTRACTED OTHER EQUIPMT REPAI	1,234		880	880	-	
5369 CONTRACTED SERVICE	16,395		19,989	16,520	(3,469)	
536A MAINT. AGREEMENT - HARDWARE	-		-	2,160	2,160	
536N GARAGE CONTRACT - NONTARGET	8,960		7,299	4,241	(3,058)	

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536T GARAGE CONTRACT - TARGET	24,034		29,424	32,920	3,496	
5377 CC BUILDING PARKING	2		25	25	-	
5390 PERMIT REMBURSEMENT	9,186		10,842	9,186	(1,656)	
5391 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DUES	310		300	310	10	
5399 OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	1,042		330	330	-	
539B MASTER LEASE	69,617		72,849	62,240	(10,609)	
Total 5300	\$371,568	\$177,526	\$379,566	\$353,917	(\$25,649)	- 6.76%
5453 CAPITAL REPLACEMENTS	7,993		6,457	1,600	(4,857)	
Total 5400	\$7,993	\$912	\$6,457	\$1,600	(\$4,857)	- 75.22%
Total	\$2,487,794	\$1,254,048	\$2,606,458	\$2,602,680	(\$3,778)	- 0.14%

Animal Care and Control 2012-2016 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				
			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
1	Vehicle Fleet Rotation - Equipment includes: cage banks/install, emergency lighting, animal handling, & ACO equip.		-	90,183	123,626	91,846	37,361
	a. Vans: including all equipment (4% inflation/yr) 2012 (0), 2013 (2), 2014 (3), 2015 (2), 2016 (1)	LE	-	70,183	103,626	71,846	37,361
	b. Sedans - 2012 (0), 2013 (1), 2014 (1), 2015 (1)	LE	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
2	Annexation Vehicles		-	-	-	-	-
	Van : including all equipment	LE	-	-	-	-	-
3	Capital Replacements		1,600	2,400	2,500	2,650	2,750
	a. Animal Handling Equipment Replacements internal/external	PT	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,900
	b. Chair/desk repair replacement	PT	-	700	800	850	850
	c. Kennel Gate Replacements	PT	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL			1,600	92,583	126,126	94,496	40,111

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 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