

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 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 we have continued to expand our outreach opportunities for adoptable pets as well as our cruelty investigation initiatives. Local non-profit agencies that are better armed to focus on adoption initiatives through grant opportunities and enhanced spay/neuter efforts at high volume with targeted work are now more available than ever before in our community. The primary focus of a government agency has to be health, safety, and cruelty prevention efforts. 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 our partnerships are stronger than they have ever been, both locally and nationally.

The ultimate goal of any adoption program is saving lives. As a government agency we receive the highest volume of animals in all of northeast Indiana. Some of those animals are not safe to move back out to the community, but many are simply in need of opportunities that cannot be found without aggressive efforts at proactively finding space and resources to assist them. Our agency has been meeting those challenges by pursuing partnerships to assist us in rehoming animals beyond the volume that our own adoption center space, hours, and staffing allows. We work closely with both the Allen County SPCA and the Whitley County Humane Society to transfer animals for adoption while still keeping our adoption floor full. We have non-profit rescue organizations that foster animals in private homes, then place to their forever homes from there. When even that is not enough, the Michigan Humane Society has agreed to transport dogs up into their suburban shelters as they are unable to meet the demand for small dogs in their area. All this partnering allows our own shelter to open more space for our community pets that are temporarily lost by their owners, to quarantine bite cases, or to house the victims of cruelty, neglect, and abuse. The overall result of all this cooperation is a safer city, an increase in placements, and more opportunities for those animals with minor issues that need to be addressed before adoption. So, more lives saved. We track success through a figure called our "Live Release Rate" and 2012 brought the highest success ever in that area; not only for FWACC, but for our Community Coalition totals as well.

This budget reflects a maintenance approach to our current programming recognizing the fiscal constraints we all face at this time. At the same time we are also seeing personnel, vendor, and service provider's prices rising. In the last two years we have downsized employee numbers by count and by hours. Yet, our cruelty and neglect prosecutions are at an all-time high with criminal conviction rates rising to a level never seen in Fort Wayne before. That is due to staff dedication, training, community outreach education, and an extremely supportive law department and prosecutors office. 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. To aggressively pursue advanced cases of animal cruelty, neglect, and abuse.
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 all local available opportunities for families unable to afford the spay or neuter surgery for their pet.
6. To increase contacts with owners regarding proper identification and 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>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Animals Handled (total all species)	15,791	15,863	14,994
Dogs handled	5,639	6,065	5,411
Cats handled	8,229	7,935	7,590
County Animals Handled (known)	1,502	1,451	1,057
New Haven Animals Handled (known)	368	424	443
Animals Adopted	2,265	2,382	2,748
Animals Returned to Owner	1,854	2,056	2,019
Dogs Euthanized Non-Owner Requested	2,351	2,687	1,990
Cats Euthanized Non-Owner Requested	6825	6471	5,899
Field Service Activities (runs by officers)	22,370	22,660	22,894
Bite Cases	863	850	837
Registrations Sold	13,695	14,050	13,847
Est. Currently Tagged Pets (lifetime tags)	17,983	18,800	18,957
Tickets Issued	3,283	3,394	3,584
Court Cases Filed	730	1,072	1,127
Volunteers (active, yr end)	229	204	189
Outreach and Education			
Media Contacts	1,430	3,120	3,328
Website Hits	594,304	548,765	464,679
Cable Broadcast Hours	393	425	425
Program Attendance	237,001	216,696	244,526
Fund Raisers by the dept.	9	8	8

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 2014 BUDGET COMPARISON

	2012 ACTUAL	2013 ACTUAL THRU 30-Jun-2013	2013 REVISED BUDGET	2014 SUBMITTED	\$ INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM 2013 REVISED	% CHANGE FROM 2013 REV TO 2014
5111 TOTAL WAGES	1,447,660		1,473,392	1,512,453	39,061	2.65%
5131 PERF - EMPLOYERS SHARE	135,250		137,644	157,184	19,540	
5132 FICA	107,526		112,714	114,378	1,664	
5134 LIFE MEDICAL & HEALTH INSURAN	377,600		377,600	377,600	-	
5135 EMPLOYEE MEDICAL EXPENSES	2,579		2,744	3,323	579	
5136 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	1,432		1,472	1,493	21	
5137 WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	8,703		7,469	7,082	(387)	
5138 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	11,307		13,800	14,400	600	
513A PERF - EMPLOYEES/PD BY CITY	40,575		41,293	42,101	808	
513R RETIREES HEALTH INSURANCE	23,600		23,600	23,600	-	
5161 WAGE SETTLEMENT/SEVERANCE PAY	139		-	-	-	
Total 5100	\$2,156,370	\$1,087,247	\$2,191,728	\$2,253,614	\$61,886	2.82%
5213 COMPUTER SUPPLIES	415		499	499	-	
5219 OTHER OFFICE SUPPLIES	7,452		5,000	5,000	-	
5231 GASOLINE	59,852		48,808	60,000	11,192	
5241 MEDICAL & SURGICAL SUPPLIES	12,607		15,399	15,399	-	
5242 ANIMAL SUPPLIES	4,910		5,092	5,092	-	
5246 HOUSEHOLD & CLEANING SUPPLIES	12,746		14,565	13,260	(1,305)	
524M MICROCHIPS	14,108		14,140	14,140	-	
5299 OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	667		2,537	6,137	3,600	
Total 5200	\$112,757	\$53,649	\$106,040	\$119,527	\$13,487	12.72%
5312 MEDICAL SERVICES	22,678		22,691	22,698	7	
5319 VETERINARY SERVICES	38,945		55,372	53,219	(2,153)	
531H BANK SERVICE CHARGES	6,047		6,000	6,000	-	
531N PUBLIC EDUCATION SERVICES	5,130		5,409	5,409	-	
5321 FREIGHT EXPRESS & DRAYAGE	10,547		10,696	10,696	-	
5322 POSTAGE	8,248		6,309	6,309	-	
5323 TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH	346		-	-	-	
5324 TRAVEL EXPENSES	43		-	-	-	
532C CELL PHONE	455		480	480	-	
532V VERIZON AIR CARDS	4,928		5,400	5,400	-	
5331 PRINTING OTHER THAN OFFC SUPPL	1,899		1,853	1,853	-	
5342 LIABILITY INSURANCE	17,159		13,645	12,473	(1,172)	
5351 ELECTRICITY	31,177		30,311	31,178	867	
5352 NATURAL GAS	16,729		20,551	19,141	(1,410)	
5353 WATER	8,847		7,776	7,776	-	
5356 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	41,441		41,231	41,231	-	
5361 CONTRACTED BLDG & STRUCT REPAI	7,429		8,124	8,124	-	
5363 CONTRACTED OTHER EQUIPMT REPAI	2,229		880	880	-	
5369 CONTRACTED SERVICE	10,918		10,542	10,520	(22)	
536A MAINT. AGREEMENT - HARDWARE	2,160		2,160	2,160	-	
536N GARAGE CONTRACT - NONTARGET	1,917		4,700	2,602	(2,098)	

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536T GARAGE CONTRACT - TARGET	32,920		27,310	27,396	86	
5377 CC BUILDING PARKING	-		25	25	-	
5390 PERMIT REBURSEMENT	9,316		9,186	9,186	-	
5391 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DUES	94		310	310	-	
5399 OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	124		330	330	-	
539B MASTER LEASE	62,242		49,978	55,728	5,750	
Total 5300	\$343,969	\$150,979	\$341,269	\$341,124	(\$145)	- 0.04%
5453 CAPITAL REPLACEMENTS	1,133		2,400	-	(2,400)	
5454 BETTERMENTS & ADDITIONS	-		17,000	-	(17,000)	
Total 5400	\$1,133	\$1,223	\$19,400	\$-	(\$19,400)	-100.00%
Total	\$2,614,229	\$1,293,098	\$2,658,437	\$2,714,265	\$55,828	2.10%