

Animal Care

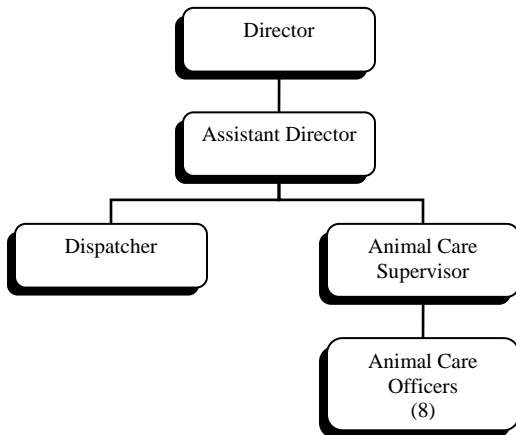
Mission

To provide the citizens of Richland County with the protection of life and property through prompt response time and efficient procedures. The Department attempts to: reduce the number of strays, control the outbreak of rabies and educate the public on the importance of licensing their pets and the responsibilities of pet ownership. Reunite lost pets with their owners. Reduce the number of animals euthanized by transferring adoptable animals with adoption and rescue groups.

Goals and Objectives

- Vigorously enforce the Animal Control Ordinance by responding to all complaints of stray and unwanted animals in a timely manner, investigating animal bite reports and rabies control cases, and reducing the number of stray and unwanted animals in the County.
- Provide stricter enforcement of the Animal Ordinance by issuing violation notices to all violators of the Ordinance and issuing citations to second time offenders.
- Increase the number of licensed pets by increasing the number of sweeps performed in County neighborhoods. Sweeps provide citizens with pamphlets and pet license applications. Also, mail license applications to citizens that have vaccinated their pets but have not registered their pets.
- Reduce the number of animals euthanized yearly by increasing the number of stray animals reunited with their owners and cooperating with Project Pet and other rescue organizations to save as many animals as possible for adoption.

Organization Chart



Performance Measures

Measure	FY05	FY06	FY07
Number of complaints responded to	5,962	7,856	8,552
Number of animals picked up	5,524	5,852	6,152
Number of animals quarantined	146	175	200
Number of violation notices issued	2,059	2,500	3,000
Number of citations issued	199	225	275
Number of community sweeps	17	22	27
Number of applications mailed	1,200	1,400	1,600
Number of redemptions	309	304	376
Number of animals submitted to Project Pet	162	150	200
Total Number of Animals Licensed	2,777	3,200	3,500

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Budget Highlights

Animal Care is funded through the Countywide General Fund. The expenditures roll up into the Public Safety sub-category for reporting purposes.

The FY06 budget remained at the same level as FY05, however, funding does include a \$30,000 increase in recurring cost with a similar reduction from one-time cost.

The FY07 budget is funded at a continuation level from FY06.

Fiscal Plan

	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	\$
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Adopted</u>	<u>Adopted</u>	<u>Change</u>
Personal Services	\$357,047	\$389,867	\$394,412	\$4,545
Operating Expenditures	331,699	425,021	430,652	5,631
Capital Outlay	<u>64,175</u>	<u>63,714</u>	<u>78,400</u>	<u>14,686</u>
Total	\$752,921	\$878,602	\$903,464	\$24,862
Authorized FT Positions*	12	12	12	-

* Detailed list of authorized positions for FY2007 is included in Appendix B