

Animal Care & Control

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

2026 Budget

Operational Oversight Hearings



CITY OF CLEVELAND

Mayor Justin M. Bibb

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DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW

Mission Statement

The City of Cleveland Division of Animal Care & Control mission is to protect the safety of our residents by impounding stray dogs and nuisance wildlife. Promote responsible pet ownership through enforcement of city animal ordinances, pet identification, and animal adoption

PROGRAM NAME: ANIMAL CONTROL

OBJECTIVES: Enforce City Ordinances

ACTIVITIES: Respond to complaints regarding stray, vicious, and nuisance dogs

PROGRAM NAME: ANIMAL ADOPTION

OBJECTIVES: Place adoptable animals into responsible homes, rescue organizations, and other animal shelters

Activities: Promote the Division

PROGRAM NAME: NUISANCE ANIMAL REMOVAL

OBJECTIVES: Reduce the number of the unwanted nuisance wildlife population that poses a safety risk to residents and their pets.

ACTIVITIES: Contract services to trap, remove, and dispose of nuisance skunks, raccoons, opossums and groundhogs.

OUR SUCCESS

75.1% Live Release Rate

Overall total % of dogs adopted, returned to their owner, or pulled by another shelter or rescue

- **1163 Dogs Reunited with their Owners**
- **891 Dogs Adopted**
- **1237 Rescue Pulls**
 - Includes farm animals
- **612 New Charges Filed**
- **267 Volunteers donated 18,328 hours of their time**
- **968 Dogs Spayed/Neutered**
- **12 Dogs treated for heartworm**
- **Collaborated with the APL on 4 microchip vaccine clinics**



2025

DIVISION STAFFING LEVELS

2025 Budgeted Head Count

- 37 FTE
 - 7 PT
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Current Staffing

- 33 FTE
 - 3 PT
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Current Vacancies:

2026 Budgeted Head Count:38 FTE, 4 PT

- 1 FT Veterinarian
- 2 FT Animal Control Officers
- 1 FT Vet. Tech.
- 1 FT Custodian
- 1 PT Vol./Adoption Coordinator



THE NUMBERS

Overall numbers for 2025 remained consistent.

CALLS FOR SERVICE	TOTAL ANIMAL INTAKE	TOTAL ANIMAL OUTCOMES	NUISANCE TRAPPING
10,787 Calls dispatched	5,640 Animals impounded	5,643 All outcomes	1,711 Wildlife removed
*PY 7,485	*PY 5,818	*PY 4,217	*PY 2,627

STAND OUT STATISTICS



Overall, Division numbers in calls for service went down. However, animals reunited with owners and adoptions went up.

+44%

Calls for Service

While calls for service decreased it does not account for the increase in the number of public drop offs.

+7.4%

Dogs reunited with owners

The division had an increase in the total number of pets reunited with their owners.

+6.4%

Adoptions

Animal Care & Control's Adoption program saw a significant increase in adoptions.





WHERE WE ARE GOING

This past year the trend we've witnessed over previous years continues to be a challenge for the division. There continues to be more abandonment, more injured, more cruelty and neglect, and more unwanted pets. Given the significance of these calls and numbers of animals impounded, there are two re-occurring themes, the need for more education and outreach.

EDUCATION

Through digital newsletters, informative social media, educational flyers, and other types of brochures on topics from city ordinances, who to contact when missing or finding a dog, chipping, as well as low-cost pet services.

OUTREACH

Through seeking out partner agencies, attending and hosting more events. Not only within the community but also at the division of Animal Care & Control.

Questions?



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