

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES



Joint Workshop
January 29, 2026

Topics to discuss

- City of Palm Coast Animal Control Services
- Updated estimated start up costs for Animal Control in Flagler County
 - Three (3) Animal Control Officer
 - Two (2) administrative technician
- Code Enforcement Division Revenues
- Coverage area in Palm Coast is 93 square miles
- Will increase to 485 sq. miles



Current Animal Control Division Staff

Service Area equals 93 square miles

- Code Enforcement manager - 1 Full time employee
- Certified Animal Control Officers - 3 full time employees
- Administrative Technicians - 2 full time employees



Training/Certification

Florida Statutes Ch. 828 requires certification for Animal Control Officers

- 40-hour minimum standards training class approved by Florida Animal Control Association (FACA)
- Pass a written exam
- Valid driver's license and in some cases a CDL license.
- Child abuse recognition and reporting course work

Continuing education

- Every 2 years complete 4 hours post certification continuing education training.
- Free or low-cost webinars for animal control
- FAPAA conference (budget constraints)



Equipment

One (1) truck per ACO

- Hoarding, Animal Cruelty, Accidents, Death of Owner, Running at Large
- Calls to both ends of City limits
- Trucks customized to standards to prioritize animal safety
- Secure and separate compartments
- Ramps for accessibility
- Ventilation system
- Washable with drains
- First Aid equipment
- Cleaning supplies
- Emergency Lighting



Animal Control Case Load for FY 2025

October 2024	Total Number of Cases
Action Orders	1293
AO founded	479
AO Unfounded	183
Running at Large	282
Nuisance	161
Wellness	56
Total Caseload	2454

July 22, 2025 95 cats in 1 call



Quarterly Hearing topics:

- Animal at large
- Licensing
- Vaccination
- Citations for Animal Cruelty
- Dangerous Dogs (heard as required by law)
- Appeals as requested



A G E N D A **Civil Citation Hearing**

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
The Intracoastal Room at Palm Coast City Hall
Community Wing Entrance
160 Lake Avenue, Palm Coast, Florida 32164

- A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Swearing-in of Staff and Respondents.
- C. Approval of September 24, 2024 Minutes.
- D. Cases to be Heard



Rescues, Non-profits, Animal Hospitals and Advocates

LOCAL RESCUES AND NON-PROFITS

- K-9 Inline Inc
- S.M.A.R.T.
- S.A.F.E. Small dog rescue
- Second Chance
- Community Cats
- Salty Paws
- East Coast Animal Hospital
- Flagler Animal Hospital
- Flagler Humane Society
- Flagler Health Department

LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ANIMAL ADVOCATES

- Animal Refuge Flagler (ARF)



JURISDICTION	POCKET PETS	TOTAL
PALM COAST		
SURRENDER	218	1,557
SEIZED	47	410
STRAY	40	3,372
RETURN TO OWNER		93
WILDLIFE IN		128
TOTAL	305	5,560
FLAGLER COUNTY		TOTAL
SURRENDER		48
SEIZED	26	114
STRAY	10	864
RETURN TO OWNER		
WILDLIFE IN		
TOTAL	36	1,054
OVER ALL TOTAL	367	6,614

These totals do not include the clinic numbers as we do not pay for the clinics.

Intakes in
Palm Coast
and Un-
incorporated
Flagler
County Area



Annual Animal Intakes from Bunnell and Flagler Beach

Bunnell

- Dogs = 29
- Cats = 151
- Wildlife = 2

Flagler Beach

- Dogs = 20
- Cats = 46
- Wildlife = 28



ESTIMATED START UP COSTS TO PROVIDE
ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FOR ALL OF
FLAGLER COUNTY – 485 SQUARE MILES



Years	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Animal Control Officer (ACO) (3)	\$225,999	\$ 237,299	\$ 249,164	\$ 261,622	\$ 274,703	\$ 288,438
Code Tech (2)	\$134,430	141,152	148,209	155,620	163,401	171,571
Health Immunizations (3)	\$2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100
Titer/booster for Health Immunizations (3)	\$0	-	300	-	300	-
ACO Vehicle (3)	\$258,425	29,619	29,619	29,619	29,619	29,619
ACO Vehicle Maintenance (3)	\$1,500	1,500	1,500	9,528	9,528	9,528
ACO Fuel Costs (3)	\$3,636	3,818	4,009	4,209	4,420	4,641
IT Package (5)	\$30,250	-	-	-	25,410	-
Workstation (5)	\$51,125	40,900	40,900	40,900	40,900	40,900
Overhead (5)	\$8,365	6,692	6,692	6,692	6,692	6,692
TOTAL A	\$715,830	\$ 463,079	\$ 482,493	\$ 510,290	\$ 557,072	\$ 553,488



Years	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Annual and Emergency Legal Funds for special animal cases and hearings	\$75,000	\$82,500	\$90,750	\$99,825	\$109,808	\$120,788
Medical Expenses	\$6,086	\$6,695	\$7,364	\$8,100	\$8,911	\$9,802
Food	\$519	\$571	\$628	\$691	\$760	\$836
TOTAL B	\$81,605	\$89,766	\$98,742	\$108,616	\$119,478	\$131,426
TOTALS FOR ALL NEW ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES "A AND B"	\$797,435	\$552,845	\$581,235	\$618,906	\$676,550	\$684,914
Current City Expenses includes 3 ACO's, 2 Admin Techs fully burdened	\$576,235	\$605,047	\$635,299	\$667,064	\$700,417	\$735,438
TOTALS FOR NEW AND EXISTING CITY SERVICES	\$1,373,670	\$1,157,892	\$1,216,534	\$1,285,970	\$1,376,967	\$1,420,352



GENERAL FUND REVENUES FOR ANIMAL CONTROL

- Licensing as of December 4, 2025
 - 5,201 Sterilized.....\$130,025
 - 981 Intact.....\$ 34,335
 - 9 Dangerous Dogs.....\$ 2,700
- Surrenders.....\$ 1,200
- Animal Fines.....\$ 57,743
- **TOTAL.....\$226,003**



CURRENT EXPENDITURES

JURISDICTION	CURRENT COST OF A/C AND SHELTER SERVICES	ESTIMATED SAME SERVICE COSTS IF COUNTY-WIDE
City of Palm Coast	\$712,000	\$1,447,536
Unincorporated Flagler County	\$214,599	\$455,623
City of Flagler Beach	\$15,996	\$58,520
City of Bunnell	\$31,056	\$135,638



Next steps for consideration

- Determine jurisdictional participation
- Develop Interlocal Agreements
- Staffing and Resource Planning
- Animal Licensing Expansion
- Budget and Funding
- Policy and Legal Alignment
- Community Stakeholder Engagement
- Technical and Operational Logistics
- Timeline and Transition Planning

