



## **Commission on Animal Care and Control**

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### **Central Purpose**

- Remove stray, injured and potentially dangerous animals from the streets to protect public safety and public health
- Provide for the health and welfare of all animals sheltered at the Animal Care and Control facility

### **Key Facts**

The Commission on Animal Care and Control receives approximately 60,000 animal-related service requests annually. The department operates the Animal Care and Control facility (CACC), where it provides housing for stray animals, lost pets, animals involved in court cases, and animals available for adoption. Through the Homeward Bound Program, the commission places adoptable animals with other rescue organizations. The Commission also conducts outreach through vaccine clinics and offsite adoption events in Chicago neighborhoods.

### **Goals**

The Commission has increased its Homeward Bound Partners which has allowed more animals to be transferred and the euthanasia rate to decline. CACC transferred 5,928 animals in 2010, and plans to meet this figure as the target for 2011.

CACC provides medical treatments to animals housed at the Animal Control Facility, including treating 1,228 animals in 2010 and expects this level of treatment to continue in 2011. CACC provides needed treatment to animals that are impounded as stray (unknown ownership), animals with non-life-threatening injuries or illnesses, and animals that are involved in court case hearings. CACC saw an increase in court case impoundments in 2010 because of a partnership between CACC, Chicago Police Department Animal Crimes Unit, and the Cook County Sheriff's Office.



### **Critical Programs/Services to Assist Residents**

#### **Animal Shelter Services**

ACC has an open admission policy and takes-in any animal brought to its facility. The facility provides a safe environment for unwanted, stray, abused and neglected animals and serves as temporary home to lost pets prior to redemption by their owners. In addition, ACC responds to calls from the general public when an animal needs to be rescued from dangerous conditions that pose a threat to the animal and/or the public.

#### **Low-Cost Vaccine Clinics**

ACC offers \$7 distemper vaccines and \$15 rabies vaccines for both cats and dogs to the public every three weeks at the shelter.

#### **Adoption Program**

Residents can adopt dogs and cats directly from ACC for \$65 seven days a week, each animal having been spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped.

**Exotic Pet In-Take and Placement**

ACC partners with many animal organizations with the goal of facilitating the transfer of domestic exotic animals that are no longer able to be cared for by their owners to wildlife organizations and reserves.

**Rabies Monitoring/Public Education**

ACC works with Chicago's Department of Public Health and the Illinois Department of Public Health monitoring bat rabies by submitting species for testing for rabies and providing City residents rabies information when affected.

**Wildlife Rescue/Retrieval**

ACC wildlife officers respond to requests from residents with the retrieval of wildlife that causes an immediate threat to the public.

**Homeward Bound Placement Program**

Through this program, ACC transfers animals to other State licensed animal shelters or breed specific rescue groups.

**Employees**

Full Time Positions	Amount
	74

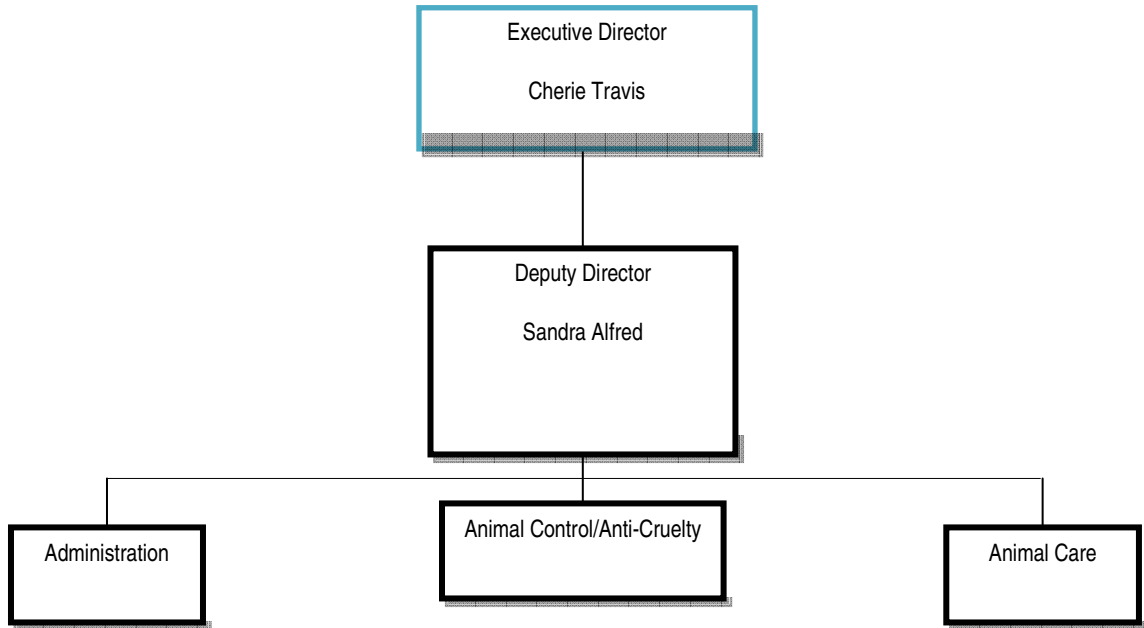
**2011 Budget**

Fund	Amount
Corporate	\$3,919,304
Grants	\$265,000
TOTAL	\$4,184,304

**Major Contracts**

Project	Term
Dead Animal Removal (St. Francis)	12/31/13
Dog/Cat Food (Legends & White)	07/18/13

## Organizational Chart



## Facility Locations

Address	Zip	Phone	Hours
2741 S. Western Ave.	60608	312-747-1406	7 a.m.- 11 p.m., 7 days per week

## Unions Representing Department Employees

Unions
SEIU – Unit 2
AFSCME