

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on September 13, 2021, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Councilmen Ehman, Chandler and Rippy, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark. Mayor Dolezal, Councilwoman Hufford, and Councilman Kring were not present.

Others: Jeffery Ogden, Jacob Adams, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Megan Phifer, Sara White, and Jason Henderson, Surveyor.

Council President Chandler opened the September 13, 2021, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the August 23, 2021, Council minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the August 25, 2021, Budget Workshop minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Clerk-Treasurer Clark reported the BOW was rescheduled for September 22, 2021, at noon.

Cemetery: Councilman Rippy stated the Board met a couple of weeks ago, there is not a lot going on. He also stated the Cemetery looks great.

Park Board: Councilman Rippy reported the Park Board met on September 7, 2021. He also reported Brody Heinzmann gave a presentation on the skate park to the Park Board. The Board voted unanimously for the skate park whenever the Council decides to do anything. Councilman Rippy commented that there were 13,984 visitors at the Pool this year. We have a beautiful facility. He also commented the bands in the park have gone well. Councilman Chandler stated the Electric Amish will be performing this Saturday, September 18th.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler stated the September 7, 2021, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also reviewed some of the items that were discussed at the meeting.

Other Boards/Committees: None.

New Business:

Jason Henderson – update on Industrial Park and the Shelf Project: Mr. Jason Henderson, County Surveyor, handed out his business card and advised the Council if they have any questions to call or text him anytime. He also commented on the 60 acres at the Industrial Park, Mr. Cory Mahan and himself have been working on the drainage with Building Commissioner Niblick. There will be block A and block B for a developer, it could be a five-acre in block A, etc. Once that is done then it will be determined how to put in

infrastructure. Henderson commented the Utility Dept will do what they can, Utility Manager Ankrum will help, the road part will be worked on then the final platting will go to the City Planning Commission around October/November. Mr. Henderson reported Big Cicero Creek received five bids they took under advisement and should be awarded or reviewed on September 29th at 9:30 a.m. It should be awarded to the lowest, there is no financing with the city because of the time frame. There is a one-year time limit. Henderson stated he has talked a lot to Golf Pro Bontrager and Superintendent Talley on staging some of the construction, where it will not affect the revenue. No greens or tee boxes will be touched. He also stated Superintendent Talley attended the bid opens and the preconstruction meetings. Councilman Ehman stated there were a lot of concerns at the beginning especially moving the greens. He asked where will the project start? Henderson stated it runs two miles west of hole 17 on the southside past the sanitary sewer. He also stated there was concern about the impact they would have on the park events, not sure where they will start. Councilman Ehman stated he asked three different times if this is going to help. All the responses were, they are just doing what they are told. Surveyor Henderson stated it will fix the erosion control, it will reduce the flooding, the houses in the flood zone by Casey's will come out. He also stated regarding the trails we are working on the backside of the shelving project; we are working with Steve Raber on this. Henderson commented if you have any questions he is in the Courthouse and he also stated he watches the meetings, supplement to Vicky with Tipton Tribunes report.

Animal Control Presentation – Rick Chandler: Councilman Chandler gave an update on where we are and the direction, we are headed for Animal Control. He went through the slide show (attached) hitting on different bullet points. Councilman Ehman asked if Elwood deals with just Elwood animals. Councilman Chandler stated yes. Councilman Chandler also stated to provide animal control services for the City of Tipton, the approximate annual cost would be \$30,000 and the contribution level will be evaluated annually. Councilman Chandler commented there would be an agreement between the City and Humane Society before any money is spent. Councilman Ehman thanked Chandler for the information, and he knows how hard he has worked on it.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Resolutions & Ordinances: Nothing to report.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 169327-169460 for \$3,611,655.49, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Petitions, Complaints, Comments, and Memorials:


Councilman Chandler thanked everyone for all the hard work with the Pork Festival. We had great weather and there were people in the community again. Thank You to all who were associated with the Pork Festival. Councilman Ehman stated it was a good weekend.

Adjournment: With no further business, Councilman Rippy called for adjournment, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

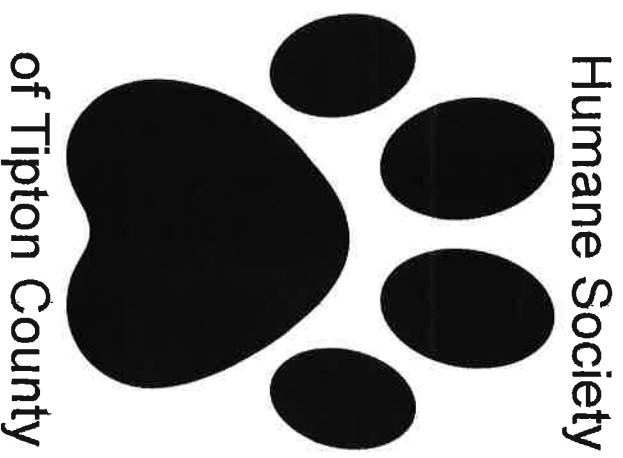


Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer



Council President

FAQ'S: WHAT IS A NO KILL SHELTER AND WILL IT COST A FORTUNE?



It's important to understand what a no kill animal shelter is.

A "no-kill" animal shelter is an animal shelter that does not kill healthy or treatable animals even when the shelter is full, reserving euthanasia for terminally ill animals or those considered dangerous to public safety.

If medical care cannot improve the animal's life and the animal is going to be in pain, the animal will be euthanized.

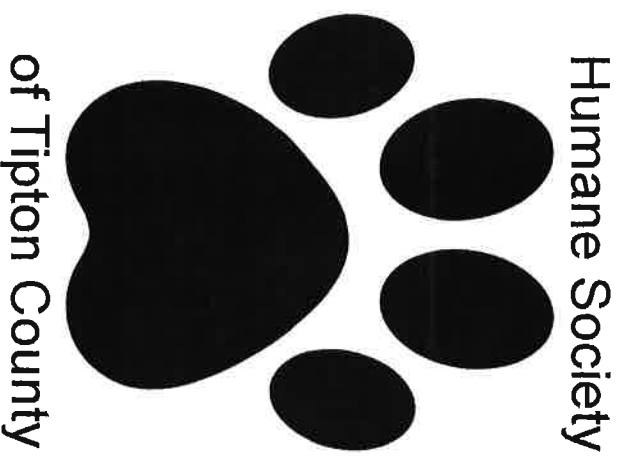
Please keep in mind that the humane society is not looking for an in kind donation: it's looking for a contract to provide a service, just like your insurance vendor, carpet cleaner, mechanical contractors, and anyone else who would provide a service at a specific cost.

Our contract would be to provide animal control services to participating municipalities and to give them a means to "humanely dispose of the animals" (Once the animal is in our custody, it is ours to do with what we like (after the mandatory 3 day hold)

We choose to adopt out these animals and to find them new homes.

No municipal funds will be used for medical costs beyond spay/neuter and up to date on shots.

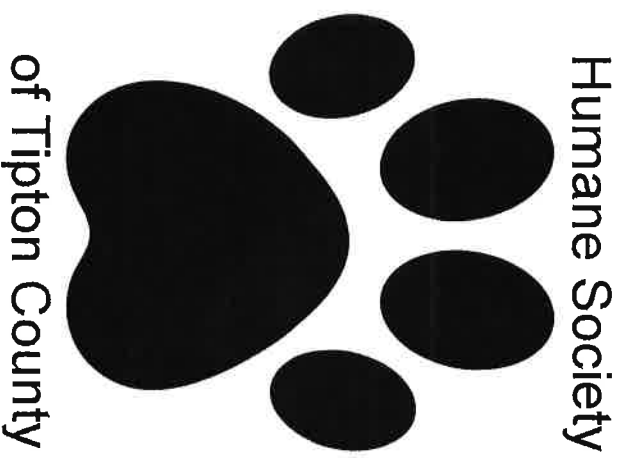
WHAT SERVICES CAN THE HUMANE SOCIETY PROVIDE TO TIPTON COUNTY?



- Providing a Safe Place for Stray and Abandoned Animals To Be Taken (Shelter / Fosters / Animal Sanctuaries)
- Assist with Cases of Animal Hoarding and Animal Abuse
- Adoption Services to Provide Forever Homes for All of These Animals
- Pet Food Pantry to Assist Animal Owners in Need
- Assistance with Utilizing Low Cost Spay and Neuter
- Supporting and Assisting with TNR Program For Feral Cats
- Educating The Public on Responsible Pet Ownership
- Temporary Housing to House Animals for Domestic Abuse Victims

ANIMAL CONTROL FUNCTIONS

PROVIDING A SAFE PLACE FOR STRAY AND ABANDONED ANIMALS

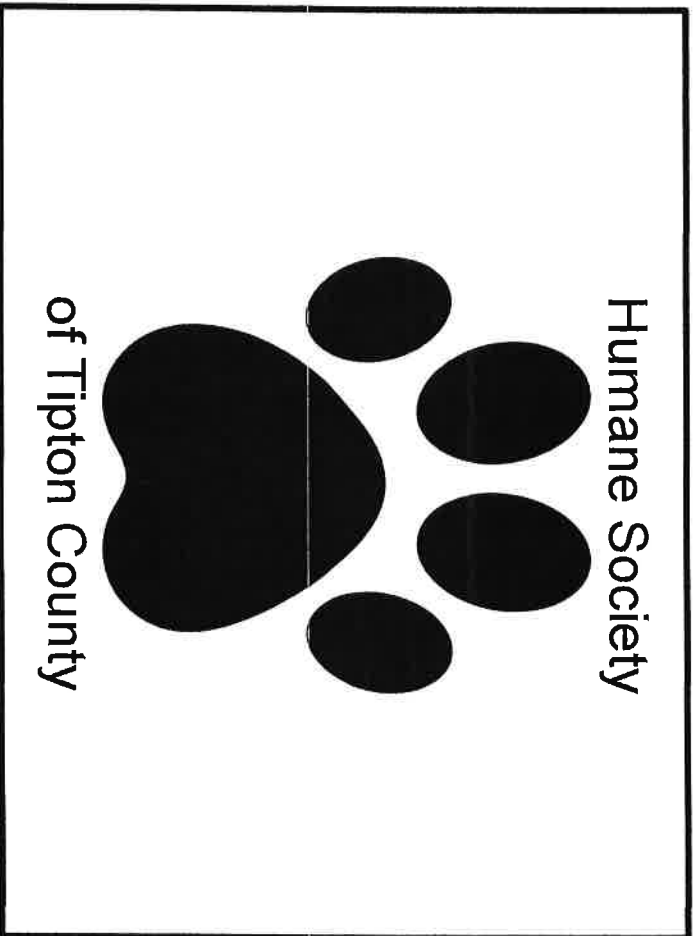


These 2 are at 250 North and Meridian Road, Tipton County. Very hungry! I fed them dog biscuits! They have been laying here all day. Old dogs, flys all over them! Can anyone help them.



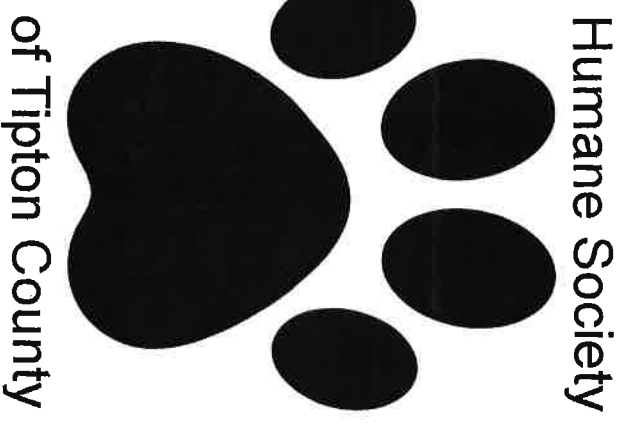
Thanks to good Samaritans and a rescue outside of Tipton County, thankfully these dogs were helped

ASSIST WITH CASES OF ANIMAL HOARDING AND ANIMAL ABUSE



Thanks to our volunteers and several rescues and humane societies outside of Tipton County, these dogs were removed from the home.

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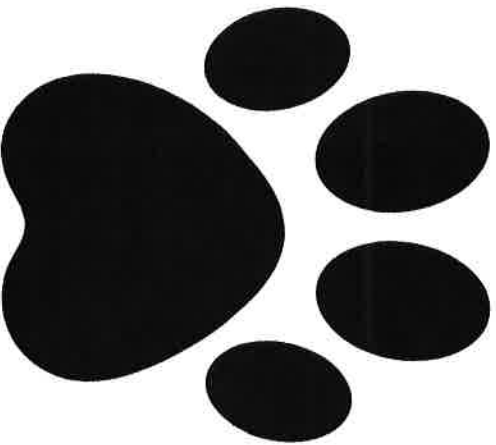
These cases happen on a yearly basis:

Recent cases in Tipton County (Last 2 Years) include but aren't limited to:

- Over 40 kittens abandoned inside a home near Windfall that Elwood Animal Shelter accepted into their shelter
- 19 dogs in rural Tipton County (Dumped) and accepted for care by Pals for Paws in Kokomo

TEMPORARY HOUSING TO HOUSE ANIMALS FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE VICTIMS

Humane Society



of Tipton County

"A Place for Sheamus"

In July of 2015, Sheamus and his mommy, Heather endured abuse at the hands of someone who was supposed to love them. Tragically, his mommy found the strength to leave the abusive situation and not return. Unfortunately, not every animal is as fortunate as Sheamus.

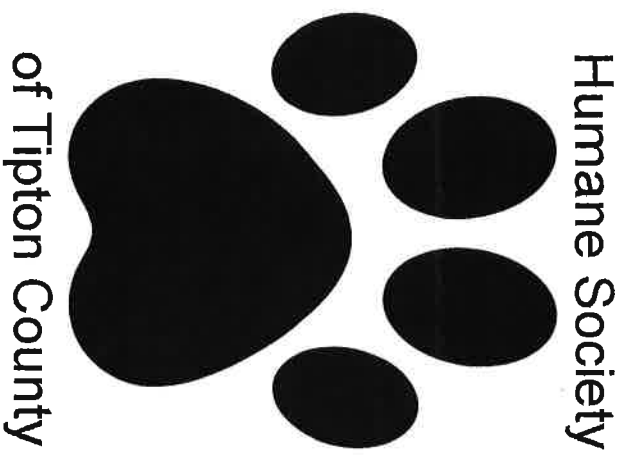
The City of Elwood and Alternatives Incorporated will work in partnership to provide safety and advocacy for victims of domestic violence and their pets. A Place for Sheamus[®], located within these walls, has the potential to eliminate the fear associated with leaving a pet behind by offering safe boarding for these pets, therefore enhancing the safety of victims and their children.

The City of Elwood is committed to continuing to work to eradicate domestic violence by protecting not only the adults and children affected by this horrific epidemic but to protecting the animals as well.

October 11, 2011

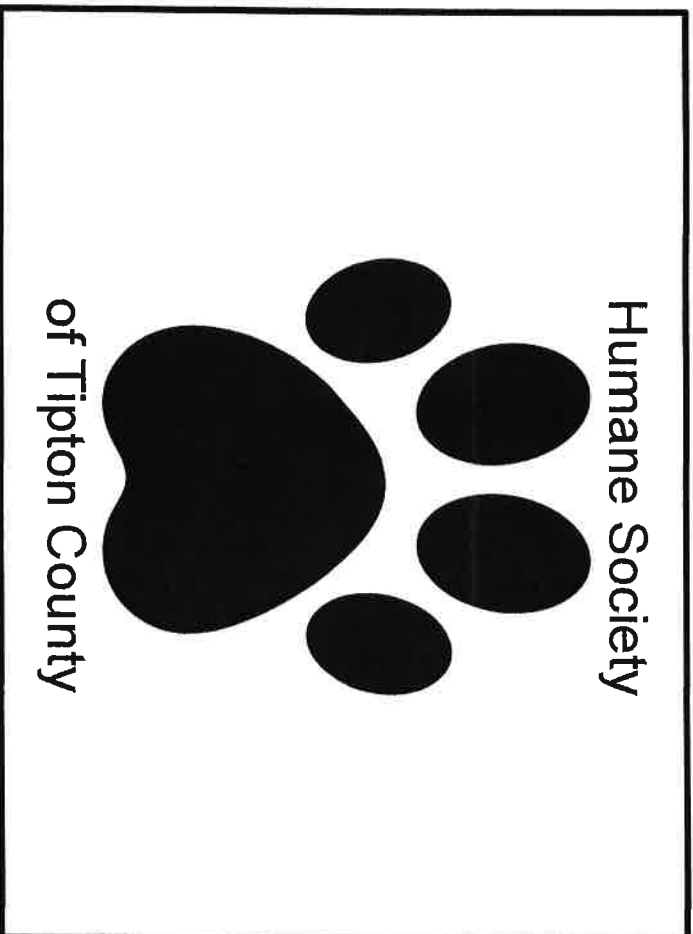
Our shelter will offer these services and partner with those providing relief to domestic violence victims in Tipton County

FAQ'S: HOW WILL THE SHELTER BE FUNDED?



- Funding Provided By Participating Municipalities (Animal Control)
- Revenue From The Enforcement of Animal Ordinances
- Adoption Fees
- Commercial Partnerships
- Grants
- Donations
- For-Profit Services

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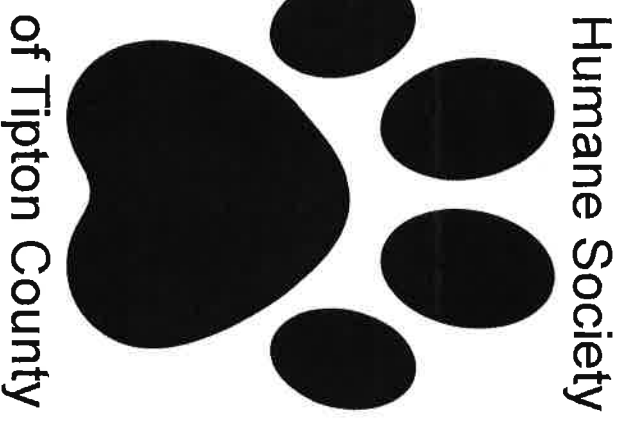
Humane Society of Tipton County 2022 Proposed Operating Budget

Line Item	Amount
Employee Salaries	39,000
Office Supplies	1,000
Cleaning Supplies	2,000
Gasoline	1,500
Vehicle Maintenance	1,000
Equipment Repair	1,500
Insurance	5,000
Animal Medical (includes spay and neutering)	15,500
Food and Straw	2,000
Electric	15,000
Water and Sewage	1,000
Telephone	1,000

All expenses will be divided in thirds between city, county, and humane society (except medical)

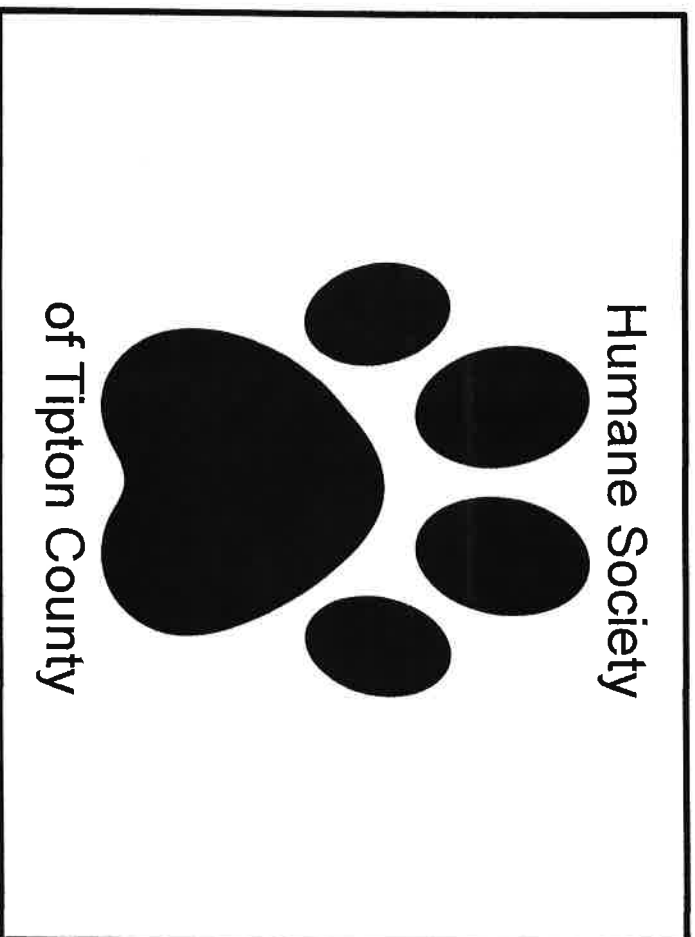
85,500

FAQ'S: HOW WILL TAXPAYERS' INTERESTS BE PROTECTED?



- The utilization of all possible for-profit services.
- The aggressive pursuit of all available grant monies
- Tougher animal control ordinances

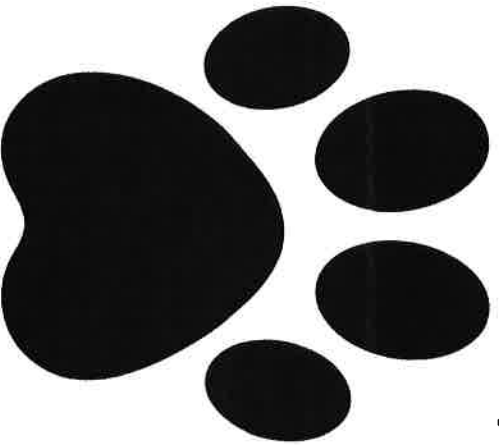
FAQ'S: WHAT FOR PROFIT SERVICES WILL / COULD BE PROVIDED



- Humane Society Store
- Microchipping
- Self Bathing Animal Service
- Possible Boarding and Grooming

FAQ'S: HOW MANY ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS ARE RECEIVED CITY VS COUNTY?

Humane Society



of Tipton County

July 2020-July 2021

City - 187 calls

County 132 calls

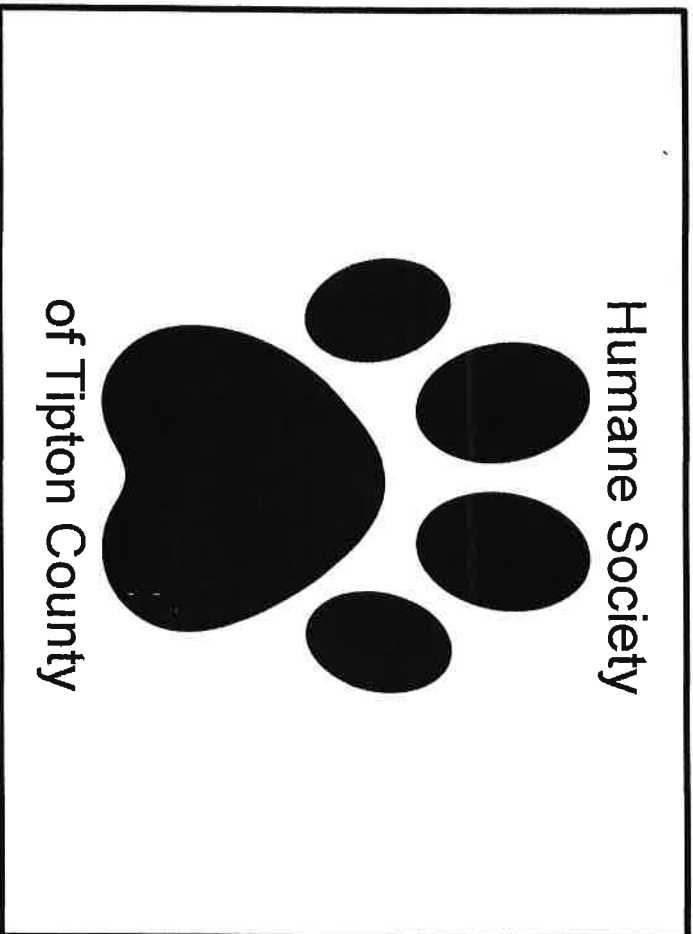
(excluding deer and cattle)

It's important to remember that many county residents don't even bother to call in dispatch when they have an animal control issue since there are no services

Almost all hoarding calls that pertain to extremely large numbers of animals are in the county.

As a point of reference, Elwood's shelter took in 586 animals in 2019

FAQ'S. WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF JOINT CITY/COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL THAT WORK?



Kokomo Humane Society
(City/County both fund between \$130,000 and \$150,000 annually)

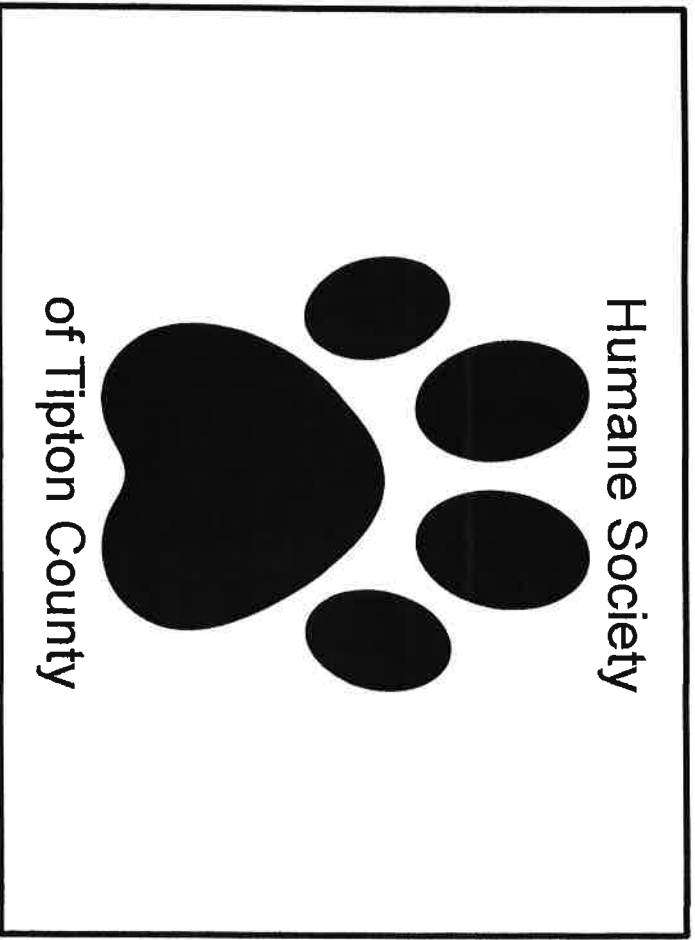
Wabash County Humane Society/
County Contributes \$60,000, City Contributes \$30,000

Cass County Humane Society
County contributes \$70,000 plus vehicle, uniforms, and phone service City pays \$35,000 salary for Animal Control Officer and any benefits

Shelbyville Humane Society
County and city share costs equally

Greenfield Animal Shelter
Hancock county pays 50% of all expenses and shelter is countywide.

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Humane Society of Elkart County

County pays \$170,000, Elkart pays \$115,000, Goshen pays \$64,644 and

Other smaller communities pay considerably less

Blackford County Animal Shelter

County and all municipalities fund a pre-determined amount based on calls and animal intake

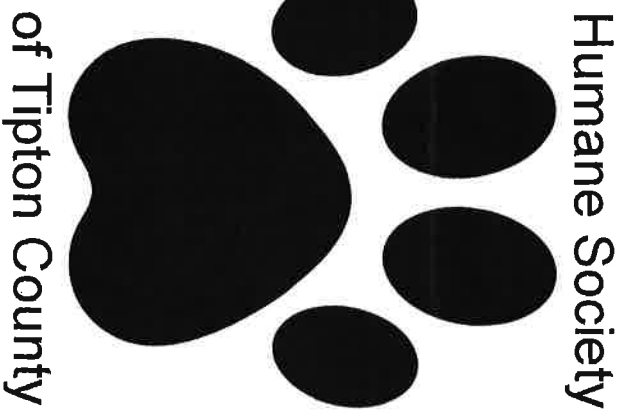
Jefferson/ Clark County Animal Shelter

Jeffersonville pays \$153,430, County pays \$90,000, Clarksville pays \$74,700

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To provide animal control services for the city of Tipton, the approximate annual cost would be \$30,000. The initial budget is based off the operating budget for the city of Elwood. This contribution level will be evaluated annually.

PAOS COULD ANIMAL CONTROL BE A PER ANIMAL INSTEAD OF A FIXED CONTRIBUTION?



Because of the need for operating capital, it is imperative that the two largest entities that would potentially partner will the humane society contribute a pay a fixed amount for their services (much like any other vendor that would provide a service). The cost for services would be evaluated each year to ensure fairness to all those municipalities who participate.

The pay per animal concept would be ideal for smaller municipalities within the county with smaller budgets

A pay per animal concept would also prevent a smaller community from overrunning the shelter while paying very little for animal control services