



JACKSON COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE CENTER

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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JACKSON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM: *WHAT WE DO*

ANIMAL CONTROL

- Public Health role to protect the community from rabies
- Pick up stray and unwanted animals
- Quarantine biting animals, as required by law
- Investigate cruelty and nuisance complaints
- Conduct rabies vaccination clinics
- Patrol the community for violations routinely
- Enforce the *Jackson County Animal Control Ordinance*

ANIMAL ADOPTION

- Coordinate animal adoption, owner reunification, and partner transfers
- Provide low cost access to spay/neuter services
- Educate the community about proper pet care in order to ensure the welfare of our animals

JACKSON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM: *HISTORICAL CENSUS*

Jackson County Animal Control Program Annual Summary of Animals Taken In

	FY15-16	FY16-17	FY17-18	FY18-19	FY19-20
Dogs	481	546	489	422	441
Cats	346	422	445	523	443
Wildlife	24	14	48	28	26
Livestock	0	0	0	1	0
Total	851	982	982	974	910

JACKSON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM: *WHAT WE AIM TO ACHIEVE*

LIVE RELEASE RATE

The average live release rate is 83% (93% for dogs and 71% for cats). This rate is possible because the Program heavily relies on partners. If the Program no longer had partners to rely on, the average live release rate would drop to 47% (43% for dogs and 50% for cats). Keeping this information in mind, **the Program aims to maintain an average live release rate of 80% (90% for dogs and 70% for cats) upon construction of the new Animal Rescue Center.**

LENGTH OF STAY

The average length of stay is 9.8 days for dogs and 22 days for cats. The required length of stay set by law (from 72 hours up to 10 days in quarantine cases)

JACKSON COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE CENTER: *NEW MISSION & VISION*

- To develop a community hub advocating for animal welfare but also one that is visually and programmatically appealing to the people of Jackson County
- To focus on outreach, education, and programming that people want to be a part of
- To promote and motivate responsible pet ownership and lifelong commitment to the humane treatment of our animals

The new facility will not only serve this mission but will be a destination that is an integral part of the larger Green Energy Park to promote community and volunteer engagement, non-profit partner involvement, and to provide healthy spaces for people and animals in a park-like setting.



ART INSTALLATION (TYP.)

ENHANCED NATIVE PLANTINGS

ENCLOSED DOG PARK AREA

WALKING TRAIL

ENHANCED NATIVE PLANTINGS

WALKING TRAIL

ART INSTALLATION (TYP.)

IMPROVED ENTRY DRIVE

PARKING +/- 10 SPACES

INNOVATION CENTER - (13,000 SF w/ SEPARATE "CLEAN" AND "DIRTY" AREAS)

SERVICE DRIVE

WAYFINDING SIGNAGE (TYP.)

POLLINATOR GARDEN

ART INSTALLATION (TYP.)

WALKING TRAIL

EXISTING PUMP STATION

EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE (TYP.)

EXISTING ENTRY DRIVE

OVERFLOW PARKING AREA / EVENT SPACE

RELOCATED KILN

NEW EVENT PLAZA

EXISTING MAIN BUILDING

INTERNAL DRIVE WITH PARKING +/- 62 SPACES

ANIMAL RESCUE SHELTER WITH DOG RUNS (10,000 SF, w/ POSSIBLE EXPANSION)

ANIMAL RESCUE SHELTER OPEN SPACE

Little Run

Haywood Rd

Harmony Hill Rd

JACKSON COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE CENTER: *COMMUNITY IMPACT*

- Increased capacity at Center, allowing for a safe environment for animals and for County staff
- Increased coordination for animal adoption and owner reunification
- More open spaces for individuals to engage with animals prior to adoption
- Increased coordination among non-profit groups serving the public
- Community Room for animal and owner training, school outreach programs, and more
- Additional green space for outdoor activities, exercise, and wellness
- Attractive draw for volunteers to the entire campus, including the Green Energy Park
- **Clear commitment to the humane treatment of animals, public health, and public safety**

JACKSON COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE CENTER: *HEALTH & SAFETY IMPACT*

- Appropriate and welcoming space for rabies clinics allowing employees to better control communicable disease
- Safer workspace for employees, volunteers, and the community at large
- Clearer environment that allows for controlling disease and sickness in animals
- Sterile medical area for the improved care of animals as well as safety of employees and volunteers
- **Safer workspace for employees, volunteers, and the community at large**