

Animal Control

After Hours, Weekend and Holiday Emergency Call Out Protocols

During After Hours:

(Monday 5p – 7:30a, Tues & Weds 8p – 7:30a, Thurs & Fri 7p – 7:30a), Weekends/Holidays (24 hours), the Animal Control Officer (ACO) is available by calling the non-emergency Police Dept. phone number.

YES

- *Stray/Running at Large (RAL) DOGS
- *Contained **Kittens** (depending on age)
- *Dog Bites (only needs to respond if dog needs to be seized) **AC will not pick up dogs/cats when owner wants to surrender them. Owner MUST contact the Wayne Animal Shelter.**
- *Dogs/Cats Hit by a Vehicle – (When/If **no owner is located or on scene**)
- *Injured or Deceased Stray/RAL Dogs
- *Injured or Deceased Stray Cats/Kittens
- *Orphaned/Abandoned Baby/Juvenile Wildlife
- *Injured **Immobile** Wildlife
- *Sick Wildlife (*walking around drunk like, stumbling, etc., when it's clear there's something wrong*)
- *Police, Sheriff, Fire, EMS, etc., requesting Animal Control Assist.
- *Suspected Rabid Animals - **showing physical signs of illness. Wildlife out during the day, is NOT a sign of rabies.**
- *Wildlife and Bats in “Living Area” of Home

NO

- *Roaming, Un-injured Cats
- *Animals in Traps (Have a heart, humane traps, etc.)
- *Deceased Wildlife and/or Wildlife that has been put down by an Officer*****
- *Injured, Mobile Wildlife
- *Wildlife & Bats in: attics, crawl spaces, detached garages or basements not directly accessible to “Living Area” of home

****Bats in “Living Area” of Home ** *It is imperative that a homeowner is never told to release a bat found in or suspected of being inside the “Living Area” of the home. Animal Control must be contacted to respond and collect the bat for rabies testing.***

****Please Note – Deceased wildlife on private property is the responsibility of the homeowner to remove and dispose of.**

Animal Control Officers may also use their discretion for any other type of calls that may come in.

**WAYNE ANIMAL CONTROL
PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING SERVICES
ON A REGULAR BASIS**

DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

**Mon 7:30A – 5:00P
Tues & Weds 7:30a – 8p
Thurs & Fri 7:30a – 7p**

To reach the ACOs during BUSINESS HOURS, **Please call your police dept. to reach an ACO as soon as possible or you may call our direct line, 973-694-9295**

Animal Control provides the following (**but not limited**) to their contracted towns

- Impound stray or running at large (RAL) dogs to the Wayne Animal Shelter
- Investigate Animal Neglect and Cruelty complaints, then report info to the HLEOs (Humane Law Enforcement Officers)
- Rescue injured/sick, stray domestic animals
- Capture sick/injured domestic pets (when/if owner is not found) and almost all wildlife to transport directly to a veterinary facility and/or wildlife rehabilitation center for treatment of injuries or illnesses
- Capture and remove suspected rabid wild or domestic animals threatening the safety and health of residents
- Enforce animal-related Township ordinances and State Statutes
- Assists multi agencies in urgent animal-related situations
- Investigates all animal bites – animal bites, both domestic and wildlife **MUST** be reported
- Removal of DOA **domestic** animals from private and public properties when owner is not available
- Rescue injured, abandoned and/or orphaned wildlife
- Capture Wildlife in “Living Area” of the home
- Capture Bats in “Living Area” of the home

**ANIMAL CONTROL DOES NOT
PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Animal Control does not capture nuisance wildlife. Capture of nuisance wildlife (i.e., healthy appearing raccoons not threatening humans, fox dens, wildlife in attics, groundhogs burrowing in yards, etc.) is NOT a service required for Animal Control to provide.

Nuisance wildlife issues are under the authority of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and ACOs require approval from the NJDEP, Division of Fish and Wildlife to handle nuisance wildlife.

- Animal Control does not remove deceased wildlife on private property. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to remove and dispose of. Deceased deer on private property will be removed by a Deer Carcass Removal Company if your town provides for one.