

Animal Control in Selected Tennessee Cities
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City	Population	Do you have Animal Control in your city?	In what department is Animal Control a part of?	What is the role of Animal Control in your city? What are the assigned duties for this position?	Do Animal Control employees pick up outside the city limits?	Do Animal Control employees have other duties?	Do the animal control employees work as a patrol officer?	How many employees are assigned to Animal Control?	What is the approved equipment for enforcement?	Who runs the Animal Shelter?	How is funding established?
Dickson	14,538	Yes	City Police	Handling strays, wildlife, etc...	No	No	No - but when the Animal Control Officer is off duty, the City Police officers are on call for Animal Control.	1	Catch pole, traps.	The city and the county.	Through the City Police Department and the County Sheriff's Office
Elizabethton	14,176		Carter County Sheriff's Department	Emergency calls, strays, injured animals, etc...	No - must be within city and county limits.	Yes - they also work as corrections officers in the jail.	No	Around 5	n/a	The City of Elizabethton and Carter County	The City of Elizabethton and Carter County
Goodlettsville (Sumner County)	15,921		Sumner County Sheriff's Office	Educate the public, spay and neuter, rabies vaccination, handle micro-chip trackers, holding facility for strays, etc...	No, must be within the county limits.	Yes	Yes	6	Dog trap, cat trap, catch pole.	Sumner County Sheriff's Office	Through Sumner County.
Goodlettsville (Metro-Davidson County)	15,921		Health Department	Handle strays, investigate neglect, rabies reports, adoption, owner nsurrender, etc...	No - must be within Davidson County.	No	Yes - some are specifically animal control officers.	Around 30	Catch pods, humane traps.	Animal Control	Metro-City Council
Greeneville	15,062	Yes - Greene County handles Animal Control.	Independent	Handle strays, welfare checks, etc...	No - must be within city and county limits.	No	No - but they do train with the sheriff's department and police.	4	4 trucks, dog boxes, traps, dog poles.	Greeneville/ Greene County Humane Society	It is a private organization, not affiliated with the city or county.
Portland	11,480	Yes	Police Department	Handle vicious animals, pick up strays, etc...	No	No	No	One full time and one part time.	Truck, control stick, pepper spray, cages.	Sumner County handles the Animal Shelter. Animal Control does have temporary housing for animals though.	Through the county.
Red Bank	11,651	Yes - The city of Red Bank uses Hamilton County's Animal Control services.	Independent	Patrol, pick-up stray animals, respond to calls.	No - must be within city and county limits.	Yes - work on court cases, sell licenses.	No	4 Animal Control Officers	Slip lead, catch poles, traps, treats, water, towels.	It is an extension of Hamilton County Animal Control.	n/a

Sevierville	14,807	Yes	Police Department	Daily patrol to handle strays, handle cruelty complaints, etc...	No	No	No	1	Truck, catch pole, pepper spray, traps.	It is a private organization.	Through donations.
Soddy Daisy	12,714	Yes - The city of Soddy Daisy uses Hamilton County's Animal Control services.	Independent	Patrol, pick-up stray animals, respond to calls.	No - must be within city and county limits.	Yes - work on court cases, sell licenses.	No	4 Animal Control Officers	Slip lead, catch poles, traps, treats, water, towels.	It is an extension of Hamilton County Animal Control.	n/a
White House (Sumner County)	11,600	The city of White House does not have their own Animal Control. The city police officers will do what they can on their own, but if they need support they will call Sumner County Animal Control.	Sumner County Sheriff's Office	Educate the public, spay and neuter, rabies vaccination, handle micro-chip trackers, holding facility for strays, etc...	No, must be within the county limits.	Yes	Yes	6	Dog trap, cat trap, catch pole.	Sumner County Sheriff's Office	Through Sumner County