

Regional Animal Control Q&A

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1. How many municipal (not privately-owned nor non-profit) shelters are there currently in the WestCOG region? **WestCOG is currently not aware of these statistics. This information would be discovered as part of the project effort and performed by the selected vendor.**
2. Where can we find current statistics for these municipal shelters regarding their capacities, outcomes, etc.? **WestCOG is currently not aware of these statistics. This information would be discovered as part of the project effort and performed by the selected vendor.**
3. Please confirm that there is no state animal welfare mandate regarding operational/physical conditions of municipal shelters, e.g. holding periods for stray animals. If there is such a mandate, where can we find this information? **These mandates are unknown to WestCOG currently. This information would likely be identified as part of the project performed by the selected vendor.**
4. What is the budget range for this project? **WestCOG has not provided a budget and is open to all ideas and concepts for this project.**
5. Will in person inspection meetings be required for this project? **While not required, WestCOG suspects it likely, as review and inspection of facilities would be likely most effective performed in person. Vendors should consider including a travel portion into their project cost to reflect this.**
6. Is the expectation of the project to assess the current situation, resources, and options and then develop scenarios for a regional animal control facility? **Yes, regarding the assessment of existing resources, development of scenarios, and an implementation plan. "Maybe" regarding a regional animal facility. While a regional facility is one option, WestCOG is open to a variety of potential solutions that may be discovered as part of this project if they provide effective animal control services. The report may in fact show that a regional facility is not feasible. So, in short, WestCOG is not tied to the concept of a regional facility.**
7. Will the project be welcomed by participating municipalities? **The project is supported by the mayors and first selectmen that represent the 18 member communities. WestCOG can not speak for the sentiments of the local staff who work in this sector.**
8. Do nonprofit organizations impact municipal animal control/shelter operations? Which ones, and in what capacity? **WestCOG is currently not up to date on this information. This information would be discovered as part of the project effort and performed by the selected vendor.** There appears to be a great many private companies in Connecticut performing wildlife removal services. To what extent do animal control officers do these services, and what is the disposition of those animals? What is the Wildlife Division's role? **WestCOG is currently not up to date on this information. This information would be discovered as part of the project effort and performed by the selected vendor.**
9. What technologies are currently being used by animal control officers to coordinate their services, e.g. mandatory microchipping with universal readers in each vehicle or a universal rabies/licensing database? What are your challenges in this regard? **WestCOG is currently not up to date on this information. This information would be discovered as part of the project effort and performed by the selected vendor.**
10. In the RFP, it is mentioned that "multijurisdictional approaches to animal control have delivered positive results in at least one region in Connecticut." **What is that region, and is there a report about that success we can review? Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG) has an active [Regional Animal Services Program](#).**