

Animal Control Response Protocols – Domestic Animals & Wildlife



Dear Edgewater Park Residents,

Over the course of the year, we have received calls for services related to animals and wildlife. Even I, as your Township Administrator, have not been totally clear on where the responsibility lies. So, I reached out to our animal services for clearer clarification.

Below are the areas of animal services, both domestic and wildlife, and the corresponding responsible parties. Hopefully this clarifies who handles what and who the responsible party (i.e., “who pays”) is defined as well.

Tom Pullion
Township Administrator

Here are the answers from NJ Animal Control:

Per your request, please see the following guidelines regarding domestic animals, wildlife, and rabies-related incidents.

Domestic Animals

Lost or Found Domestic Animals - Covered under Township ACO services/fees

Animal Control responds to lost and found domestic animals.



Found domestic animals are transported to the animal shelter for holding and owner reunification, when applicable.

Injured Domestic Animals - Covered under Township ACO services/fees



Animal Control responds to injured domestic animals.

Injured domestic animals are transported to the township-approved veterinary facility for evaluation, treatment, and care. If the owner is identified,

veterinarian costs are transferred to the owner; otherwise, the Township's maximum care amount is followed by the veterinarian.

Wildlife

Injured or Deceased Wildlife on Private Property



Injured or deceased wildlife located on private property is generally the responsibility of the homeowner. We can assist the residents as a private service with associated fees.



Wildlife Exhibiting Signs of Rabies



When wildlife appears sick or displays signs consistent with rabies **and has not had contact with a person or domestic animal**, Animal Control will respond and transport the animal to the veterinarian or shelter for humane euthanasia. Service and cost is that of the Township.

When wildlife displays signs consistent with rabies **and has had contact with a person or domestic animal**, Animal Control will respond, arrange for euthanasia, and submit the animal for rabies testing. The cost associated with transport and testing is the responsibility of the Township.

Deer Calls

Injured Deer

Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge only accepts injured, spotted fawn. If the fawn is on residential



property, pick up can be arranged as a private service and fees paid by homeowner.

All other injured deer are typically dispatched on-site by the Police Department.



Deceased Deer



The County maintains a separate contractor that handles deer removal from public roadways.

Animal Control can remove deceased deer upon township request when necessary.

If a deceased deer is located on private residential property, Animal Control can provide removal services; however, the associated cost is the responsibility of the homeowner.



Other Wildlife

All other wildlife calls are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Response options will depend on the species involved, public safety concerns, condition of the animal, and applicable state regulations.

