



SECTION: Health, Safety & Security		POLICY #: 513
TITLE: Removal of Dead Animals on Roadways and in the Public Right-of-Way		PROCEDURE #:
		ORDER #:
DEPT: Public Works		DIVISION:
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**1.0 Purpose**

This policy sets forth the duties and responsibilities of Marion County departments regarding dead animals on roadways and in the public right-of-way.

**2.0 General Policy**

Marion County will remove dead animals on paved roads because they are considered a traffic hazard.

**3.0 Department Guidelines/Procedures**

a. Public Works

- 1) Public Works will remove cats, dogs, and any large animal from the paved portion of a County maintained road because they are considered a traffic hazard.
- 2) Deer and elk that are in the County right-of-way will be picked up by Public Works.
- 3) Public Works will not store any animal overnight.
- 4) Animals will be placed in a double bag and delivered to the Mass Burn Facility in Brooks.
- 5) Public Works will not pick up cats, dogs or other small domestic animals that are not on paved roads.
- 6) Public Works may remove skunks, opossums, squirrels or other small wild animals from the paved roads in rural areas but will not dispose of them.

- 7) Public Works will make arrangements to dispose of horses, cows and large farm animals from the County right-of-way if the owner cannot be identified. Public Works will dispose of small farm animals in the right-of-way if the owner cannot be identified.
- 8) Public Works will notify Dog Control of any licensed animal picked up and delivered to the Mass Burn Facility.
- 9) Public Works reserves the right to remove a dead animal when it is in the best interest of the county but shall not be obligated to do so.

b. Dog Control

- 1) Dog Control will not pick up any dead animal in Marion County.
- 2) Dog Control will send written notice to the owner of the removal and disposition of a licensed dead dog.
- 3) Dog Control will contact the owner of a dead dog left on the shoulder, right-of-way or private property.

c. Solid Waste

Solid Waste will accept and dispose of dead animals weighing less than sixty five (65) pounds when they are recovered from Marion County roads and right-of-way. Solid Waste will not charge Public Works for this service.

d. All Other County Departments

- 1) Sheriff department and other county employees may remove dead animals from the paved roadway and place it on the right-of-way when the animal is a traffic safety risk.
- 2) County employees will notify Dog Control of any licensed animal removed from the pavement and placed on the right-of-way. The employee will report the **license number**, location, and description of the dog.
- 3) County employees may remove skunks, opossums, squirrels or other small wild animals from the road surface and place them in the right-of-way in rural areas. The county will not dispose of the animal.

e. Citizens

The adjacent property owner or the owner of the animal are responsible for picking up and disposing of the dead animal on the shoulder, edge of the right-of-way or private property.

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