

ANIMAL CONTROL



Kent County Sheriff Department, Animal Control Division is responsible for an area that spans 872 square miles, with over 669,000 residents. The Animal Control Division is responsible for animal related complaints and investigations in all townships and municipalities in Kent County.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Animal Control Officers investigate complaints from the public and other agencies regarding nuisance, stray, uncontrolled, dangerous or diseased animals. Officers conduct investigations relating to animal cruelty and neglect; animal bites, arranging for proper identification and quarantine.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- High school graduate or equivalent required.
- Unrestricted Michigan driver's license.
- Working knowledge of safe and humane practices for capturing, restraining and transporting animals.
- Familiarity with municipal and township boundaries, unincorporated areas and the network of surface roads and streets in Kent County.
- Knowledge of applicable State statutes and County ordinances and regulations.
- The ability of[L1] interact positively with animal owners and members of the general public.
- Prior experience as an animal control officer, the care of animals, and/or law enforcement is highly desirable.

SALARY

- Starting pay as of 01/01/2023
- 20.47 per hour (\$42, 577 annually)
- Top pay as of 01/01/2023
- 27.05 per hour (\$56,264 annually)
- Longevity pay after 6 years of service

