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Kendall County Sheriff's Office Launches Program for Inmates to Assist at the Kendall County Animal Control

On June 12, 2019, the Kendall County Sheriff's Office launched a program that allows selected inmate workers to assist at the Kendall County Animal Control facility. The program is a work detail consisting of inmates from the Kendall County Jail that are taking on some new responsibilities.

During the times the work is being performed, an assigned deputy will oversee the detail with the inmate workers allowing for direct supervision while the work is being performed to ensure the safety of the public and the inmate workers. Inmates selected for the program are non-violent offenders who have followed the rules of the jail, and have no disciplinary issues while incarcerated. The inmates that are selected for this detail have shown a willingness to work, and are excited for the opportunity that has been given to them. The goal of the program is for inmates to carry that sense of accomplishment with them upon their release from the correctional facility.

Sheriff Dwight Baird stated, "I would like to thank the County Board for their support in seeing this project through, and also the collaborative efforts that have been made by County Board Vice Chair Amy Cesich, Animal Control Director Laura Pawson, and the members of the Sheriff's Office who worked together to facilitate this opportunity for the inmates of Kendall County. This is an excellent program that allows for the inmates to be productive and contribute to society during their time of incarceration, and also provide a valued service to the Animal Control facility and the animals housed within".