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Sec. 14-1. - Short title.

This chapter shall be known, cited and referred to as the "Animal Control Ordinance of Winnebago County".

(Code 1964, § 5-1; Ord. No. 88-CO-82, § 5-1, 11-22-88)

Sec. 14-2. - Purposes of chapter.

The purposes of the animal services program are as follows:

- (1) To protect the public health and safety:
 - a. From rabies in accordance with the animal control act;
 - b. From dangerous and vicious dogs;
 - c. By educating the public about state and local ordinances;
 - d. By controlling and impounding animals under its jurisdiction;

- e. By enforcing state statutes and county ordinances; and
- f. By enforcing local ordinances to intergovernmental agreements.

(2) To promote the welfare of animals:

- a. By adhering to the state humane care for animals act;
- b. By educational programs about responsible pet ownership; and
- c. By the humane care and maintenance of impounded animals.

(Code 1964, § 5-4; Ord. No. 88-CO-82, § 5-4, 11-22-88)

Sec. 14-3. - Interpretation of undefined words.

Words not defined in this chapter shall be interpreted in accordance with definitions contained in Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary (1993 Edition).

(Code 1964, § 5-2; Ord. No. 88-CO-82, § 5-1, 11-22-88)

Sec. 14-4. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Act refers to the Animal Control Act (510 ILCS 5/1 et seq., as amended).

Administrator means a veterinarian licensed by the state and appointed pursuant to this chapter.

Animal services officer means a person hired by the county to perform duties as assigned by the administrator or the director in order to effectuate the purposes of this chapter and the animal control act.

Animal shelter means a facility operated, owned or maintained by a duly incorporated humane society, animal welfare society or other nonprofit organization for the purpose of providing for and promoting the welfare, protection and humane treatment of animals.

Confined means restriction of an animal at all times by the owner, or his agent, to an escape-proof building or other enclosure away from other animals and the public.

Dangerous dog means any individual dog which when either unmuzzled, unleashed, or unattended by its owner, or a member of its owner's family, approaches any person in a vicious or terrorizing manner, in an apparent attitude of attack, upon streets, sidewalks or any public grounds or places.

Department means the animal services department of the county.

Director means a person appointed by the county board to direct and supervise the operation of the county animal services department.

Dog means all members of the family canidae.

Domestic animal means any cattle, calves, buffalo, cattalo, sheep, swine, and goats.

Enclosure means a fence or structure of at least six feet in height, forming or causing an enclosure suitable to prevent the entry of young children, and suitable to confine a vicious dog in conjunction with other measures which may be taken by the owner or keeper, such as tethering of a vicious dog within the enclosure. Such enclosure shall be securely enclosed and locked and designed with secure sides, top and bottom and shall be designed to prevent the animal from escaping from the enclosure.

Has bitten means has seized with the teeth or jaws so that the person or animal seized has been nipped, gripped, wounded or pierced, and further includes contact of saliva with any break or abrasion of the skin.

Hobby breeder and exhibitor means any individual who, as a profession or hobby, breeds and shows dogs at least twice during the calendar year at an event sanctioned by the American Kennel Club.

Impounded means taken into the custody of the public pound or other place of confinement.

Oversight committee means that committee of the county board that is responsible for overseeing the administration of the animal services department.

Owner means any person having a right or property in an animal or who keeps or harbors an animal or who has it in his care or acts as its custodian or who knowingly permits a dog or other domestic animal to remain on or about any premises occupied by him.

Poultry means domesticated chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, guineas, or rabbits capable of being used for human consumption.

Veterinary hospital or clinic means any hospital or clinic operated by a veterinarian or veterinarians licensed under the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act, 225 ILCS 115/1 et seq.

Vicious dog means any individual dog:

- (1) That when unprovoked inflicts injury, bites or attacks a human being or other animal either on public or private property;
- (2) With a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack without provocation, to cause injury or to otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals;
- (3) That has as a trait or characteristic and a generally known reputation for viciousness, dangerousness or unprovoked attacks upon human beings or other animals, unless handled in a particular manner or with special equipment;
- (4) Which attacks a human being or domestic animal without provocation; or

(5) Which has been found to be a dangerous dog upon three separate occasions.

No dog shall be deemed vicious if it bites, attacks or menaces a trespasser on the property of its owner or harms or menaces any one who has tormented or abused it or is a professionally trained dog for law enforcement or guard duties.

(Code 1964, § 5-3; Ord. No. 88-CO-82, 11-22-88; Ord. No. 88-CO-86, § 1, 12-22-88)

Cross reference— Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 14-5. - Killing of domestic animals; violation.

- (a) No domestic animal or poultry shall be killed for human consumption or sold for human consumption within the unincorporated areas of the county, except as provided in this chapter.
- (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to facilities and individuals licensed and approved by the state department of agriculture or the United States Department of Agriculture as provided for in the state meat and poultry inspection act (225 ILCS 650/1 et seq., as amended) or to those facilities or individuals who are otherwise exempt from the provisions of that act.

(Code 1964, § 5-11; Ord. No. 88-CO-82, § 5-11, 11-22-88; Ord. No. 94-CO-72, 11-22-94)

Sec. 14-6. - Penalties for violations of chapter; court appearances.

- (a) otherwise provided in this section, any person violating or aiding or abetting the violation of any provision of this chapter, shall be fined not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00 for any one offense.
- (b) Each day a violation is committed, continued or permitted to occur shall constitute a separate offense.
- (c) As an alternative to any other manner of charging a violation of this chapter, the animal services department or any law enforcement officer may issue a ticket in those instances where an owner violates this chapter by permitting his animal to run at large; by failing to have his animal currently inoculated against rabies; by failing to register his animal; or by failing to have his animal wear evidence of current rabies inoculation; or by harboring a barking dog. The ticket would allow the owner to satisfy the violation without a court appearance by a written plea of guilty and payment of the minimum fine prescribed in this chapter, along with the applicable costs. If the person wishes to contest the violation charged, he may enter a plea of not guilty on or before the court appearance date found on the ticket. Where the offense charged is for an animal not currently inoculated against rabies, not registered, or not wearing evidence of current rabies inoculation, the owner of the animal must, in addition to payment of the fine, present evidence that the animal has been inoculated against rabies.
- (d) A violation of this chapter is also subject to the code enforcement procedures set forth in chapter 4 of this Code.

(Code 1964, § 5-18; Ord. No. 88-CO-82, § 5-18, 11-22-88; Ord. No. 94-CO-72, 11-22-94; Ord. No. 97-CO-67, § III, 12-11-97)

Secs. 14-7—14-30. - Reserved.

Sec. 14-41. - Appointment; salary; removal; assignment of personnel.

Sec. 14-42. - Duties.

Secs. 14-43—14-65. - Reserved.

Sec. 14-41. - Appointment; salary; removal; assignment of personnel.

- (a) The chairman of the county board, with the advice and consent of the county board shall appoint an animal services administrator. The administrator's salary shall be set by the county board. The administrator may be removed at any time by the chairman of the county board, with its advice and consent.
- (b) The animal services director shall be appointed by the chairman of the county board and serve at his pleasure. The director's salary shall be set by the county board.
- (c) Any other personnel shall be assigned to work for the animal services department by the director at the discretion of the board. All personnel other than the administrator and director shall be governed by the county personnel code.

(Code 1964, § 5-6; Ord. No. 88-CO-82, § 5-6, 11-22-88; Ord. No. 92-CO-79, § 10, 11-24-92)

Sec. 14-42. - Duties.

- (a) Administrator. The administrator shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
 - (1) Supervise the county's animal control program, including stray animal control and impoundment of biters, as required by statutes and enforcement of municipal ordinances, as agreed to by the county through intergovernmental cooperation agreements.
 - (2) Responsibility for observing biting domestic animals impounded in the county shelter and examining and signing releases on any animals impounded for rabies observation.
 - (3) Oversee the policies concerning the impoundment of animals, the return of animals to their owners, the adoption of animals, the humane dispatch of animals and the disposal of their remains.
 - (4) Development and implementation of written standards for the sanitation of the shelter.
 - (5) Euthanizing animals in accordance with appropriate policies and/or training and monitoring of staff members to be certified in the procedure of euthanasia. Also responsible for ordering and controlling any controlled substances used by the department.

- (6) Ensuring that adequate and wholesome food and shelter and careful and humane treatment are provided for impounded animals.
 - (7) Provide consultation and emergency medical care for unknown stray animals in the custody of the department.
 - (8) Maintain a liaison with state and federal departments of agriculture, local veterinarians, professional livestock and agrarian organizations and public groups in the development and administration of laws and regulations pertaining to the prevention of animal diseases of public health importance in compliance with the state animal control act and city and county ordinances.
 - (9) Consult with the county administrator and animal services director regarding personnel matters in the department.
 - (10) Recommend changes in animal control policies to the county administrator and oversight committee.
 - (11) Develop and implement educational programs for the public concerning state and local ordinances and also responsible pet ownership.
- (b) Director. The director shall be responsible for:
- (1) The day to day administration of the department; and
 - (2) The hiring of personnel, personnel evaluation, and discipline.
- (c) Sheriff. The sheriff and his deputies shall cooperate with the administrator and the director in carrying out the provisions of this chapter and the enforcement of the act.
- (d) Officers/wardens. The officers of the county animal services division, as public safety officers, are responsible for:
- (1) Enforcing the Winnebago County Code of Ordinances as it pertains to animals;
 - (2) Enforcing the Illinois Compiled Statutes as they pertain to the Animal Control Act under 510 ILCS 5/1, et seq., and the Humane Care for Animals Act under 510 ILCS 70/1, et seq.;
 - (3) Responding to complaints of animal abuse, animals running at large, and other similar offenses and creating written reports of any suspected illegal activity regarding animals;
 - (4) Impounding animals found at large or straying or in violation of any state statute or local ordinance where authority to impound is expressly given;
 - (5) Obtaining search and/or seizure warrants with the assistance of the county state's attorney office to enter into residential premises to enforce all provisions of local ordinance and state law pertaining to animals;

- (6) Testifying in court and administrative hearing concerning alleged violations of county ordinance and state statute regarding animals;
- (7) Cooperating with the sheriff, his deputies, and any other local law enforcement in the investigation of animal ordinance and statute violations; and
- (8) Following the commands of the administrator and director.

(Code 1964, § 5-7; Ord. No. 88-CO-82, § 5-7, 11-22-88; Ord. No. 2008-CO-71, 11-25-08)

Secs. 14-43—14-65. - Reserved.

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec. 14-66. - Registration and inoculation of dogs.

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Secs. 14-70—14-80. - Reserved.

Sec. 14-66. - Registration and inoculation of dogs.

(a)

Required; certificate. Every owner of a dog four months or more of age shall cause such dog to be inoculated against rabies and registered. Evidence of such rabies inoculation shall be entered on a certificate, the form of which has been approved by the state department of agriculture and the certificate shall be signed by the veterinarian administering the vaccine.

(b)

Registration fees; tags. Within 30 days from the date of inoculation, the owner shall register such dog by presenting to the administrator or his authorized agents the certificate of inoculation, together with the appropriate fee. The registration fee shall correspond to the inoculation. The owner shall be supplied with a rabies inoculation tag for each dog registered, and such tag shall be worn by each dog that is required to be registered whenever such dog is off the property of its owners and not within a motor vehicle. The tag shall be in a form and color approved by the state department of agriculture. The method of distributing the tag and collecting registration fees shall be determined by the county board.

(c)

Failure to register; penalty. Failure to register a dog within 30 days of the inoculation or failure to comply with subsection (a) of this section shall be an offense punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00 and shall result in the registration fee being doubled.

(Code 1964, § 5-8; Ord. No. 88-CO-82, § 5-8, 11-22-88; Ord. No. 91-CO-69, § 2, 10-24-91; Ord. No. 98-CO-60, 9-24-98)

Sec. 14-67. - Registration and inoculation of cats.

(a)

Required; certificate. Every owner of a cat four months or more of age shall cause such cat to be inoculated against rabies. Evidence of such rabies inoculation shall be entered on a certificate, the form of which has been approved by the state department of agriculture, and the certificate shall be signed by the veterinarian administering the vaccine.

(b)

Registration fees; tag. Within 30 days of the day of inoculation, the owner shall register such cat by presenting to the administrator or his authorized agent, the certificate of inoculation together with the appropriate fee. The owner shall be supplied with a registration tag for each cat registered, and the tag shall be worn by each cat whenever the cat is off the property of its owner and not within a motor vehicle. The tag shall be in a form and color approved by the state department of agriculture. The method of distribution of the tags and collection of the registration fees shall be determined by the county board.

(c)

Failure to register; penalty. Failure to register a cat within 30 days of the inoculation or failure to comply with subsection (a) of this section shall be an offense punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00 and shall result in the registration fee being doubled.

(Ord. No. 91-CO-70, § 1(5-8.1), 10-24-91; Ord. No. 98-CO-60, 9-24-98; Ord. No. 2009-CO-35, 5-14-2009)

Sec. 14-68. - Dogs running at large.

No person who is the owner of a dog shall cause or permit his dog to run at large in the unincorporated areas of the county which have been subdivided for residential purposes.

(Code 1964, § 5-9; Ord. No. 88-CO-82, § 5-9, 11-22-88)

Sec. 14-69. - Barking dogs.

It shall be unlawful for any person in the unincorporated areas of the County of Winnebago that are subdivided for residential purposes, or within 500 feet of such areas of unincorporated county, to own, keep, have in his possession, or harbor any dog which, by frequent or habitual howling, yelping, barking, or otherwise, shall cause annoyance or disturbance to any person, provided that the provisions of this

section shall not apply to any animal shelter, veterinary hospital or clinic, or to the county animal shelter.

(Code 1964, § 5-10; Ord. No. 88-CO-82, § 5-10, 11-22-88; Ord. No. 94-CO-72, 11-22-94; Ord. No. 2010-CO-43, 5-13-10)

Secs. 14-70—14-80. – Reserved
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Secs. 14-91—14-110. - Reserved.

Sec. 14-81. - Penalty for violation of division.

Any person violating or aiding or abetting the violation of any provision of this division, or resisting, obstructing or impeding the administrator or any authorized officer in enforcing this division, is guilty of a petty offense and may be punished by a fine of not less than \$50.00 and not more than that provided in section 1-11.

(Ord. No. 88-CO-86, § 3, 12-22-88)

Sec. 14-82. - Confinement required; restraint outside of enclosure.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain any dog which has been found to be a vicious dog unless such dog is at all times kept in an enclosure. The only time that a vicious dog may be allowed out of the enclosure is if it is necessary for the owner or keeper to obtain veterinary care for the vicious dog, or to comply with the order of a court of competent jurisdiction, provided that in each instance, such vicious dog is securely muzzled and restrained with a chain having a tensile strength of 300 pounds

and not exceeding three feet in length. The vicious dog shall be kept under the direct control and supervision of the owner or keeper. The muzzle shall be made in a manner that will not cause injury to the dog or interfere with its vision or respiration but shall prevent it from biting any human or animal.

(Ord. No. 88-CO-86, § 2(A), 12-22-88)

Sec. 14-83. - Procedure for declaring dog vicious.

(a)

Filing of complaint. Whenever the administrator, state's attorney, or any other citizen has reason to believe that any dog is vicious, he may file a complaint in the circuit court in the name of the county, seeking a finding that the dog is vicious.

(b)

Notice to owner. The owner of any dog that is the subject of such a complaint shall receive notice of the complaint and shall have 15 days to answer or otherwise enter his appearance.

(c)

Hearing. Within 45 days after the filing of any complaint seeking to have a dog declared to be vicious, a hearing shall be held at which time the complainant and the owner shall present evidence as to whether the dog in question is vicious.

(d)

Entering of order by court. When, after receiving the evidence presented, the court finds that the dog meets one of the definitions of a vicious dog found in section 14-4, the court shall enter an order finding the dog to be vicious.

(Ord. No. 88-CO-86, § 2(A), 12-22-88; Ord. No. 2000-CO-24, 4-13-00)

Sec. 14-84. - Outside enclosure a public nuisance.

It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain a public nuisance by permitting any dog which has been found to be vicious to be outside of any enclosure except as provided in section 14-82.

(Ord. No. 88-CO-86, § 2(A), 12-22-88)

Sec. 14-85. - Impoundment; notice; hearing.

Any dog which has been found to be a vicious dog and which is not confined to an enclosure except as provided in section 14-82, shall be impounded by the administrator or other law enforcement authority and shall be turned over to the county animal shelter. The administrator shall, within five days after the dog has been impounded, cause a complaint to be filed in the circuit court seeking an order authorizing him to destroy the dog by lethal injection. Notice of the complaint shall be sent to the owner. A hearing shall be held within 30 days of the impoundment.

(Ord. No. 88-CO-86, § 2(A), 12-22-88; Ord. No. 2000-CO-24, 4-13-00)

Sec. 14-86. - Impoundment; destruction of biting dogs.

Any dog which has bitten a human on three or more occasions as reported to the administrator pursuant to the provision of the Animal Control Act (510 ILCS 5/1 et seq., as amended) shall be impounded by the administrator at the county animal shelter. The administrator shall, within five days of the impoundment, cause a complaint to be filed in the circuit court seeking an order authorizing him to destroy the dog by lethal injection. Notice of the complaint shall be sent to the owner. A hearing shall be held within 30 days of the impoundment.

(Ord. No. 88-CO-86, § 2(A), 12-22-88; Ord. No. 2000-CO-24, 4-13-00)

Sec. 14-87. - Owner or keeper not to sell or give away.

No owner or keeper of a vicious dog shall sell or give away any vicious dog.

(Ord. No. 88-CO-86, § 2(A), 12-22-88)

Sec. 14-88. - Posting of warning signs.

The owner of a vicious dog shall display in a prominent place on his premises a clearly visible warning sign indicating that there is a vicious dog on the premises. A similar sign is required to be posted on the enclosure in which the animal is kept.

(Ord. No. 88-CO-86, § 2(B), 12-22-88)

Sec. 14-89. - License required.

Owners of dogs that have been found to be vicious, shall, within 90 days of the order finding the dog to be vicious, obtain a license from the animal services administrator. The license shall be valid for one year, and shall be renewed annually. A license fee of \$50.00 shall be assessed.

(Ord. No. 88-CO-86, § 2(C), 12-22-88; Ord. No. 2000-CO-24, 4-13-00)

Sec. 14-90. - Guide, support, or guard dogs exempted from division.

Guide dogs for the blind or hearing impaired, support dogs for the physically handicapped, and sentry, guard or police-owned dogs are exempt from this division, provided an attack or injury to a person occurs while the dog is performing duties as expected. To qualify for exemption under this section, each such dog shall be currently inoculated against rabies, in accordance with state law and any other applicable law. It shall be the duty of the owner of such exempted dog to notify the administrator, as designated in the Animal Control Act (510 ILCS 5/1 et seq., as amended), of changes of address. In case of a sentry or guard dog, the owner shall keep the administrator advised of the location where such dog will be stationed. The administrator shall provide police and fire departments with a categorized list of such exempted dogs, and shall promptly notify such departments of any address changes reported to him.

(Ord. No. 88-CO-86, § 2(D), 12-22-88)

Secs. 14-91—14-110. - Reserved.

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Sec. 14-111. - Establishment and maintenance of a shelter.

The county shall establish and maintain a public shelter or shall contract for the use of a duly licensed pound or animal shelter as a place to securely impound animals.

(Code 1964, § 5-16; Ord. No. 88-CO-82, § 5-16, 11-22-88)

Sec. 14-112. - Generally.

(a)

The animal services officer shall, and any peace officer may, apprehend and impound the following:

- (1) Animals which have bitten a person;
- (2) Dogs four months or more of age which have not been inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian;
- (3) Dogs four months or more of age not on the premises of their owner and which do not have a current, valid rabies inoculation tag;

- (4) Dogs that have been found to be vicious and are not on a qualified run line or in an enclosure;
- (5) Dogs which are at large in the unincorporated areas of the county that have been subdivided for residential purposes;
- (6) Dogs and cats adopted from animals services which are held in violation of the adoption agreement.
- (c) The director, or other person authorized by the administrator to impound animals, shall, upon receiving the animal, make a complete registry thereof entering the breed, description, age, sex, date of impoundment, name of the owner, if known, and the registration or tag number of such animal.
- (d) The administrator or director shall provide adequate and wholesome food and shelter for impounded animals, and shall provide careful and humane treatment toward impounded animals and shall provide for humane destruction.

(Code 1964, § 5-12; Ord. No. 88-CO-82, § 5-12, 11-22-88)

Sec. 14-113. - Notice.

- (a) Upon impoundment, the administrator or his duly authorized agent shall notify the owner of the impounded animal by mailing a notice of impoundment to the last known address of the owner.
- (b) If an owner notifies the department that his animal has been lost and gives a description of the animal, the department, for a period of six months thereafter, shall be required to notify the owner within 24 hours of the impoundment of any animal that matches the description of the lost animal.

(Code 1964, § 5-13; Ord. No. 88-CO-82, § 5-13, 11-22-88; Ord. No. 2004-CO-121, 11-8-04)

Sec. 14-114. - Redemption procedures.

The owner of any impounded dog may redeem such dog within seven days of its impoundment by following the following procedures:

- (1) Presentation of proof of current rabies inoculation and registration, if applicable, or payment for rabies inoculation and registration;
- (2) Payment of the cost of boarding; and
- (3) Payment of the appropriate service fee for pickup of the animal.

(Code 1964, § 5-14; Ord. No. 88-CO-82, § 5-14, 11-22-88)

State law reference— Similar provisions, 510 ILCS 5/10.

Sec. 14-115. - Disposition of unclaimed or disabled animals.

(a)

When not redeemed by its owner, an animal which has been impounded shall be humanely dispatched, offered for adoption, or transferred to an institution pursuant to the Impounding and Disposition of Stray Animal Act (410 ILCS 40/1 et seq.). However, in no event shall a healthy animal be humanely dispatched unless it has been impounded for a period of at least seven days, and the notice of impoundment has been mailed to the owner at least seven business days prior to the disposal of the animal.

(b)

Persons adopting an unredeemed dog must pay for the rabies inoculation and registration of such dog, if necessary, and shall also pay to have the dog spayed or neutered.

(c)

Stray animals suffering from severe physical disabilities may be disposed of at the discretion of the administrator. No animal left by its owner for disposition is to be regarded as unclaimed or unredeemed, but is to be disposed of as authorized by its owner.

(d)

No registered dog wearing an inoculation tag may be disposed of, unless the notice provisions of section 14-113 have been complied with by the administrator, and the administrator has received the return receipt or has had the certified letter returned undelivered.

(e)

Unclaimed and released dogs and cats may be adopted from the shelter for use as a pet by paying the appropriate fee. Persons adopting such dogs or cats must sign and comply with an adoption agreement.

(Code 1964, § 5-15; Ord. No. 88-CO-82, § 5-15, 11-22-88; Ord. No. 2004-CO-121, 11-8-04)

Sec. 14-115.1. - County policy for services rendered.

(a)

It is the policy of the county that the animal services facility shall not accept from an owner an animal brought to the facility for euthanasia, unless the owner submits sufficient proof that he/she is indigent and cannot afford the cost of euthanasia by his/her veterinarian.

(b)

It is the policy of the county that all services provided are intended for residents of Winnebago County, and that the animal services facility shall not accept from an out-of-county owner an animal brought to the facility, commonly referred to as "owner release."

(Res. No. 2005-CR-270, 11-22-05)

Sec. 14-116. - Fee schedule.

The following fees and charges shall be paid prior to the rendition of services or release of the animal:

Service Fee

(1)

Dog registration:

- a. If the owner provides evidence that the dog has been spayed or neutered¹, or the dog is under one year of age, annually\$ 25.00
- b. If the dog is fertile, annually40.00
- c. If the owner is in possession of a valid hobby breeder and exhibitor permit, annually25.00
- d. Hobby breeder and exhibitor permit, annually30.00

(2)

Cat registration:

- a. If the owner provides evidence that the cat has been spayed or neutered¹, or the cat is under one year of age, annually20.00
- b. If the cat is fertile, annually30.00
- c. If the owner is in possession of a valid hobby breeder and exhibitor permit, annually20.00
- d. Hobby breeder and exhibitor permit, annually30.00

(3)

Vaccination for reclaimed animals12.00

(4)

Room and board:

- a. Per day, per dog²12.00
- b. Per day, per cat²8.00
- c. Per day, per animal quarantined for biting²20.00

d.

Per day, per cat quarantined for biting215.00

(5)

Biting animals:

- a. Veterinary examination for biter animals25.00
- b. Owner release of biter animalsNo charge

(6)

Handling charge for impounded animals:

- a. Animals wearing current registration tags, or having a department-approved identification implant, at the time of impoundment15.00 for first offense, 50.00 for second offense, and 75.00 for any subsequent offense
- b. Animals not wearing current registration tags, nor having a department-approved identification implant, at the time of impoundment35.00

(7)

Adoptions:

- a. Dogs:
 - All dogs110.00
- b. Cats:
 - Cats up to 1 year old85.00
 - Cats 1 year and older40.00

All dogs and cats shall be spayed or neutered, registered, vaccinated, and receive preventative health care before adoption.

c.

Exotic:

Preventative health care20.00

- c. Small mammal:
 - Preventative health care7.00

(8)

Euthanasia per dog or cat at owner's request for low income only4:

- a. Cat, brought in to facility37.00
- b. Cat, pick up55.00
- c. Dog, brought in to facility50.00
- d. Dog, pick up60.00

(9)

Owner release of unwanted animals:

- a. Where the owner is a resident of the county:
 - 1. Per adult dog25.00
 - 2. Per adult cat20.00
- b. Where the owner is a resident of the county, per puppy or kitten under three months of age5.00
- c. For animals other than dogs or cats brought to the facility7.00
- d. For dog, cat or other animal picked up at owner's home in the county, per dog, cat or other animal35.00
- e. For each additional puppy or kitten under three months of age picked up at owner's home in the county5.00

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Disposal of dead animals:

- a. Dogs brought to the facility25.00
- b. Dogs picked up by officer45.00
- c. Cats brought to the facility15.00
- d. Cats picked up by officer35.00

(11)

Duplicate license fee5.00

(12)

Microchip per dog or cat35.00

(13)

2nd offense owned running at large fees:

- a. Spay of dog175.00
- b. Neuter of dog145.00
- c. Additional fine25.00

(14)

Low income only4 spay/neuter voucher20.00

1 Acceptable evidence of alteration consists of certification by the veterinarian performing the alteration procedure or a notarized statement made by the seller of the animal indicating that it had been spayed or neutered while in his/her possession.

2 For any part of a day that the animal is in the custody of the shelter.

3 Registration fee applicability dependent upon residence address of adopter. Animals already neutered and/or vaccinated are adoptable at a lesser price.

4 Low income only follows established WIC guidelines.

(Code 1964, § 5-17; Ord. No. 88-CO-82, § 5-17, 11-22-88; Ord. No. 89-CO-31, §§ 1, 2, 5-11-89; Ord. No. 91-CO-69, § 3, 10-24-91; Ord. No. 91-CO-70, § 2, 10-24-91; Ord. No. 92-CO-13, § 5-17, 3-12-92; Ord. No. 94-CO-72, 11-22-94; Ord. No. 97-CO-39, 8-14-97; Ord. No. 99-CO-83, 11-23-99; Ord. No. 2000-CO-67, 11-21-01; Ord. No. 2007-CR-135, 6-28-07; Ord. No. 2008-CO-70, 11-25-08)

Sec. 14-117. - Spay/neuter program fund.

Ten dollars of the registration fees collected from owners of unaltered animals shall be segregated in the animal control fund in order to fund a spay/neuter program as determined by the county board.

(Ord. No. 91-CO-69, § 4(5-17.1), 10-24-91; Ord. No. 2000-CO-67, 11-21-01)

Sec. 14-118. - Registration fee waiver.

The first year's registration fee shall be waived, or refunded if already paid, with respect to any dog or cat which prior to attaining the age of six months is (i) spayed or neutered and (ii) implanted with an identification microchip. Further, the fees for registration in section 14-66 are waived for service dogs that are trained in obedience and task skills sufficient to assist the blind, hearing impaired, and

physically disabled. Proof of the dog owner's blindness, hearing impairment, or other physical disability, in addition to proof of the dog having successfully completed training in obedience and task skills sufficient to assist the blind, hearing impaired, and physically disabled, must be presented to the administrator for the waiver to be granted.

(Ord. No. 2001-CO-39, 8-23-01; Ord. No. 2010-CO-96, 10-14-10)

Sec. 14-119. - Veterinarian compensation for collecting registration fees.

Any veterinarian who is authorized to collect registration fees and distribute inoculation tags on behalf of the county may retain \$1.00 of each registration fee collected as payment for that service. The remainder of the registration fee shall be promptly turned over to the director.

(Ord. No. 2001-CO-39, 8-23-01)