

ANIMAL CONTROL

5-1-1: DEFINITIONS:

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

ADMINISTRATOR: The administrator of the county who has control over the animal control warden or deputy administrators.

ANIMAL: Any animal, other than man, which may be affected by rabies.

CONFINED: Restriction of an animal at all times by the owner, or his agent, to an escapeproof building or other enclosure away from other animals and the public.

COUNTY POUND: Any facility designated by the county of Lee, approved and licensed by the Illinois department of agriculture, for the purpose of confining animals deemed necessary and appropriate for confinement under Illinois law and/or Lee County ordinances.

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

DOG: All members of the family Canidae.

LEASH: A cord, rope, strap or chain which shall be securely fastened to the collar or harness of a dog or other animal and shall be of sufficient strength to keep such dog or other animal under control.

STRAY DOG: Any dog determined to be unowned, abandoned and/or discarded.

STRAYING DOG; DOG RUNNING AT LARGE: Any dog found past the boundary of its owner's premises that is not under the direct supervision of its owner or other designated custodian.

VICIOUS DOG: A. Any individual dog that, when unprovoked, inflicts bites or attacks a human being or other animal either on public or private property.

B. Any individual dog 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.

C. Any individual dog 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.

D. Any individual dog which attacks a human being or domestic animal without provocation.

E. Any individual dog which has been found to be a "dangerous dog" upon three (3) separate occasions.

5-1-2: RABIES CONTROL:

A. Dog Bites; Proceedings Against Owner: On all reported dog bites where the dog has not been vaccinated as prescribed by law, proceedings will be initiated against the dog owner by the administrator or deputy administrators. (1983 Code § 4-16)

B. Testing Paid By County: The county will pay for sending in all heads where there is a definite exposure or clinical evidence of rabies as determined by the administrator. (1983 Code § 4-1)

5-1-3: RABIES IMMUNIZATION; TAX:

A. Immunization; Tax: All dogs four (4) months of age or older will be properly immunized against rabies and at that time registration forms will be filled out and forwarded to the county rabies office. The tax amount charged for this will be assessed according to section [5-1-13](#) of this chapter. (Ord. 11-98-005, 11-17-1998; amd. Ord. 05-07-006, 5-15-2007)

B. Collection Of Tax: The dog tax as described in subsection A of this section shall be collected at the time of vaccination by the veterinarian who vaccinates the dog. The amount collected minus the fee stated in section [5-1-13](#) of this chapter for per dog processing is to be kept by the veterinarian performing the service. (Ord. 11-98-005, 11-17-1998; amd. Ord. 05-07-007, 5-15-2007)

C. Senior Citizen Exemption: Persons over the age of sixty five (65) years shall be exempt from the rabies immunization tax collected by the veterinarian for one dog only. (Ord. 11-98-005, 11-17-1998)

D. Three Year Vaccination: If desired, a dog owner may elect to pay a dog tax, effective for three (3) years, the tax rate assessed according to section [5-1-13](#) of this chapter. This amount shall be collected at the time of vaccination by the veterinarian that vaccinates the dog. The amount collected, less the fees assessed according to section [5-1-13](#) of this chapter, will be forwarded weekly to the county animal control office. (Ord. 05-07-008, 5-15-2007)

5-1-4: IMPOUNDMENT AND BOARDING FEES:

A. The initial charge for picking up a dog shall be assessed as stated in section [5-1-13](#) of this chapter. (Ord. 05-07-009, 5-15-2007)

B. There shall be a charge for subsequent pick ups of the same dog, the charge for picking up the dog shall be as stated in section [5-1-13](#) of this chapter. (Ord. 09-03-014, 9-16-2003; amd. Ord. 05-07-010, 5-15-2007)

C. A fee shall be assessed for the daily feed and care of the animal in an amount as stated in section [5-1-13](#) of this chapter. (Ord. 05-07-011, 5-15-2007)

5-1-5: REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED DOGS:

When dogs are apprehended and impounded by the administrator, he shall give notice of not less than seven (7) days to the owner, if known. A certified letter shall be mailed to the last known address of the owner. An affidavit or testimony of the administrator, or his authorized agent, who mails such certified letter, shall be prima facie evidence of the receipt of such certified letter by the owner of such dog. In case the owner of any impounded dog desires to make redemption thereof, he may do so on the following conditions: (1983 Code § 4-19; amd. Ord. 05-07-012, 5-15-2007)

A. Proof Of Inoculation And Registration: He/she must present proof of current rabies inoculation, and registration, if applicable; or (1983 Code § 4-19; amd. Ord. 05-07-013, 5-15-2007)

B. Pay For Vaccination And Registration: He/she must pay for the rabies inoculation of the dog, and registration, if applicable; and (1983 Code § 4-19; amd. Ord. 05-07-014, 5-15-2007)

C. Pay Board: He/she must pay the pound for the board of the dog for the period it was impounded. (1983 Code § 4-19; amd. Ord. 05-07-015, 5-15-2007)

5-1-6: RUNNING AT LARGE; WOODLAND SHORES SUBDIVISIONS:

A. Leash Required: No owner of any dog kept or allowed within the boundaries of Woodland Shores subdivisions 1 and 2 shall permit such dog to leave the premises of the owner at any time during any calendar year unless the dog is securely leashed in such manner as to fully prevent such dog from biting any person or animal and from running at large generally.

B. Penalty: A person convicted of a violation of subsection A of this section shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). (1983 Code § 4-20)

5-1-7: DISTURBING NOISES:

A. Noise Prohibited: It shall be unlawful to keep or harbor a dog on the premises of any residence and/or business located within five hundred feet (500') of the premises of another residence and/or business, that barks and/or howls for a period exceeding ten (10) minutes within any unincorporated area of Lee County, outside the corporate limits of any city, village or town.

B. Penalty: Any violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). (Ord. 93-02-01, 2-16-1993)

5-1-8: VICIOUS AND DANGEROUS DOGS:

Vicious and dangerous dogs shall be subject to regulations pursuant to 510 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/15. (1997 Code)

5-1-9: ADOPTION POLICY:

A. When an animal is adopted, the pound manager shall have the person seeking to adopt an animal fill out forms concerning adoption, including consent to having the animal spayed/neutered and inoculated for rabies. (Ord. 12-97-008, 12-16-1997)

B. The fee for adoption shall be as stated in section [5-1-13](#) of this chapter. (Ord. 05-07-016, 5-15-2007)

C. Lee County shall not be responsible for the animal after adoption. There will be no guarantees/refunds with regard to adoptions and Lee County will not accept an animal back once a period of seven (7) days has gone by since adoption. (Ord. 12-97-008, 12-16-1997)

5-1-10: POLICY ON EUTHANIZING:

A. If the owner of a stray dog is unknown, it will be impounded for five (5) days. If unclaimed, the dog may be euthanized unless the warden or pound manager believes it to be owned or could be adopted out. The warden or pound manager is to use professional and humane discretion in making this decision. (Ord. 12-97-008, 12-16-1997; amd. Ord. 05-07-018, 5-15-2007)

B. If the owner of a stray dog is known and properly notified as provided for in the animal control act, it will be impounded for seven (7) days, and if unclaimed may be euthanized unless the warden or pound manager believes it could be adopted out. The warden or pound manager is to use professional and humane discretion in making this decision. (Ord. 12-97-008, 12-16-1997)

C. There shall be a charge assessed for euthanasia and disposal of the animal as stated in section [5-1-13](#) of this chapter. (Ord. 05-07-019, 5-15-2007)

5-1-11: PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO VACCINATE:

Any person who owns a dog located in Lee County without proper rabies vaccination pursuant to subsection [5-1-3A](#) of this chapter shall be subject to a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) fine for such violation. (Ord. 05-00-004, 5-16-2000)

5-1-12: ASSISTANCE FEE:

There shall be a fee assessed for requesting the assistance of the Lee County animal control warden in tranquilizing and/or transporting an animal to a veterinarian. These fees shall be found in section [5-1-13](#) of this chapter. (Ord. 05-07-017, 5-15-2007)

5-1-13: ANIMAL CONTROL FEES/TAX TABLE:

Rabies immunization tax:	
Annual vaccination (per dog):	
Neutered	\$ 11 .00
Nonneutered	25 .00
Collection fee to veterinarian	1 .00
3 year vaccination (per dog):	
Neutered	30 .00
Nonneutered	50 .00
Collection fee to veterinarian	2 .00
Impoundment and board fees:	
Initial pick up fee (per dog)	35 .00
Subsequent pick up fee (same dog, second time)	70 .00
Subsequent pick up fee (same dog, third time)	105 .00
Subsequent pick up fee (same dog, fourth plus time)	105 .00
Daily feed and care fee	8 .50
Miscellaneous service fees:	
Adoption fee (includes microchip)	45 .00
Euthanasia/disposal fee (per animal)	35 .00
Warden assistance fee (per occurrence)	50 .00
Transportation to veterinarian (per animal)	35 .00

(Ord. 05-07-020, 5-15-2007)

5-1-14: KEEPING PETS:

In no event shall any person keep at his or her premises more pet animals than can be properly maintained in a healthy condition without presenting a health or safety hazard to the owners, keeper, or others, and without constituting a nuisance to the occupants of neighboring properties. (Ord. 02-08-002, 2-19-2008)