The Cleveland Animal Control Services

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Animal Control Services responds to all calls for services or complaints concerning City animal ordinances. Animal complaints include stray dogs, dog bites, vicious dogs, barking dogs, and quality of life issues regarding dogs.

Animal Control Officers are on duty 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The City Kennel is open to the public from 10am–3pm Mondays through Saturdays, except for legal holidays.

ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS

The State of Ohio and the City of Cleveland require that your dog be licensed, leashed on public property and in City parks, and under your control at all times. A Dog License can be purchased at the County Administration Building (Ontario and Lakeside), the City of Cleveland Kennel (2690 West 7th), and numerous sub stations. Visit www.auditor.cuyahogacounty.us for more information and locations.

City ordinance requires that you pick up animal waste and dispose of it properly and in a timely manner.

ADOPTIONS

An adoption fee of $30.00 includes sterilization of your animal at the Cleveland Kennel. It is required by City ordinance that all animals adopted from the kennel be spayed or neutered. If the animal cannot be altered due to its current health, a $20.00 returnable deposit must be left with kennel until the animal is altered.

MICRO-CHIPPING

The Division of Animal Control Services offers micro-chipping for a fee of $**25.00**. Please call **216-664-3069** for details.

NUISANCE/BITES COMPLAINTS

All stray dog complaints in Cleveland should be directed to the City of Cleveland Kennel at **216-664-3069**. Tickets will be issued to pet owners if their dog is witnessed running loose or barks uncontrollably. The fines start at $**50.00** plus costs and/or a court appearance.

ANIMAL BITES

Any person bitten by an animal should be treated immediately by their family doctor or the nearest hospital. The animal owner's correct address should be included in the report. Under City ordinance all dogs and cats that bite a person are required to be quarantined for a period of ten days and examined by a veterinarian. Results of that examination must be submitted to the City Animal Control Officer before the animal is released from quarantine.

DOGS THAT POSE A THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY

The definition of a "Level-Two Threat Dog":

Is a dog that, without provocation, has killed or caused serious injury to any person, or has killed or caused serious injury to another domestic animal.

City ordinance states that any person owning such an animal must:

- Confine the dog within a locked six foot fence or pen with a roof on it.
- Maintain liability insurance for no less than one hundred thousand dollars.
- Have the dog muzzled and on a leash and collar of substantial strength when off the property.
- Be in control or walked by a person of at least 18 years of age when off the property.
- Be tattooed or micro chipped for positive identification.
- The dog must be spayed / neutered.
- Wear a valid dog license.
- Post signs stating that there is a "LEVEL TWO THREAT DOG" on the property at each point of entrance.
- Contact the Division of Animal Control for other details of owning or harboring a "Level One Threat" or Level Two Threat" dog.

NUISANCE WILDLIFE TRAPPING SERVICE

Residents have several service options to choose from regarding nuisance wildlife. Whichever of the following options you choose, we will pick up and dispose of any trapped wildlife except skunks. A contracted trapper will pick up skunks.

- You can use your own trap. Once the animal is picked up, you can retrieve your trap at the City Kennel or it will be returned to you.
- You can borrow a trap from Animal Control Services for a $**20.00** deposit. The deposit will be returned when the trap is returned.
- You can be put on the contracted Wildlife Trapper list. The timeframe for service is unknown and it is difficult to estimate how long it will take the trapper to handle each assigned call for service. You must provide your name, complete address, phone number, and the type of nuisance animal in order to be placed on the list.

The City of Cleveland contracts with a Wildlife Trapper to trap nuisance wildlife. The service includes trapping nuisance skunks, raccoons, groundhogs, and opossums that are outside of a house/dwelling within the city. The trapper is not contracted to trap animals inside of your home (that is your responsibility). You will need to contact the **Division of Animal Control Services at 216-664-3069 to request service**.

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CALL ACS FOR COMPLETE DETAILS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR DOGS THAT POSE A THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY AT 216-664-3069.