

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES

"Short-List"

CITY OF MEADOWLAKES

The following is intended to give you a quick reference to the more relevant sections of the City of Meadowlake's Animal Control Ordinances. A complete copy of all the ordinances may be obtained by contacting City Hall at 177 Broadmoor, Suite A, Meadowlakes, Texas 78654. Phone (830) 693-6840.

1. Harboring vicious, dangerous or wild/stray animals is prohibited.
2. All animals shall be kept under restraint from leaving a residence's lot line. If they leave the residence, they must be under restraint with a leash not longer than 12 feet.
3. Defecation by animals on property other than their residence is unlawful. All animal solid waste is to be removed and disposed of in a sanitary manner. It is recommended you carry a scooper and/or plastic bag when walking your pet(s).
4. Excessive barking is a nuisance and not permitted.
5. All dogs and cats must be registered at City Hall within 30 days of residency or acquisition of a new pet. A current rabies vaccination certificate and a one-time \$10.00 licensing fee is required for each pet at the time of registration. City I.D. tags will be issued and worn by each animal. Thereafter, a current rabies vaccination certificate must be presented at City Hall upon expiration of their current shots. A \$5.00 renewal fee will also be incurred. Once you no longer own the pet, please inform City Hall so that it may be purged from the City's files.
6. It shall be unlawful for any person to harbor, maintain, or keep more than five dogs and cats, in the aggregate, but no more than three of such animals can be dogs over the age of three months at any one residence.
7. There will be a \$40.00 impoundment fee per dog, and \$35.00 per cat, if picked up by the Animal Control Authority (the Animal Control Authority reserves the right to raise those fines as they deem necessary.)
8. Section 9 addresses penalties for violation of this ordinance. They may range from a maximum of \$200.00 fine for a first offense, up to \$1,000.00 for subsequent offenses.
9. Resolution 05-2006 outlines fees which are pertinent to pet ownership; Original registration \$10, renewal \$5, Replacing Lost Tag \$10, Catching Loose Animal and returning to resident by Meadowlakes Animal Control Officer \$15, Late Registration for each month late (each month after vaccination lapses) \$5 and Transfer of pet ownership \$10.

Your cooperation regarding compliance with the above will be appreciated and will make our City a more pleasant and enjoyable place to live for all residents.

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