

CHAPTER 4 – ANIMAL CONTROL

4-1-1 Short Title. This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Animal Control Code. (510 ILCS 5/1)

4-1-2 Definitions. As used in this Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the term specified in this section have the meanings ascribed to them. (ILCS 510 5/1)

“Administrator” means a veterinarian licensed by the State of Illinois and appointed pursuant to this code or his duly authorized representative.

“Animal” means any animal other than man, which may be affected by rabies.

“Animal Control Program” means the commitment of, or expenditure of, funds for the purpose of controlling stray animals within corporate limits. (8/10/81)

“Animal Control Warden” means any person appointed by the Administrator and approved by the Board to perform duties as assigned by the Administrator to effectuate this code.

“Board” means the County Board of Jefferson County.

“Cat” means *Felis catus*. (510 ILCS 5/2.04a)

“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 (i) any individual dog anywhere other than upon the property of the owner or custodian of the dog and unmuzzled, unleashed, or unattended by its owner or custodian that behaves in a manner that a reasonable person would believe poses a serious and unjustified imminent threat of serious physical injury or death to a person or a companion animal or (ii) a dog that, without justification, bites a person and does not cause serious physical injury. (510 ILCS 5/2.05a)

“Department” means the Department of Agriculture of the State of Illinois.

“Deputy Administrator” means a veterinarian licensed by the State of Illinois, appointed by the Administrator and approved by the Board.

“Director” means the Director of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Illinois or his duly appointed representative.

“District” means a geographic area consisting of two (2) or more counties in their entirety.

“District Board” means the governing body created to act as a single unit to effectuate this code in a district and shall consist of three (3) members of the Board of each county involved.

“Dog” means all members of the family *Canidae*.

“Enclosure” means a fence or structure of at least six (6) 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 that may be taken by the owner or keeper, such as tethering of the vicious dog within the enclosure. The 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. If the enclosure is a room within a residence, it cannot have direct ingress from or egress to the outdoors unless it leads directly to an enclosed pen and the door must be locked. A vicious dog may be allowed to move about freely within the entire residence if it is muzzled at all times. (510 ILCS 5/2.11a)

"Has Been Bitten" means has been 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.

"Inoculation Against Rabies" means the injection of an anti-rabies vaccine approved by the Department.

"Intact animal" means an animal that has not been spayed or neutered. (510 ILCS 5/2.11c)

"Leash" means 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.

"Licensed Veterinarian" means a veterinarian licensed by the State in which he engages in the practice of veterinary medicine.

"Owner" means any person having a right of property in a dog or other animal, or who keeps or harbors a dog or other 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 premise occupied by him.

"Person" means any person, firm, corporation, partnership, society, association or other legal entity, any public or private institution, the State of Illinois, municipal corporation or political subdivision of the State, or any other business unit.

"Pound" means any facility approved by the Administrator for the purpose of enforcing this code and used as a shelter for seized, stray, homeless, abandoned or unwanted dogs or other animals.

"Registration Certificate" means a printed form prescribed by the Department for the purpose of recording pertinent information as required by the Department under this code.

"Service Fee" means an annual fee paid by incorporated municipalities with a population of less than one thousand (1,000) inhabitants, in such amounts as shall from time to time be set by the County Board. (8/10/81)

"Vicious dog" means a dog that, without justification, attacks a person and causes serious physical injury or death or any individual dog that has been found to be a "dangerous

dog" upon 3 separate occasions. (510 ILCS 5/2.19b)

4-1-3 Appointment of Administrator; Appointment of Deputy Administrators and Animal Control Wardens; Compensation; Removal; Personnel. The County Board shall appoint as Administrator a veterinarian licensed by the State of Illinois. Such appointments shall be made as necessary to keep this position filled at all times. The Administrator may appoint as many Deputy Administrators and Animal Control Wardens to aid him as authorized by the Board. The compensation for the Administrator, Deputy Administrators, and Animal Control Wardens shall be fixed by the Board for services other than for the rabies inoculation of dogs or other animals. The Administrator, Deputy Administrators, and Animal Control Wardens may be removed from office by the Board for cause.

The Board shall provide necessary personnel, equipment, supplies, and facilities, and shall operate pounds or contract for their operation as necessary to effectuate the program. The Board may enter into contracts or agreements with persons to assist in the operation of the program.

The Board shall be empowered to utilize monies from their General Corporate Fund to effectuate the intent of this Code. (510 ILCS 5/3)

4-1-4 Service Fee. Each incorporated municipality under one thousand (1,000) inhabitants which establishes its own, or contracts for, an animal control program shall pay a fee for the use of the facilities established hereunder, in the amount of one hundred (100) dollars per annum. (2003) Said fee shall be paid on or before November 30, 1981 and on or before November 30th of each succeeding year. All amounts collected hereunder shall be paid into the Animal Control Fund. (8/10/81)

4-1-5 Duties of Administrator; Police Powers; Cooperation of Sheriff and Police. It shall be the duty of the Administrator through education, rabies inoculation, stray control, impoundment, quarantine, overpopulation control, and any other means deemed necessary to control and prevent the spread of rabies in his county. It shall also be the duty of the Administrator to investigate and substantiate all claims made under Section 4-1-19 of this Code.

The Administrator, Deputy Administrators, and Animal Control Wardens are, for the purpose of enforcing this Code, clothed with full police power; however, the Animal Control Warden shall not carry or use firearms except by the written agreement of the City and the County, and after the receipt of mandatory firearms training in compliance with all applicable State and Federal Laws. The Animal Control Warden may use approved pneumatic or spring operated devices to administer animal tranquilizers or other appropriate substances. (Ordinance No. 2000.53) The Sheriff and his deputies and municipal police officers shall cooperate with the Administrator in carrying out the provisions of this code. (510 ILCS 5/5)

The Administrator and Animal Control Wardens shall also aid in the enforcement of the Humane Care for Animals Act set forth in Chapter 510, Act 70, of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

4-1-6 Registration of Dogs and Cats; Microchipping; Fees; Certificate of Registration; Failure to Register Dog or Cat. Every owner of a dog or cat four (4) months or more of age shall cause such dog or cat to be registered and shall pay an annual fee for such dog or cat at a place designated by the Board. In addition to registration, the microchipping of dogs and cats in this County is required. The annual registration fee shall be five (5) dollars for each dog or cat. The owner of a dog or cat may pay twelve (12) dollars for each dog or cat to be registered for a period of three (3) years. Upon payment of required fee, a registration certificate shall be issued. When an owner fails to register his dog or cat, the Board of the county in which the dog or cat owner resides shall cause the annual registration fee to be collected from the owner and a registration certificate issued.

4-1-7 Remittance of Fees; Animal Control Fund; Use of Fund. All registration fees collected shall be remitted to the County Treasurer who shall place such monies in an Animal Control Fund. This fund to be set up by him for the purpose of paying costs of the Animal Control Program. One-third (1/3) of all fees collected shall be retained in the fund until the first Monday in March of each calendar year for the purpose of paying claims for loss of livestock or poultry as set forth in Section 4-1-19 of this Code. The remaining two-thirds (2/3) shall be used for paying the cost of stray dog control, impoundment, education on animal control and rabies, and other costs incurred in carrying out the provisions of this code, except as set forth in Section 4-1-19. (510 ILCS 5/7)

4-1-8 Inoculation against Rabies Required; Rabies Inoculation Tags; Sale and Distribution of Vaccine. Every owner of a dog four (4) months or more of age shall be inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. Every dog shall have a second rabies vaccination within one year of the first rabies vaccination (510 ILCS 5/8). Subsequent vaccine administration as well as duration of immunity must hereafter be established by regulations compliant with the United States Department of Agriculture. Evidence of such rabies inoculation shall be entered on the registration certificate which shall be signed by the licensed veterinarian administering the vaccine. Only one dog shall be included on each certificate. The Board shall also cause a rabies inoculation tag to be issued, at no additional fee, for each dog inoculated against rabies. Rabies vaccine for use on animals shall be sold or distributed only to and used only by licensed veterinarians who procure from the County Animal Control in the county where their office is located serially numbered tags, one to be issued with each inoculation certificate. Such rabies vaccine shall be licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture and approved by the Department.

If a licensed veterinarian determines in writing that a rabies inoculation would

compromise an animal's health, then the animal shall be exempt from the rabies shot requirement, but the owner must still be responsible for the fees. (510 ILCS 5/8)

4-1-9 Dogs Running At Large; Impoundment. Any dog found running at large contrary to provisions of this Code shall be apprehended and impounded. For this purpose, the Administrator shall utilize any existing or available public pound.

A dog that is actively engaged in a legal hunting activity, including training, is not considered to be running at large if the dog is on land that is open to hunting or on land on which the person has obtained permission to hunt or to train a dog. (510 ILCS 5/8).

4-1-10 Notice of Impoundment; Service of Notice; Redemption of Impounded Animal; Conditions. When dogs or cats are apprehended and impounded by the Administrator, they must first be scanned for the presence of a microchip. The Administrator shall make every reasonable attempt to contact the owner. The Administrator shall give notice of not less than seven (7) days to the owner, if known, prior to disposal of the animal. If the owner of the animal is identified, notice shall be made by phone call to such owner. Such notice may be mailed to the last known address of the owner. An affidavit or testimony of the Administrator, or his authorized agent, who mails such notice shall be prima facie evidence of the receipt of such notice 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:

- (A) He must present proof of current registration and rabies inoculation, or
 - (B) He must pay for the registration and rabies inoculation of the dog or cat, and
 - (C) He must pay the pound for the board of the dog or cat for the period it was impounded, and
 - (D) He must pay an additional ten (10) dollars as a penalty for the first offense, twenty-five (25) dollars for a second offense, fifty (50) dollars for a third offense, or one hundred (100) dollars for a fourth offense, which penalty shall be paid into the Animal Control Fund.
 - (E) He must pay for microchipping and registration of the animal if not already done.
- (510 ILCS 5/10)

This shall be in addition to any other penalties involved under this act. (510 ILCS 5/10)

4-1-11 Dogs or Cats Not Redeemed; Humane Dispatch; Humane Societies; Adoption; Charge for Registration and Inoculation. When not redeemed by the owner, a dog or cat which has been impounded for failure to be registered in accordance with the provisions of this Code shall first be scanned for a microchip. If a microchip is present, the registered owner must be notified. After contact has been made or attempted, animals deemed adoptable by the animal control facility shall be offered for adoption, or made available to a licensed humane society or rescue group. If no placement is available, animals shall be humanely dispatched, or otherwise

disposed of by the pound as a stray animal in accordance with laws that exist or may hereafter exist. This Code shall not prevent humane societies from engaging in activities set forth by their charters; provided, they are not inconsistent with provisions of this Code and other existing laws. Any person purchasing or adopting such dog or cat, with or without charge or donation, must pay for the registration and rabies inoculation of such dog or cat. (510 ILCS 5/11)

4-1-12 Dogs Exhibiting Signs of Rabies; Notice to Administrator; Confinement of Dog; Animals Exposed; Confinement. The owner of any dog or other animal which exhibits clinical signs of rabies, whether or not such dog or other animal has been inoculated against rabies, shall immediately notify the Administrator, and shall promptly confine such dog or other animal, or have it confined, under suitable observation for a period of at least ten (10) days, unless officially authorized by the Administrator, in writing, to release it sooner. Any dog or other animal in direct contact with such dog or other animal, whether or not the exposed dog or other animal has been inoculated against rabies, shall be confined as recommended by the Administrator. (510 ILCS 5/12)

4-1-13 Report of Bite By Dog or Other Animal; Confinement; Report Administrator; Report at End of Confinement; Confinement in Owner's House; Reduction of Period; Violations; Expenses. When the Administrator receives information that any person has been bitten by a dog or other animal, the Administrator, or his authorized representative, shall have such dog or other animal confined under the observation of a licensed veterinarian for a period of ten (10) days. The Department may, by regulation, permit such confinement to be reduced to a period of less than ten (10) days. Such veterinarian shall report the clinical condition of the dog or other animal immediately, with confirmation in writing to the Administrator within twenty-four (24) hours after the dog or other animal is presented for examination, giving the owner's name, address, the date of confinement, the breed, description, age, and sex of such dog or other animal, an appropriate forms approved by the Department. The Administrator shall notify the attending physician or responsible health agency. At the end of the confinement period, the veterinarian shall submit a written report to the Administrator advising him of the final disposition of such dog or other animal on appropriate forms approved by the Department. When evidence is presented that such dog or other animal was inoculated against rabies within the time prescribed by law, it may be confined in the house of its owner, or in a manner which will prohibit it from biting any person for a period of ten (10) days, if the Administrator, or other licensed veterinarian, adjudges such confinement satisfactory. The Department may, by regulation, permit such confinement to be reduced to a period of less than ten (10) days. At the end of the confinement period, such dog or other animal shall be examined by the Administrator, or another licensed veterinarian. (510 ILCS 5/13)

It is unlawful for any person having knowledge that any person has been bitten by a dog or other animal to refuse to notify the Administrator promptly. It is unlawful for the owner of

such dog or other animal to euthanize, sell, give away, or otherwise dispose of any such dog or other animal known to have bitten a person, until it is released by the Administrator, or his authorized representative. It is unlawful for the owner of such dog or other animal to refuse or fail to comply with the written or printed instructions made by the Administrator, or his authorized representative. If such instructions cannot be delivered in person, they shall be mailed to the owner of such dog or other animal by regular mail, postage prepaid. The affidavit or testimony of the Administrator, or his authorized representative, delivering or mailing such instructions is prima facie evidence that the owner of such dog or other animal was notified of his responsibilities. Any expense incurred in the handling of any dog or other animal under this Section and Section 4-1-12 shall be borne by the owner. For the purpose of this Section, the word "immediately" means by telephone, in person, or by other than use of the mail. (510 ILCS 5/13)

4-1-14 Prevention of Spread of Rabies; Powers. Whenever a case of rabies has occurred in a locality, or when the proper officials of a government unit are apprehensive of the spread of rabies, the Department shall act to prevent its spread among dogs and other animals. The Department may order:

(A) That all dogs or other animals in the locality be:

- (1) Kept confined within an enclosure or
- (2) Kept muzzled and restrained by leash

(B) That all owners or keepers of dogs or other animals take prophylactic measures as it deems necessary to prevent the spread of rabies.

(C) Other measures as may be necessary to control the spread of rabies.

The Department may determine the area of the locality in which, and the period of time during which, such orders shall be effective. (510 ILCS 5/14)

4-1-15 Vicious Dog; Necessity of Leash for Dangerous Dog or Other Animal; Guide Dogs Exempted; Injunction to Enforce; Nuisance. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain any dog which has been found to be a vicious dog unless the dog is kept in an enclosure. A vicious dog shall mean a dog as defined in Section 15 of the Animal Control Act. (510 ILCS 5/15)

It is unlawful for any person to knowingly or recklessly permit any dangerous dog to leave the premise of its owner when not under control by leash or other recognized control methods. A dangerous dog shall mean a dog as defined in Section 15.1 of the Animal Control Act. (510 ILCS 5/15.1)

Guide dogs for the blind, sentry, guard, or police-owned dogs are exempt from this section; 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 and shall be registered annually with the Administrator. It shall be the

duty of the owner of such exempted dog to notify the Administrator of changes of address. In the 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. (510 ILCS 5/15)

The Administrator, the State's Attorney, or any citizen of the county in which a vicious or dangerous dog or other animal exists may maintain a complaint in the name of the People of the State of Illinois to enjoin all persons from maintaining or permitting such, to abate the same, and to enjoin the owner of such dog or other animal from permitting same to leave his premises when not under control by leash or other recognized control methods. Upon the filing of a complaint in any court of competent jurisdiction, the court is satisfied that this nuisance may exist, shall allow a temporary writ of injunction with bond in such amount as the court may determine enjoining the defendant from maintaining such nuisance. If the existence of the nuisance is established, the owner of such dog or other animal shall be in violation of this code, and in addition, the court shall enter a decree restraining the owner from maintaining such nuisance and may decree that such dog or other animal be humanely dispatched. (510 ILCS 5/15)

4-1-16 Liability of Owner of Dog Attacking or Injuring Person. If a dog or other animal, without provocation, attacks, attempts to attack, or injures any person who is peaceably conducting himself in any place where he may lawfully be, the owner of such dog or other animal is liable in damages to such person for the full amount of the injury sustained. (510 ILCS 5/16)

4-1-17 Right of Entry; Inspections; Apprehension of Dog or Other Animals; Refusal of Owner to Deliver Dog or Other Animal. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Code and making inspections hereunder, the Administrator, or his authorized representative, or any officer of the law may enter upon private premises, provided that the entry shall not be made into any building that is a person's residence, to apprehend a straying dog or other animal, a dangerous or vicious dog or other animal, or a dog or other animal thought to be infected with rabies. If, after request therefore, the owner of such dog or other animal shall refuse to deliver the dog or other animal to the officer, the owner shall be in violation of this Code. (510 ILCS 5/17)

4-1-18 Killing of Dog Seen to Pursue, Chase, Worry, Wound or Kill Domestic Animals; Owner Liability. Any owner seeing his sheep, goats, cattle, horses, mules, swine, or poultry being pursued, chased, worried, wounded, or killed by a dog, not accompanied by or not under the supervision of its owner, may pursue and kill such dog. (510 ILCS 5/19)

The owner or keeper of a dog is liable to a person for all damages caused by the dog

pursuing, chasing, worrying, wounding, injuring, or killing any sheep, goats, cattle, horses, mules, poultry, or swine belonging to that person. (510 ILCS 5/19)

4-1-19 Reimbursement of Owner of Domestic Animals Killed or Injured by Dog; Procedure. Any owner having sheep, goats, cattle, horses, mules, swine or poultry killed or injured by a dog shall, according to the provisions of this Code and upon filing claim and making proper proof, be entitled to receive reimbursement for such losses from the Animal Control Fund; provided, he is a resident of this State and such injury or killing is reported to the Administrator within twenty-four (24) hours after such injury or killing occurs, and he shall have appeared before a member of the County Board of the county in which such killing or injury occurred and makes affidavit stating the number of such animals or poultry killed or injured, the amount of damages and the owner of the dog causing such killing or injury, if known. Members of the County Board are authorized to administer oaths in such cases.

The damages referred to in this Section shall be substantiated by the Administrator through prompt investigation and by not less than two (2) witnesses who shall be freeholders of the county. The member of the Board shall determine whether the provisions of this Section have been met and shall keep a record in each case of the names of the owners of the animals or poultry, the amount of damages proven, and the number of animals or poultry killed or injured.

The member of the Board shall file a written report with the County Treasurer as to the right of an owner of sheep, goats, cattle, horses, mules, swine or poultry to be paid out of the Animal Control Fund, and the amount of such damages claimed.

The County Treasurer shall, on the first Monday in March of each calendar year, pay to the owner of the animals or poultry, the amount of damages to which he is entitled. Except as otherwise determined herein, compensation shall not exceed the amounts in the following schedule:

- (A) For goats killed or injured, \$30.00 per head.
- (B) For cattle killed or injured, \$250.00 per head.
- (C) For horses or mules killed or injured, \$200.00 per head.
- (D) For swine killed or injured, \$50.00 per head.
- (E) For turkeys killed or injured, \$5.00 per head.
- (F) For sheep killed or injured, \$15.00 per head.
- (G) For all poultry, other than turkeys, \$1.00 per head.

If there is not sufficient money in the portion of the fund set aside as stated in Section 4-1-17 to pay all claims for damages in full, then the County Treasurer shall pay to such owner of animals or poultry his pro rata share of the money available.

If there are funds in excess of amounts paid for such claims for damage in that portion

of the Animal Control Fund set aside for this purpose, this excess shall be used for other costs of the program as set forth in this Code. (510 ILCS 5/19)

4-1-20 Payment to Owner of Domestic Animals; No Bar to Action for Damages; Repayment to Animal Control Fund. The payment to any owner of sheep, goats, cattle, horses, mules, swine, or poultry of monies out of the Animal Control Fund for damages resulting from loss or injury to any such animals, shall not be a bar to an action by such owner against the owner of the dog committing such injury or causing such loss for the recovery of damages therefor. The court or jury, before which such action is tried, shall ascertain from evidence what portion, if any, of the damages sought to be recovered in such action has been paid to the plaintiff in such action by the County Treasurer, and in case the plaintiff in such action recovers damages, the court shall enter judgment against the defendant, in the name of the plaintiff for the use of the county, for the amount which the plaintiff has received on account of such damages from the County Treasurer, if such recovery shall equal or exceed the amount so received by such plaintiff from the County Treasurer; and the residue of such recovery, if any there be, shall be entered in the name of the plaintiff in such action to his own use. If the amount of the recovery in such action shall not equal the amount previously paid the plaintiff on account of such damages by the County Treasurer, then the judgment shall be entered as aforesaid, for the use of the Animal Control Fund, for the full amount of such recovery. Writs of execution issued upon such judgment shall show on their face what portion of the judgment is to be paid to the Animal Control Fund, and what portion is to be paid to the plaintiff in such action, and the judgment when collected shall be paid over to the parties entitled thereto in their proper proportions. (510 ILCS 5/20)

4-1-21 Annual Report to Department. Each Board shall make an annual report to the Department showing the number of dogs registered, number of dogs inoculated against rabies, fees collected, animal bites investigated, cases of rabies and such other information as the Department shall request. The Department shall be kept advised of the name and address of the Administrator. (510 ILCS 5/3)

4-1-22 Reserved.

4-1-23 Immunity from Damages Occurring In Enforcement of Code. Repealed in favor of the provisions now set forth in Article 510, Section 5, Paragraph 35 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (510 ILCS 5/35).

4-1-24 Powers of Municipalities and Other Political Subdivisions to Regulate Dogs and Other Animals. Nothing in this Code shall be held to limit in any manner the power of any municipality or other political subdivision to prohibit animals from running at large, nor shall anything in this code be construed to, in any manner, limit the power of any municipality or

other political subdivision to further control and regulate dogs, cats or other animals in such municipality or other political subdivision, including a requirement of inoculation against rabies, provided that no regulation is specific to breed. (510 ILCS 5/24)

4-1-25 Effect of Invalid Section, Part of Section, Rule or Regulation. The invalidity of any Section or parts of any Section of this Chapter or any rule or regulation pursuant thereto shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Chapter, or any rule or regulation. (510 ILCS 5/25)

4-1-26 Violations – Punishment. Any person violating or aiding in or abetting the violation of any provision of this Chapter or counterfeiting or forging any certificate, permit, or tag, or making any misrepresentation in regard to any matter prescribed by this Chapter, or resisting, obstructing, or impeding the Administrator or any authorized officer in enforcing this Chapter, or refusing to produce for inoculation any dog in his possession, or who removes a tag from a dog for purposes of destroying or concealing its identity shall be fined not less than one hundred (100) dollars nor more than five hundred (500) dollars. Each day a person fails to comply constitutes a separate offense. (510 ILCS 5/26)

4-1-27 Failure, Refusal or Neglect of Officer to Carry Out Code – Punishment. Any officer failing, refusing or neglecting to carry out the provisions of this Chapter shall be guilty of a petty offense and shall be fined not less than twenty-five (25) dollars nor more than one hundred (100) dollars for each offense. (510 ILCS 5/27)

4-1-28 Mutual Assistance Agreements. The County Board may enter into mutual assistance agreements with municipal corporations in Jefferson County in order to implement the provisions of this Chapter. All agreements shall be approved by the County Board at a regular meeting. (510 ILCS 5/4)

4-1-29 Adoption. At no time shall pit bulls be allowed for adoption at Jefferson County Animal Control. (3/10/03)

Any animal adopted from the Animal Control Facility in Jefferson County must be microchipped. (7/12/08)

4-1-30 Expenses of Microchipping. A clinic for microchipping companion animals of county residents should be conducted at least once a year under the direction of the Administrator or, if the Administrator at the animal control facility, animal shelter, or other central location within the county. (510 ILCS 5/16.5)

4-1-31 Amendment 5 adopted by County Board May 23, 2011

ANIMAL PICK UP DUE TO HOME FIRES, EMERGENCIES OR ACCIDENTS

1. Animals will be held for 24 hours at no charge. Owners of animals will be required to contact the Animal Shelter on the next business day.
2. If animals are not picked up after 24 hours, they will be charged daily board, pick up fee, rabies shot (if not current) and microchip (if not done).
3. If animal is being housed due to a house fire, the owners MUST move the dogs from the Animal Shelter to another location within 2 business days. The Animal Shelter does not have pen space to hold dogs for any great length of time as well as not in the business to board animals.

ANIMAL PICK UP DUE TO ARRESTS

1. Owners must contact the Animal Shelter Office within 24 hours of pickup to inform personnel when they will pick up their animal or who will be picking the animal up for them.
2. Owners are required to pay board, pick up fee, rabies shot (if not current) and microchip (if not done).

FINES FOR ANIMALS PICKED UP DURING OFFICE HOURS

<u>Previous fee:</u>	<u>CHANGE PRICE TO:</u>
First offense - \$10.00	First offense - \$25.00
Second offense - \$25.00	Second offense - \$50.00
Third offense - \$50.00	Third offense - \$75.00
Fourth offense - \$100.00	Fourth offense - \$125.00

FINES FOR ANIMALS PICKED UP AFTER HOURS OR HOLIDAYS

<u>Previous fee:</u>	<u>CHANGE PRICE TO:</u>
First offense - \$25.00	First offense - \$50.00
Second offense - \$50.00	Second offense - \$100.00
Third offense - \$100.00	Third offense - \$125.00
Fourth offense - \$125.00	Fourth offense - \$150.00

IF OWNERS HAVE CLAIMED THEIR ANIMAL FROM THE SHELTER IN THE PAST AND THEY DID NOT GET THE MICROCHIP THAT THEY PAID FOR, THEN THEY WILL BE CHARGED \$30.00 FOR THE MICROCHIP INSTEAD OF \$15.00.

OWNERS DROPPING OFF THEIR DECEASED PET

Up to 50 pounds - \$25.00

Over 50 pounds - \$50.00

At the present time we charge \$15.00, regardless of how big the animal is, if the owner drops it off.

DEAD ANIMAL PICK UP IN MT. VERNON

Up to 50 pounds - \$50.00

Over 50 pounds - \$70.00

******Price is subject to change due to gas surcharge.**

CHANGE THE FEE FOR BOARDING OF ANIMALS BEING CLAIMED

First offense - \$5.00 per day

AFTER first offense - \$10.00 per day

******Currently the Animal Shelter charges \$3.00 per day**

Cats will stay at \$3.00 per day.

Approved by the County Board on May 23, 2011.

ATTEST: Connie Simmons, County Clerk & Recorder

4-1-32 Amendment 6 adopted by County Board June 27, 2011

NEW FINES/FEES FOR ANIMAL SHELTER

Animals Dropped Off by Owners To Sign Over:

Previously, all animals (regardless if accompanied by a litter) the fee was \$5.00

Recommended new fees:

7 weeks to 3 months old:	\$10.00
4 months to 1 year old:	\$15.00
1 year to 4 years old:	\$20.00
5 years to 7 years old:	\$25.00
Over 7 years old:	\$35.00
Pregnant animals:	\$40.00

Litter of Animals Dropped Off By Owners To Sign Over:

Recommended new fees:

3-5 animals (7 wks. to 3 mo.)	\$15.00
6-10 animals (7 wks. to 3 mo.)	\$25.00
11 animals or more (7 wks. to 30 mo.)	\$45.00

Picking up owned animals from owners in Mt. Vernon – extra \$15.00

Picking up owned animals in county – extra \$20.00

Approved by the County Board on June 27, 2011.

ATTEST: Connie Simmons, County Clerk & Recorder