What every animal owner in the city of San Antonio should know!

PERMITS REQUIRED!

Permits allow Animal Care Services access to your private property without a search warrant. An application must be made for each permit and numerous requirements met. All permits are granted at the discretion of the ACS director and not granted automatically. Animals in violation of this ordinance are subject to seizure and impoundment.

All dogs over 6 months of age must be spayed or neutered Or purchase an annual $50 Intact Dog Permit plus annual $5 Pet License.

$5 Dog and Cat License required at 4 months of age. Unlicensed dogs and cats are subject to seizure and impoundment by Animal Care Services or Code Compliance and shall be humanely disposed of if not timely redeemed. Pet Licenses are free if pet is microchipped.

All outdoor cats must be spayed or neutered and licensed annually. Cats are no longer subject to Confinement and Restraint Laws.

$50 Litter Permit plus $50 Intact Dog Permits and $5 Pet Licenses for each adult animal. This permit is required for all puppies or kittens whether for sale, trade, or giveaway and must be displayed in advertisements.

$25 Excess Animal Permit: If over the limit of 5 dogs or 8 cats or 8 aggregate. Can't be kept exclusively outside, must be sterilized and other requirements. Valid for 3 years.

$25 Excess Animal Permit required for more than 3 domestic fowl which includes birds, chickens (any animal with feathers) kept for purpose of ornament or food.

Total number fowl and livestock allowed is five which may include up to three domestic fowl and two livestock animals. If maximum number is exceeded, an owner must apply for the $25 Excess Animal Permit in addition to the other permit fees below:

$150 Livestock Permit per horse/cattle annually. $50 each additional. $75 Livestock Permit per hog, sheep, goat, llama, etc. annually. $25 each additional.

$10 Cat Colony Permit required annually if caring for more than 8 outside cats.

OTHER NEW SECTIONS

New Vicious Dog Section. Animal Care Services can seize and impound a dog from its own backyard "before" the Vicious Dog Hearing is held, based upon one neighbor's complaint. Upon receipt of a sworn notarized affidavit of complaint from an individual, Animal Care Services will investigate and the animal may be seized and impounded until determination is made following a hearing and all appeals. The animal owner pays all costs.

"Mandatory Dog and Cat Spay/Neuter on second impoundment at Animal Care Services."