

FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES OF THE ANIMAL SHELTER

Uniform enforcement of Jefferson Parish Animal Control and Welfare Ordinance

Issue warnings to dog owners for allowing their dogs to be at large, followed by patrols to assure compliance.

Issue citations for violations of sections of the ordinance.

Seize and impound dogs found to be at large.

Quarantine animals that have bitten persons.

Keep Animal Control Officers on duty 24 hours every day for rescue of animals in distress and to respond to calls for assistance on any animal problem.

Accept surplus or unwanted animals at the Animal Shelter from 7:00 A.M. to 5:45 P.M. Mondays through Fridays and Saturdays 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. without charge (excluding Holidays)

Offer healthy dogs and cats for adoption from 9:00 A.M. to 5:45 P.M. Mondays through Fridays and Saturdays 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Distribute rabies tags and dog and cat licenses to all parish veterinarians.

Maintain Lost and Found File to reunite lost pets with their owners.

Investigate reports of cruelty to animals; take action to alleviate cruelty and prosecute those guilty of cruelty to animals.

Investigate reports of nuisances created by animals; seek cooperation of owners of offending animals to abate nuisance; assist in prosecution of those animal owners allowing animal nuisance to persist.

Inspect and license pet shops, stables and other animal handling establishments to assure high standards in the parish pet industry.

SUPPORT THE JEFFERSON PARISH SPCA'S MISSION TO:

Conduct a viable Humane Education program in schools, and with youth and civic clubs.

Encourage field trips to the East Bank Animal Shelter by school and other youth groups.

Provide exhibits and posters in the Shelter to illustrate to visitors the problems caused by surplus breeding of animals, abandonment of animals, and threats to wildlife.

Distribute pamphlets, brochures and flyers to promote proper pet care, responsible pet ownership, and neutering and spaying.

Sponsor a volunteer Neutering Committee to assist cooperating veterinarians in a low cost spaying and neutering program.

JEFFERSON PARISH ANIMAL SHELTER

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Marrero, LA 70072
349-5111

EAST BANK ANIMAL SHELTER

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***SERVING and PROTECTING
PEOPLE and ANIMALS***

**EXCERPTS FROM
JEFFERSON PARISH CODE,
CHAPTER 7**

SEC. 7-21(b). No dog shall be permitted to run or be upon any street, alleyway, highway, common or public square unless under the immediate control of a competent person and restrained by a substantial chain or leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length. Dogs found by the department to be at large may be seized and impounded . . .

SEC. 7-23. Every female dog or cat in heat shall be confined so that the animal cannot come into contact with an unneutered male, except for planned breeding.

SEC. 7-25(a). No person shall keep any wild or exotic species of land animals, reptiles or birds, warm or cold-blooded (except caged pet rodents, caged pet birds and animals in aquariums) unless a permit therefor is obtained from the department.

SEC. 7-28. Any part of a public street or square or the private property of a person other than the owner or keeper of an animal shall be soiled by the excreta of such animal, whether such nuisance shall take place in the presence of the owner or keeper or not, the owner or keeper shall promptly remove such excreta and dispose of it in a sanitary manner . . .

SEC. 7-47(b). The owner shall be entitled to resume possession of any impounded dog upon payment of the impoundment and daily board fees and compliance with vaccination and registration requirements; provided application for such possession, with payment of all required fees, is made within five (5) days, exclusive of Sundays and all legal holidays, after impoundment . . .

SEC. 7-50. The department of animal control may impound any cat, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, hamster, guinea pig, gerbil, and any other animal of like nature, found to be at large. Any such animal impounded may be reclaimed by the owner upon payment of impoundment and daily board charges and compliance with other legal requirements for keeping of such animal. If no claim is made on any such animal after five (5) days of impoundment, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, the animal shelter may humanely dispose of same in its discretion.

SEC. 7-66. It shall be the duty of the owner or keeper of every dog or cat over four (4) months old to register same with the (Animal Shelter) department by purchase of a dog or cat license . . . with appropriate anti-rabies vaccine . . . The license tag shall be fastened to the dog's collar or harness and worn at all times when the dog is off the premises of the owner . . . The license must be renewed no later than one year from the latest vaccination date and no dog or cat shall be licensed without a current rabies vaccination.

SEC. 7-81(a). Should an animal bite a person, or be reported to have bitten a person within the limits of the Parish of Jefferson, it shall be the duty of the owner, or the person having the same in his possession or under his control, immediately to notify the . . . department . . . and surrender said dog or animal to . . . the department. It shall be the duty of the . . . department to impound or cause to be impounded any such dog or animal for a period of ten (10) days for observation within the hospital facilities of a licensed veterinarian or at the animal shelter.

SEC. 7-96 thru 7-105. No person shall operate a (a) pet shop; (b) kennel or public auction; (c) K-9 or guard dog service; (d) be a breeder and/or dealer; (e) grooming shop; (f) stable building; (g) commercial stable; (h) manage a commercial livery stable; (i) roadside and petting

zoos, carnivals and exhibitions; . . . unless a permit to operate such establishment shall have been granted by the department.

SEC. 7-126(a). No person shall poison or ill-treat an animal, nor may an animal be abandoned. No person shall unnecessarily or cruelly beat, mutilate, kill, torture, or abuse . . . any animal, or fail to provide obvious necessary veterinary care.

SEC. 7-126(d). No animal shall be tethered as the primary means of stationery confinement; such stationary confinement by tethering shall be considered cruel treatment.

SEC. 7-142. Any person who, as the operator of a motor vehicle, strikes a domestic animal shall stop at once and render such assistance as may be possible and shall immediately report such injury or death to the animal's owner . . . sheriff's office . . . or local humane society.

SEC. 7-143. Failure of any person . . . to adequately house, feed and water animals in his possession or custody shall constitute a misdemeanor . . .

SEC. 7-156. Every owner or keeper of animals shall exercise proper care and control of such animals so as to prevent them from creating or becoming a public nuisance . . .



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AND SPAYING
CALL - JEFFERSON SPCA
733-PETS (7387)**