

FISHERS POLICE DEPARTMENT ANIMAL CONTROL FAQ'S

Q. HOW DO I FILE A COMPLAINT?

Call our dispatch at 317-773-1282, via web site www.fishers.in.us or stop by our office at 4 Municipal Dr. Fishers, IN 46038. The complaint will be given to the Animal Control officer to investigate. If the officer sees a violation when he/she arrives, appropriate action will be taken.

Q. WHO DO I CALL IF I AM MISSING MY ANIMAL?

Your missing animal may have been taken to the Humane Society for Hamilton County. Call or stop by the Humane Society for Hamilton County located at 1721 Pleasant St, Noblesville, IN 46060. Phone 317-773-4974. They will determine if an animal fitting the description of your animal was picked up and impounded.

Q. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ANIMAL CONTROL AND THE HUMANE SOCIETY?

The Fishers Police Department Animal Control is a part of the Fishers Police Department. As such, we are governed by all department policies and procedures. Animal Control officers and Police officers patrol the city streets and enforce all state laws and local animal related ordinances. The City of Fishers contracts each year with the Humane Society to house stray/impounded animals.

Q. WHAT DOES IT COST TO RECLAIM MY ANIMAL FROM THE HUMANE SOCIETY SHELTER?

A \$45.00 dollar "Return to Owner" fee is required when claiming a lost pet. This fee helps cover the Humane Society's processing expenses. There is a \$22 fee for each additional day your pet remains in their care up to 7 days. After 7 days, an adoption fee may apply. In the event your pet is not microchipped or wearing identification, it is important to bring proof of ownership such as photos or vet records in case there are any questions or disputes regarding ownership.

Q. WHAT ARE THE RULES ON ANIMALS RUNNING LOOSE?

No animal is permitted to "roam free" off the owner's property in the City of Fishers. This includes dogs and cats. City of Fishers Ordinance #91.02 RESTRAINT OF ANIMALS. "It shall be unlawful for any owner of any dog or cat to allow such dog or cat to run at large, whether wearing a collar and tag or not, within the incorporated or unincorporated areas within the city. Any and all such dogs found running at large, whether wearing a collar and tag or not, may be impounded by officers of the animal control unit or any police officer. The owner of the animal can be issued a summons into court for that city ordinance violation".

Q. DOES THE CITY OF FISHERS HAVE A "BARKING DOG" ORDINANCE?

Yes. It shall be unlawful for any owner or custodian of an animal to fail to exercise proper care and control of his/her animal to prevent it from becoming a public nuisance.

City of Fishers Ordinance #91.03 PUBLIC NUISANCE ANIMAL.

(A) A public nuisance animal shall mean and include any animal that:

- (1) Is repeatedly found at large.

(2) Damages the property of anyone other than the owner.

(3) Is vicious.

(4) Attacks without provocation.

(5) Excessively makes disturbing noises, including but not limited to, continued and repeated howling, barking, whining, or other utterances causing unreasonable disturbance or discomfort to neighbors or others in close proximity to the premises where the animal is kept.

(6) Creates unsanitary conditions or offensive and objectionable odors in enclosures or surroundings and thereby creates unreasonable disturbance or discomfort to neighbors or others in close proximity to the premises where the animal is kept.

(7) Is not being kept in conformity with city zoning ordinances.

(8) Any such public nuisance animal may be impounded, and the owner charged for a violation of this chapter. The city's zoning requirements are found in Title XV of the city's Code of Ordinances.

Q. A DOG HAS BITTEN ME - WHAT SHOULD I DO?

First is to seek medical attention if injured.

All animal bites shall be reported to the Fishers Police Department by the person bitten and by the owner of the animal which has bitten someone. The person owning any animal reported to have bitten any person shall keep such animal isolated for a ten (10) day observation period.

Q. I FOUND A DOG OR CAT; CAN I JUST KEEP IT?

City of Fishers Ordinance #91.14 LOST OR STRAY ANIMALS.

A person finding a stray animal is to notify the Humane Society within 48 hours. At the discretion of the Humane Society, the animal may be kept by the finder and a found pet report left with the department, to enable the finder an opportunity to return the animal to its rightful owner. Upon demand by the Humane Society, any found animal will be surrendered and held for a minimum of seven days before a disposition is made. A person finding an animal is obligated to comply with all rules and regulations of this chapter pertaining to humane care and treatment of animals, while the animal is in custody awaiting return to its actual owner. With the exception of the Humane Society for the city, the finder will be considered the found animal's owner for the purpose of this section only after the animal is in the finder's custody for 30 continuous days.

Q. DOES THE CITY OF FISHERS HAVE A "POOPER-SCOOPER" ORDINANCE?

Yes. City of Fishers Ordinance #91.13 ANIMAL WASTE.

The owner of every animal shall be responsible for the removal of any feces deposited by his or her animal on public property, public walks, public parks, beaches, recreation areas or private property of others. Owners of service dogs may be exempted from this section.

Q. DOES MY DOG NEED A LICENSE EVERY YEAR?

No. The City of Fishers does not have a license requirement.

Q. DOES MY CAT OR DOG NEED A RABIES VACCINATION?

Yes, per Indiana State Code and City Ordinance, a Rabies vaccine is required for all dogs, cats and ferrets over the age of 3 months. The initial vaccine is good for 1 year and then after the first year a 1 or 3 year vaccine may be administered.

Q. CAN I TAKE MY DOG IN MY CAR?

Yes you can, but under certain conditions. City of Fishers Ordinance #91.15 ANIMALS IN VEHICLES. No animal shall be left unattended in a vehicle when the conditions in that vehicle would constitute a health hazard to the animal (extreme heat or cold). No animal shall be transported in any open vehicle unless confined in an appropriate manner intended to prevent the animal from jumping from the vehicle or being thrown from the vehicle in the case of an accident.