

ANIMAL CONTROL AND IMPOUND SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into by the County of Champaign (hereinafter “the County”) and the Village of St. Joseph (“hereinafter “Municipality”) for animal control and animal impoundment services.

WHEREAS, Section 10 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 et seq. enable the parties to enter into agreements among themselves and provide authority for intergovernmental cooperation, and

WHEREAS, the County has formed and supports the Champaign County Animal Control Department to enforce the animal control policies and procedures outlined in the Champaign County Animal Control Ordinance 2024-10 (hereinafter “the Ordinance”);

WHEREAS, the County maintains and operates an Animal Control Services Facility (hereinafter “the Facility”) for the impoundment of animals that are seized by the County pursuant to the Ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Municipality has a need for response to requests for animal control services and animal impoundment services;

WHEREAS, the County has the ability to provide such services through the Champaign County Animal Control Department (hereinafter “the Department”)

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

Animal Control Services

1. The County currently furnishes an animal control program for the County and per this agreement will extend that program to include the geographical area of the Municipality. The Department shall provide all materials, training, licensing, insurance, staffing, and oversight the Department deems required for the provision of animal control services.
2. The Department will respond to requests for animal control services from citizens residing within the Municipality limits per the Department’s policies and procedures and Champaign County Ordinance 2024-10, attached as Exhibit A.
3. Per 510 ILCS 5/5(c), the Municipality’s police officers shall cooperate with the Department in carrying out the provisions of the Animal Control Act, and nothing in this agreement shall prohibit the Municipality’s police from enforcing the municipalities ordinances. In the event the situation is not secure and municipal law enforcement are not available, the response to the call will be suspended until a time municipal law enforcement are available to secure the situation and identify suspects. The

determination of “secure” will be made by the Department warden responding to the call.

4. For services provided by the Department for the first year of this Agreement, the Municipality agrees to pay the County \$100 for the first hour of all calls during standard business hours for field services, which are 8:00am-5:00pm, Monday – Sunday, excluding holidays or other days County offices are closed. After the first hour and for subsequent follow up calls within standard business hours established in item 4, costs are measured and charged at a rate of \$25 per quarter hour.
5. For services provided by the Department for the first year of this Agreement, the Municipality agrees to pay the County \$200 for the first hour of all calls outside of the standard business hours established in item 4. After the first hour and for subsequent follow up calls outside of standard business hours established in item 4, costs are measured and charged at a rate of \$50 per quarter hour. Triaging calls for service outside established business hours are charges at \$25 per quarter hour.
6. Calls for service to the Department outside of standard business hours established in item 4 will be assessed by the Department and only calls presenting an eminent and urgent public safety risk will be responded to outside of established business hours. Otherwise, the request for service will be addressed during the next available business day.
7. The Department will manage, supply, monitor, and maintain all aspects of dog and cat registration and rabies registration for Champaign County and shall collect and retain all registration fees.

Animal Impoundment Services

8. The Department shall provide all materials, training, licensing, insurance, staffing, and oversight the Department deems required for the services necessary for the impoundment, care, basic medical treatment, and transfer of all animals collected by the Department pursuant to this agreement or delivered by the Municipality or citizens residing with the Municipality.
9. The Animal Control Director reserves the right to refuse animals for any reason, including but not limited to animals that cannot be housed due to space, safety, or health reasons. The Municipality is responsible for arranging for and paying the cost of outside impoundment.

10. The Department shall provide the necessary access to the Facility for the Municipality to deliver and secure animals outside of standard business hours established in item 4. The Municipality shall notify the Department supervisor as soon as practical of its intent to deliver animals to the Animal Services Facility for impound and follow written procedures for safely securing the animal at the Facility. If a Municipality impounds an animal after business hours, they shall complete the Notice of Impoundment when securing the animal at the Department in its entirety. Failure to do so can result in a fine of \$50.
11. In the event of an emergency situation; including but not limited to the animal has life threatening injuries or illness, the animal is in severe pain due to an injury or illness, or the animal has a contagious illness that needs quarantine measures beyond what the Facility can provide as determined by the Department, the Animal Control Director may authorize emergency medical treatment up to \$250 to stabilize the animal or quarantine the contagion and then will consult with the Municipality regarding on-going treatment. The costs of the emergency medical treatment will be billed to the Municipality in the next applicable billing cycle. If the Municipality chooses to withdraw treatment, the Department will euthanize the animal at the Municipality's expense, or the Municipality will find alternative boarding for a contagious animal or severely injured animal that standard impound procedures and protocols cannot care for. The Department reserves the right to take custody of the animal from the Municipality and provide additional medical treatment at the Department's cost upon release or expiration of holding time
12. The Municipality will provide the Department with cell phone numbers for two (2) Municipal employees with the authority to authorize additional medical care or withdraw medical care with the outcome of death or euthanasia for the animal. If neither Municipal employee answers the call or responds within 20 minutes of the call, the Department will make the decision regarding additional medical treatment and/or euthanasia to prevent suffering and invoice the Municipality for said medical services in the next billing cycle.
13. The Department shall release animals to their owners upon (a) payment of all required fines, fees, registrations, or late payments to the Department or (b) written confirmation from the Municipality to bill the Municipality for the required fines, fees, registrations, or late payments upon the next billing cycle. If the Department chooses to waive fines and fees applicable to the County for the owner, that is not a cost incurred by the Municipality.
14. In the event an animal is the subject on an ongoing court case and the court issues a hold on the animal, the Department shall hold the animal(s) and shall not make it

available for redemption, adoption, or euthanasia until the court order is reversed by the court.

15. In the event an “Order of Destruction” is issued by the court, the Department shall humanely euthanize and dispose of the subject animal(s) pursuant to the Order once the Department has a signed copy of the Order. Until the order is received, the animal will continue to incur boarding costs charged to the Municipality. The Municipality shall be responsible for collecting their own fees and fines from the defendant and remit of this payment is not relevant to the destruction of the animal.
16. Animals delivered to the Animal Services Facility shall become the property of the County after one of the following events occurs:
 - a. After the expiration of any applicable redemption period:
 - i. 5 business days for animals without identification
 - ii. 7 business days for animals with identification
 - iii. 10 days for animals held on bite quarantine
 - b. Upon execution of an owner relinquishment form by the animal’s owner
 - c. After receipt of a court order authorizing the County to take ownership of the animal
17. The Department is thereafter authorized to sell, adopt, convey, euthanize, or otherwise dispose of the animal in the manner it deems appropriate. The Department accepts sole responsibility of discretionary decisions. Any stray animal held past the holding period shall be at the cost of the County.
18. The Department is authorized to collect fees from the impounded animal’s owner in amount(s) as authorized by the Champaign County Board. Fees are listed on the Department website. If the Municipality wishes to return the animal to the owner without all fees paid, they must provide notice to the Department in writing, and the remaining fees will be charged to the Municipality by the Department in the next applicable billing cycle.
19. The Municipality shall pay an initial rate per animal and an additional \$15 per day or any part of a day of impoundment, whether by surrender by a Municipality resident, impoundment by a Municipality agent, or impoundment by a Department agent.
20. Animals that are impounded when Department staff are on duty will be at a cost of \$50 per animal. Department staff are on duty 8:00am-5:00pm, Monday – Sunday, excluding holidays or other days County offices are closed. Animals impounded when a Department employee is not on duty will be at a cost of \$200 per animal. Animals

impounded by a warden in response to a call outside the hours listed above will be at the cost of \$50 per animal.

21. All animals from the Municipality will have a disposal cost of \$75 per animal that will be charged to the Municipality in the monthly invoice.

General Contract Content

22. For the purposes of this Agreement, all definitions are as described in the Ordinance.
23. The Department will create and maintain all record-keeping forms required by the Department.
24. All fees, fines, penalties, or late fees collected for enforcement and prosecution of the Ordinance will be retained by the Department. All fees, fines, penalties, or late fees for enforcement and prosecution of the Municipality Code imposed by the Municipality will be collected and retained by the Municipality.
25. The Department shall invoice the Municipality on the first of each month, to be paid by the 30th of the following month. Calls for service and boarding will be billed after the case has been closed and/or the animal has left the Facility. The County shall retain the right to limit, suspend, or terminate services to the Municipality if it shall omit to pay any fees within ninety (90) days of receipt of the County's invoice.
26. The Municipality will provide the Department one email address that is not tied to a specific Municipal employee for all invoice communication. It is the Municipality's responsibility to check for the monthly invoice and pay it within the required timeline.
27. All fees and costs (Service Fee) outlined in this contract by the Department shall be adjusted for inflation annually on January 1 (Adjustment Date). Increases to the Service Fees will be noticed to the Municipality within thirty (30) days of them taking effect. Service Fees will be increased annually by 3% or Consumer Price Index (CPI), Urban Consumers – US City Average, whichever is higher.

If CPI is used to increase the service price, on January 1 for every year the contract is in effect, Service Fees shall be adjusted upward and calculated as to the amount for each such yearly period. The adjustment by the cost of living as provided herein according to the Consumer Price Index (all items) for all Urban Consumers – US City Average. The base for computing the adjustments is the Consumer Price Index (all items) for Urban Consumers US City Average published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (Index), which is published for the month nearest the Adjustment Date (Beginning Index). If the Index published nearest an Adjusted Date

(Extension Index) has increased over the Beginning index, the Service Fee until the next Adjustment Date shall be set by multiplying the Term Service Fee by a fraction, the numerator of which is the Extension Index and the denominator of which is the Beginning Index.

If the Index is changed so that the base year differs from that used as of the month immediately preceding the Adjustment Date, the Index shall be converted in accordance with the conversion factor published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. If the Index is discontinued or revised during the Term, such other government index or computation with which it is replaced shall be used in order to obtain substantially the same result as would be obtained if the Index has not been discontinued or revised.

28. The Department agrees to provide monthly reports to the Municipality breaking down the number of calls responded to, number of animals impounded, and number of boarding days for impound animals.
29. This agreement shall become effective on the date that the last party to this agreement signs it, and this agreement supplants and terminates all prior agreements applicable to the administration, management, and operation of animal control and/or impoundment services as well as all prior agreements, verbal or written, regarding the animal control and/or impoundment services between the County and the Municipality.
30. This agreement shall continue in effect from year to year unless terminated by either party giving written notice to the other at least thirty days prior to the annual renewal date, which shall occur on the last day signed by a party year after year.
31. This Agreement may be amended only by a written document signed by both parties. This Agreement, including all exhibits and referenced documents, constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the matters contained herein. All attached exhibits are incorporated into and made a part of this agreement. No modification of or amendment to this Agreement shall be effective unless such modification or amendment is in writing and signed by both parties hereto. Any prior agreements or representations, either written or oral, relating to the subject matter of this Agreement are of no force or effect. Any written notice that is required between the parties shall be sent through first class mail, for the County to the Office of the County Executive and for the Municipality, to the Office of the City Clerk.
32. To the fullest extent allowed by law, the Municipality and the County agree to hold the other party harmless and indemnify the other for any loss, liability, or damages arising from any action, omission, or negligence of each party's employees, officers, or agents regarding the performance of this Agreement.

33. At all times during the term of this Agreement, the County shall maintain, at their sole expense, all required and necessary insurance coverages for the County, the Department, its employees, officers, and independent contractors.
34. The Parties agree to work cooperatively for long term solutions to systemic and repetitive animal control problems in the Municipality's jurisdiction. Both Parties agree this effort may require additional resources and efforts than outlined in the current contract and will put forward good faith efforts to provide those resources and work collaboratively on animal control solutions and initiatives.
35. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit the Municipality from prosecuting violations of their Municipality Code occurring within their jurisdiction.
36. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois without regard to any conflict of law or choice of law principles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed on the date and year indicated herein.

County of Champaign, Illinois



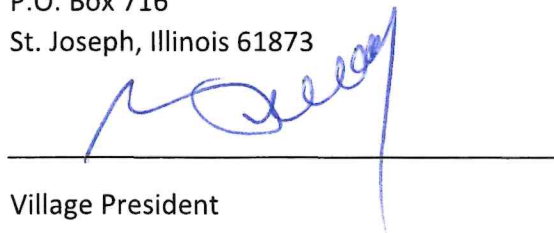
Steve Summers, County Executive

June 22, 2026

Date

MUNICIPALITY NAME:

Village President
Village of St. Joseph
P.O. Box 716
St. Joseph, Illinois 61873



Village President

06/01/26

Date

EXHIBIT A – CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE 2024-10

Ordinance No. 2024-10

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, The County Board of the County of Champaign, Illinois, is vested with the responsibility of establishing and enforcing animal control procedures that protect the public, care for animals, and contribute to the safety of our community;

WHEREAS, the Animal Control Department is charged with protecting the welfare of companion animals in Champaign County and strives to provide education, assistance, and enforcement for the safety and well-being of said animals;

WHEREAS, the services provided by the Animal Control Department are vital to a healthy community;

WHEREAS, An Ordinance Establishing Champaign County Animal Control Policies and Procedures was first established in 1975 and this version replaces Champaign County Animal Control Ordinance 2020-6;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the County Board of the County of Champaign, Illinois, that:

Section 1 – STATE LAW REFERENCES

- 1.1 Animal Control Act 510 ILCS 5/1 et seq
 - a. Referred to in this document as “AC Act”
 - b. Refer to for definitions.
- 1.2 Animal Welfare Act, 225 ILCS 605/1 et seq
- 1.3 Humane Care for Animals Act, 510 ILCS 70/1 et seq
 - a. Referred to in this document as “HCA Act”
 - b. Refer to for definitions.
- 1.4 Humane Euthanasia in Animals Shelters Act, 510 ILCS 72/1 et seq
- 1.5 Illinois Administrative Code; Agriculture & Animals; Animal Control Act
 - a. Referred to in this document as “Admin Code”
 - b. Refer to for definitions.
- 1.6 Illinois Dead Animals Disposal Act, 225 ILCS 605/1 et seq
- 1.7 Illinois Domestic Animals Running At Large Act, 510 ILCS 55/1 et seq

Section 2 - DEFINITIONS

This Ordinance incorporates the definition sections of the following acts and administrative code: Animal Control Act 510 ILCS 5/1 et seq, Humane Care for Animals Act, 510 ILCS 70/1 et seq, Illinois Administrative Code; Agriculture & Animals; Animal Control Act.

Definitions not included in previously referenced statutes and administrative code are listed below.

- 2.1 **Competent Person:** A human being over the age of eighteen years that can control and govern the dog in question, and to whose command the dog is obedient.
- 2.2 **Guard Dog:** A type of dog used primarily for the purpose of defending, patrolling, or protecting property or life at a commercial establishment other than a farm. "Guard dog" does not include stock dogs used primarily for handling and controlling livestock or farm animals, nor does it include personally owned pets that also provide security.
- 2.3 **Guard Dog Service:** An entity that, for a fee, furnished or leases guard or sentry dogs for the protection of life or property. A person is not a guard dog service solely because he or she owns a dog and uses it to guard his or her home, business, or farmland.
- 2.4 **Guide Animal:** An animal trained by a recognized organization to lead the legally blind. The term "guide animal" shall also include any service animal trained by a recognized organization to provide services to persons with disabilities.
- 2.5 **Ordinance:** The Champaign County Animal Control Ordinance
- 2.6 **Pet:** Animals customarily kept for pleasure or enjoyment, rather than for utility. Pets have the following characteristics: a special and close relationship with humans; partial or total dependence on humans and bred to live inside a residence in proximity with humans without requiring extraordinary restraint or causing unreasonable disruption. Feral cats are not "pets."
- 2.7 **Rabies inoculation registration tag:** A serially numbered medallion approved by the Department to be issued, as evidence of inoculation against rabies.
- 2.8 **Restraint:** A dog, off premises of its real property, is under restraint within the meaning of this chapter:
 - (1) If it is controlled by a line or leash not more than six feet in length when said line or leash is held by a competent person;
 - (2) When at heel of a competent person;
 - (3) When within a vehicle being driven, parked or stopped; or
 - (4) When utilized in the sport of hunting.
- 2.9 **Stray Animal:** any owned animal that is not controlled.

Section 3 - ADMINISTRATOR

3.1 Administrator Appointment 55 ILCS 5/2-5009 (f-5)

The County Executive, with the advice and consent of the County Board, shall appoint a licensed veterinarian as Administrator or if a veterinarian cannot be found and appointed pursuant to this ordinance, a non-veterinarian may serve as Administrator under this ordinance.

- a. In the event the Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Administrator shall defer to the Deputy Administrator regarding all medical decisions.

3.2 Administrator Day-to-Day Responsibilities

The Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Animal Control Department ("Department") under the direct supervision of the County Executive, within the limits of the County Board approved Department budget, and the requirements and expectations of this Ordinance, the Animal Control Act, and the Humane Treatment of Animals Act.

3.3 Department Reports

The Administrator shall make a monthly and annual report to the County Executive and the County Board. The report shall include information determined by the Administrator and the County Executive with the input of the County Board.

Section 4 - ENFORCEMENT

- 4.1** It is the duty of the Administrator, subject to the general supervision by the County Executive and the regulations of the Department, to enforce the provisions of the Animal Control Act ("AC Act"), the Humane Care of Animals Act ("HCA Act"), and this Ordinance.

4.2 Peace Officer Designation - 510 ILCS 5/5 (b)

Animal Control Wardens ("Wardens") are, in accordance with the Ordinance and for the purpose of enforcing it, clothed with the power of peace officers in the County and within such County are peace officers in the enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance, including issuance and service of citations and orders. As peace officers, they have the power to make arrests, on view or on warrants, for violation of the Ordinance and to execute and serve all warrants and processes issued by any circuit court.

4.3 Multi-jurisdiction Cooperation 510 - ILCS 5/5 (c)

However, such peace officers are prohibited from carrying concealed weapons. The Sheriff and his or her deputies and municipal police officers shall cooperate with the Administrator in carrying out the provisions of the Ordinance.

- 4.4** The Departments aids in the enforcement of the entire Humane Care for Animals Act ("HCA Act") and can impound animals and petition the Court to apply for

security posting for any violation of that Act. While the Department enforces the entire HCA Act, of specific note are the following areas of humane animal care:

- a. Every pet owner is responsible for providing sufficient quality food and fresh water, a shelter with four sides, roof, floor, and bedding, and be of sufficient size for the animal to stand up and turn around and placed in an area with shade and protection from the weather, regular and sufficient veterinarian care to prevent suffering and maintain health, and humane care and treatment.
- b. If a dog is tether outside, it must not suffer from a condition that would be exacerbated by tethering, is tethered in a manner that will prevent it from becoming entangled with other tethered dogs, is not tethered on a lead that is excess one-eight of its body weight or is a tow or log chain, is tethered with a lead that measures at least 10 feet in length, is tethered with a properly fitting harness or collar that is not a pinch, prong, or choke collar, and is not tethered in a manner that will allow it to reach within the property of another person, public walkway, or road.
- c. No person or owner may beat, cruelly treat, torment, starve, overwork, or otherwise abuse an animal.
- d. No owner may abandon an animal where it may become a public charge or may suffer injury, hunger, or exposure.
- e. No owner or person shall confine any animal in a motor vehicle in such a manner that places it in a life or health threatening situation by exposure to a prolonged period of extreme heat or cold, without proper ventilation or other protection from such heat and cold. To protect the health and safety of an animal, appropriate law enforcement with probable cause has the authority to enter such vehicle by reasonable means after making a reasonable effort to locate the owner or person responsible.

- 4.5 The Administrator, Deputy Administrators, Wardens, or other Department employees under the direction of the Administration enforcing the provisions of this article shall not be held responsible for any accident or disease that may happen to any animal.

Section 5 – FINES, FEES, LICENSING, and CERTIFICATIONS

5.1 Fines and Fees - 510 ILCS 5/7, 510 ILCS 5/9

- a. All fines, forfeitures, penalties, and fees collected as result of the enforcement of this Ordinance shall be paid into the appropriate animal control fund as designated by statute.
- b. The Department shall accept payment of fines, penalties, and fees enumerated in this Ordinance and issue receipts for said payments.
- c. The Department will maintain records of all violations of this Ordinance in compliance with the Illinois Local Records Act, 50 ILCS 205, whether such guilt was established in court or by payment of a fine per this Ordinance.

- d. Whenever any person charged with an offense which is payable at the Department shall fail to appear and pay his fine in the time prescribed, the Department may cause a complaint in the circuit court in the name of the People of Illinois to be filed against such person for such violation.
- e. Any person violating or aiding the violation of this Article, except Section 4, or counterfeiting or forging any certificate, permit or tag, or making any misrepresentation in regard to any matter prescribed by the Ordinance, or refusing to produce for inoculation any dog in his possession, or who removes a tag from a dog for the purposes of destroying or concealing its identity, shall pay a penalty of \$100.00 dollars for each offense. 510 ILCS 5/26; 55 ILCS 5/5-1113.

5.2 Cost of Animal Impoundment – 510 ILCS 5/10

- a. The cost of any animal being impounded by the Department is \$15.00 per day or any part of a day.
- b. Animals impounded with a current rabies registration tag attached to the collar of the animal and/or a microchip shall have an impoundment fee of \$35.00 for the first offense, \$50.00 for the second offense and \$75.00 for each subsequent offense within a twelve-month period.
- c. Animals impounded without a current rabies registration tag attached to the collar of the animal or microchip shall have an impoundment fee of \$50.00 for the first offense, \$75.00 for the second offense and \$100.00 for each subsequent offense within a twelve-month period.
- d. Animals impounded for bite quarantine may have additional charges for boarding requirements.

5.3 Animals At Large – 510 ILCS 5/5

- a. Any owner found to be in violation of Section 7 shall be fined \$50.00 for the first offense by the owner, \$100.00 for the second offense by the owner, and \$200.00 for each subsequent offense by the owner.
- b. If an owner owns more than one dog found to be in violation of Section 7, it shall constitute as a separate offense.
- c. On the second offense by the same animal, the owner shall be required to pay the fine and reimburse the Department for the cost to spay/neuter the animal, if it is not already, before the animal is released to the owner.
- d. All costs incurred because of this violation shall be the owner's responsibility.

5.4 Repayment for Destroyed Livestock – 510 ILCS 5/18; 510 ILCS 5/19; 55 ILCS 5/-1113

The following is the schedule of damages to be paid to owners of animals which are destroyed or injured by dogs within the county:

- a. For goats killed or injured, \$30.00 per head.
- b. For cattle killed or injured, \$300.00 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, \$30.00 per head.
- g. For all poultry, other than turkey, \$1.00 per head.
- h. For livestock not specifically listed, \$20.00 per head.
- i. For exotic animals, \$50.00 per head.

5.5 Veterinarian Reimbursement

- a. The Department shall pay the veterinarian issuing the County rabies inoculation registration tag 50 cents for each tag issued, to be paid as determined by the Department, but no less than annually. The Board shall cause a County rabies inoculation tag to be issued, at a fee established by the Board for each dog or cat inoculated against rabies.

5.6 Rabies Vaccination Registration 510 ILCS 5/7; 510 ILCS 5/8, 55 ILCS 5/-1113

- a. All owners of dogs and cats over the age of 4 months residing within Champaign County shall purchase a County rabies inoculation registration tag from the County.
- b. Rabies inoculation registration tag costs are as follows:

1 year altered	1 year unaltered	3 year altered	3 year unaltered	Senior over 65
\$15.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$65.00	\$0.00

- c. Any person failing to purchase the County rabies inoculation registration tag within 20 days of the vaccination shall be subject to a fine of \$100.
- d. The annual County rabies inoculation registration tag fee for up to two dogs or cats that are spayed or neutered and owned by an owner 65 years of age or older is waived, upon proof of identification presented to the Department.
- e. The annual County rabies inoculation registration tag is waived for service animals when the owner can provide proof of service assistance training. Service animal as defined by 720 ILCS 5/48-8.
- f. Failure to comply with County rabies inoculation registration tag requirements will result in a \$100 fine for each violation.
 - 1. The owner of the animal shall have 3 business days from the notice of the violation to vaccinate and register the animal.
 - 2. If the owner complies within 3 business days, the fine shall be \$35.00.
 - 3. If the animal is found to be in violation two times within a twelve-month period, the animal will be impounded by the Department. Impoundment procedures and requirements must be met before the owner can claim the animal.
- g. All dogs and cats residing within Champaign County shall always wear upon a collar, unless confined, a current County rabies inoculation registration tag. IL Administrative Code 8 § 30.60
 - 1. Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in a fine \$50.00. Every day of non-compliance shall be a separate offense.

5.7 Guard Dog Registration Fee

An annual registration of a certified guard dog is \$150 for an altered dog, \$200 for an unaltered dog.

5.8 Reimbursement to Animal Injury Victims – 510 ILCS 5/7

- a. The County may pay any person or resident of the county from the Animal Control Fund any amount for the purchase of human rabies antiserum, the purchase of human vaccine, any costs for the administration of the serum or vaccine or any amount for medical care which may have been provided to human bite victims.

5.9 Costs Due to Animal Attacks – 510 ILCS 5/16

- a. If a dog or other animal, without provocation, attacks, attempts to attack, or injures any person who is peaceably conducting himself or herself in a place where he or she may lawfully be, the owner of such dog or other animal is liable in civil damages to such person for the full amount of the injury proximately caused thereby.

Section 6 - IMPOUNDMENT

6.1 Stray Animals

When the Department has contact with stray animals, all reasonable efforts will be taken to identify the owner, including scanning for a microchip, providing notice to any contact information associated with the microchip, and sharing information about the stray animal through appropriate networks.

6.2 Stray Animal Hold Length

The Department will hold stray animals without identification for 5 business days for the owner to claim and stray animals with identification for 7 business days for owners to claim.

6.3 To Redeem Impounded Animals – 510 ILCS 5/10

- a. Present proof of current rabies inoculation and registration or reimburse the Department for said inoculation and register the rabies inoculation.
- b. Pay all fines and fees associated with the collection and impoundment of the animal, including but not limited to daily impoundment costs, medical costs, microchipping, rabies inoculation and registration, and the public safety fine.

Section 7 – ANIMALS AT LARGE

7.1 Running At Large – 510 ILCS 5/9

All owners of companion animals and livestock shall prevent said animal from running at large in any unincorporated areas of the County. Any animal found to be running at large in such an area shall be deemed a nuisance and may be impounded.

7.2 Running At Large Exemptions – 510 ILCS 5/9

This provision does not apply to:

- a. Dogs being used in legal hunting or field trials.
- b. Dogs that are in dog-friendly areas or dog parks, if being monitored and supervised.
- c. Dogs participating in dog shows while on public lands set aside for those purposes.
- d. Dogs on private property with the actual, implied, customary, or constructive consent of the owner of such private property.
- e. Dogs owned by any law enforcement agency while the dog is being used to conduct official business or being or being used for official purposes.

7.3 Multiple Offenses – 510 ILCS 5/9

On the second offense of any dog running at large, the dog will be spayed/neuter before being returned to the owner. If the owner fails to comply with the requirements of Section 7, said animal will be impounded.

- a. The Department has the option of allowing the owner to take the pet to the veterinarian of the owner's choice. The Department will deliver the animal to the veterinarian's office.

7.4 Financial Responsibility – 55 ILCS 5/5-1113

All costs incurred because of this violation shall be the owner's responsibility.

Section 8 – RESPONSIBLE POPULATION CONTROL

8.1 Owner Responsibility – 510 ILCS 5/5(a); 55 ILCS 5/5-1113

Every owner of a female cat or dog shall cause such animal to be securely confined in an area that is inaccessible to other cats or dogs while in heat. Violation of this section two times in a twelve-month period shall result in a fine and a requirement that the dog or cat be spayed.

Section 9 – RIGHT OF ENTRY

9.1 Access To Private Property – 510 ILCS 5/17

For the purpose of making inspections hereunder, the Administrator, or his or her authorized representative, or any law enforcement officer 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 stray animal, dangerous or vicious dog or other animal, or an animal thought to be infected with rabies. If, after request therefore, the owner of the dog or other animal shall refuse to deliver the dog or other animal to the officer, the owner shall be in violation of this Ordinance.

Section 10 - ABANDONMENT OF ANIMALS

10.1 Abandonment Is Prohibited – 510 ILCS 5/5

The owner of any animal subject to rabies is prohibited from abandoning such animal in the county. Abandonment is defined in 510 ILCS 70/3.01 (b).

Section 11 - DISEASED OR INJURED ANIMALS

11.1 Non-Rabies Diseases or Injuries

Any animal which does not exhibit a valid vaccination or registration tag, and which reveals the symptoms of an injury or disease, clearly not those of rabies, as determined by the Department may be subjected to disposal as provided in Section 6 of this Ordinance.

Section 12 – REQUIRED INOCULATIONS AND REGISTRATION

Costs associated with rabies inoculations are addressed in Section 5.

12.1 Age Requirement – 510 ILCS 5/8(a-b)

Every owner of a dog or cat residing within Champaign County and is four or more months of age shall cause such dog or cat to be inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian annually and register said dog or cat with the Department.

12.2 Tag Requirement – 510 ILCS 5/8(d-e)

Veterinarians who inoculate a dog or cat shall procure from the Department serially numbered tags, one to be issued with each inoculation certificate.

12.3 Registration Requirement – 510 ILCS 5/8(c)

Evidence of such inoculation shall be entered upon a certificate, the form of which shall be approved by the Department, and the certificate, one per animal, shall be signed by the licensed veterinarian administering the vaccine and include the immunization record, rabies tag number, and microchip number and contact information.

12.4 Certificate Filing

The veterinarian administering the vaccine shall cause the certificate of inoculation to be distributed as follows:

- a. One copy shall be given to the owner at the time of the inoculation;
- b. One copy shall be filed with the office of the administrator, or such place as the County Board shall designate within 20 days after the date of the inoculation;
- c. One copy shall be retained by the veterinarian administering the inoculation for a period as set by the department or the County Board.

12.4 Vaccine Licensing Requirement – 510 ILCS 5/8(f)

The type and brand of rabies vaccine used shall be licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

12.5 Rabies inoculation exemptions – 510 ILCS 5/8(b); 510 ILCS 5/8(g)

- a. This section shall not apply to cats defined as feral. Feral cats trapped, treated, sterilized, and released by the Department are exempt from tag registration.
- b. 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 inoculation, the owner is still to be responsible for purchasing the tag and providing the exemption documentation to the Department.

Section 13 – RABIES SYMPTOMS

13.1 Notification – 510 ILCS 5/12

The owner of any animal which exhibits clinical signs of rabies, whether or not the animal has been inoculated against rabies, shall immediately notify the Department.

13.2 Confinement – 510 ILCS 5/12

The Administrator will determine if the animal needs to be confined at the Department or by the owner, for a period of at least 10 days, unless the Administrator ends the confinement earlier in writing.

Section 14 – BITE PROCEDURE

14.1 Reporting – 510 ILCS 5/13(a-15)

A bite from any animal subject to rabies must be reported to the Department within 24 hours.

14.2 Notification of Procedure – 510 ILCS 5/13(a-5)

The owner of any animal subject to rabies that is alleged to have bit a human, must comply with the instructions from the Department regarding the bite procedure.

- a. Those instructions may be transmitted to the owner via in-person conversation, email, telephone call, or by mail.
- b. Any expense incurred in the handling of the animal in compliance with the outlined bite procedures is the responsibility of the animal owner.

14.3 Bite Procedure – 510 ILCS 5/13(a, a-10, 1-15)

Those procedures are as outlined below.

- a. The animal shall not be euthanized, sold, given away, or otherwise disposed of if it has bitten a human until it is released by the Department.

- b. Animals subject to rabies that have bit a human are required to be quarantined for a maximum of 10 days. The Department will determine and communicate to the owner the appropriate quarantine procedure and length for the animal, as consistent with the Animal Control Act. This can be confinement at the Department, at the expense of the owner, with a licensed vet, at the expense of the owner, or at the owner's home, as approved by the Administrator. It is the discretion of the Department based on concerns for public safety and health.
- c. To release the animal from bite quarantine, it must be examined by a veterinarian. If it is examined by a veterinarian outside the Department, the veterinarian must provide the Department with a written report on the clinical condition of animal.

14.4 Police and Search and Rescue Dogs – 510 ILCS 5/13(b)(c)

The procedure for bites by police dogs and/or search and rescue dogs shall abide by the requirements stated in 510 ILCS 5/13(b) and (c).

14.5 Exempt Animal – 510 ILCS 5/8(h)

The procedure for bites from exempt animals shall abide by the requirements stated in 510 ILCS 5/8(h).

Section 15 – DANGEROUS AND/OR VICIOUS DOGS

15.1 Destruction of Dangerous Or Vicious Dogs Running At Large

Any dog running at large within the county whose capture endangers or threatens the safety of an animal control officer, police officer, sheriff or deputy sheriff, or endangers the safety of any person within the county, may be destroyed by an animal control officer, police officer, sheriff, or deputy sheriff.

15.2 Determination of Dangerous or Vicious Dog – 510 ILCS 5/15; 510 ILCS 5/15.1

A dog is determined dangerous or vicious by a thorough investigation by the Department, abiding by AC Act requirements.

15.3 Appealing A Dangerous Dog Determination – 510 ILCS 5/15.3

Appeals to a dangerous dog determination shall follow the procedure set forth in 510 ILCS 5/15.3

15.4 Management Of A Dangerous Dog – 510 ILCS 5/15.2

It is unlawful for any person to knowingly or recklessly permit any dangerous dog to leave the premises of its owner when not under the control by leash or other recognized control methods.

15.5 Determination Of A Vicious Dog - 510 ILCS 5/15

In addition to the statute requirements, if, at the hearing on the violation of this section, the circuit court finds in favor of a defendant regarding the alleged

violation or otherwise dismisses the charge, then such dog shall be released to any person who can establish being an owner of the dog, subject to payment of any fees owed for the impoundment of such dogs in accordance with Section 5. If no one attempts to reclaim such dog within seven working days of the circuit court's finding in favor of a defendant on the violation of this section, then such dogs shall be disposed of in accordance with Section 6.

Section 16 – GUARD DOG REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

16.1 Registration of Guard Dogs

Owners of dogs used in commercial business for the purpose of patrol and protection may send a request to the Department for an application form for a "guard dog registration certificate."

16.2 Eligibility To Be A Guard Dog

To be eligible, guard dogs must be inoculated with rabies vaccine that is effective through December 1 of the year for which the application is made and be implanted with a microchip approved by the Department.

16.3 Ineligibility To Be A Guard Dog

Dogs which have been deemed dangerous in accordance with Section 15 are not eligible for status as a guard dog.

16.4 Guard Dog Certificates

Guard dog registration certificates will be mailed upon receipt of a properly completed form and verified registration payment.

16.5 Registration Expiration

Registration certificates shall expire on December 31 of each year.

16.6 Care Requirements

Dogs registered as Guard Dogs are not exempt from any care or other registration requirements outlined in this Ordinance, the AC Act, or the HCA Act.

Section 17 – PROHIBITION OF USE OF DOGS IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRIMINAL ACTS

17.1 Prohibited Acts

It shall be unlawful and a violation of this section for the owner of any dog to use any such dog to further a criminal act, or to suffer or permit any such to be so used. If the dog's behavior impedes law enforcement efforts to investigate or stop criminal behavior, to make any stop or arrest, to serve any warrant or to execute any search or seizure, any such dog shall be irrefutably presumed to have been so used.

17.2 Impoundment

Any dog used in violation of this section shall be impounded and held for final disposition by the circuit court at a hearing on the alleged violation of this section. If the name and address of any owner of such dog can be readily ascertained, then the Department shall give written notice to the owner by mail, service of summons, personal service, or other means reasonably calculated to give actual notice, at least ten days prior to any hearing on the violation of this section, informing the owner that such dog may be subject to forfeiture because of the violation of this section.

17.3 Forfeiture of Dog

If the circuit court finds that such dog was used in violation of this section, then such dog shall be forfeited, and shall either be humanely destroyed, offered for adoption, or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the state.

17.4 Release of Dog

If, at the hearing on the violation of this section, the circuit court finds in favor of a defendant regarding the alleged violation or otherwise dismisses the charge, then such dog shall be released to any person who can establish being an owner of the dog, subject to the payment of any fees owed for impoundment of such dog in accordance with Section 6.

17.5 Abandonment of Dog

If no one attempts to reclaim such dog within seven working days of the circuit court's finding in favor of the defendant, on the violation of this section, then such dog shall be disposed of pursuant to Section 6.

Section 18 - MISCELLANEOUS

18.1 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall go into full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

18.2 Court Determinations

In the event that any provision of this Ordinance or any part or application thereof to any person or circumstance, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction on its face or as applied, such holding shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance or any part or application thereof to any person or circumstance of said provision as applied to any other person or circumstance. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of the County Board that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, invalid, or ineffective provisions not been included herein.

18.3 Void Previous Resolutions and Ordinances

All previous Resolutions, Ordinances, or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed upon the effective date of this Ordinance.

18.4 Municipality Autonomy

Nothing in this Ordinance 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 article be construed to, in any manner, limit the power of any municipality or other political subdivision to further control and regulate animals in such municipality or other political subdivision, including a requirement of inoculation with rabies vaccine.

PRESENTED, ADOPTED, APPROVED, and RECORDED this 20th day of June 2024.



Samantha Carter, Chair
Champaign County Board

Approved:



Steve Summers,
Champaign County Executive
Date: June 21, 2024



ATTEST: _____
Aaron Ammons, County Clerk
and *Ex-Officio* Clerk of the
Champaign County Board