

**SECTION 20. FEE RESOLUTIONS**

**20.5 ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM**

**A. PURPOSE.** To establish fees for adoption, redemption, impoundment, and such other services as necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Animal Services program.

**B. SERVICES.**

(1) Provides a Domestic Animal Sterilization Program for all adopted cats and dogs via clinics, mobile services, or vouchers with contracted veterinarians or County veterinarian located within Seminole County. Program covers County-owned animals available for adoption.

(2) Provides use of nuisance animal traps for domestic cats and dogs to County residents at no charge. All confined cats or dogs should be turned over to the County's shelter. Residents returning damaged traps that must be replaced by the County shall be charged a replacement fee of \$75.00 per cat trap and \$250.00 per dog trap.

(3) Provides microchip identification for animals adopted from the shelter as part of the adoption fee, and also microchip implantation of owned animals for a service fee of \$10.00. These combined efforts facilitate reuniting any of these pets with their owners should they become lost, thus reducing euthanasia rates.

(4) Provides adoption services to the general public and animal transfers to non-profit rescue groups under contract with Seminole County or law enforcement agencies for all animals owned by the County.

(5) The Animal Services Administrator or designee reserves the right to decline to provide shelter services, such as the adoption or transfer of any County-owned animals, to any individual or group who has either surrendered owned animals to the shelter more than twice within any given year, has failed to make payment for any services previously rendered by the County such as impound or board, has failed to pay or contest citations issued to them for possible violations of County Code, or has been convicted of any crime involving animals.

**C. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES.**

(1)	Rabies Vaccination fee	\$ 10.00
(2)	Annual Standards of Care Certificate fee for commercial/business/for-profit	150.00
(3)	Annual Standards of Care Certificate fee for non-profit animal rescues and residential	15.00
(4)	Late fee for failure to renew annual Standards of Care Certificate fee	
(a)	First month	25.00

(b)	Additional late fee, second month	50.00
(c)	Additional late fee, third and each succeeding month	75.00
(5)	Duplicate Standards of Care Certificate for lost or damaged Certificate	5.00
(6)	Certificate of Registration for Dangerous Dog Annual Fee	300.00
(7)	Certificate of Registration for Aggressive Dog	
(a)	First two (2) years	150.00
(b)	Annual Renewal Fee, if applicable	75.00
(8)	Owner Surrender Fee, per dog	
(a)	One (1) to three (3) dogs	15.00
(b)	Four (4) dogs or more	50.00

**D. WAIVER.** The Animal Services Administrator or designee may waive any citations, fees or costs (in part or in full) that may be assessed to residents by the Division when such action is necessary in order to increase the number of animal adoptions and to reduce the County’s euthanasia rate. In addition, the Animal Services Administrator may waive any citation issued for violations of the County’s codes only when those citations have been issued in error or when any assessed citation fee would affect the redemption of the animal(s) involved with same.

**E. REDEMPTION FEES.**

(1)	Redemption of a dog, cat or other like-size animals:	
(a)	Impoundment fee, each animal	\$50.00
(b)	additional board, per day	\$10.00
(2)	Redemption of livestock* (horse, cow, swine, goat or like-size animal)	
(a)	Impoundment fee, each animal	75.00
(b)	additional board, per day	20.00

\* It is the owner’s responsibility to provide safe and adequate transportation for redemption of livestock. Under no circumstances will Animal Services personnel provide transportation for redeemed livestock.

**F. ADOPTION FEES.**

(1)	Dog: Fees may include microchip, vaccines, heartworm testing and sterilization.	
(a)	requires sterilization (male or female)	80.00
(b)	existing sterilization (male or female)	20.00

- (2) Cat: Fees may include microchip, vaccines, feline leukemia testing and sterilization.
  - (a) requires sterilization (male or female) 60.00
  - (b) existing sterilization (male or female) 10.00
- (3) Livestock:
  - (a) weighing under 350 pounds 35.00
  - (b) weighing 350 pounds or more 125.00
- (4) Small animals/livestock (i.e., rabbit, gerbils, etc.) 5.00
- (5) Pet Pals Program: Qualifying Seminole County residents must be present to adopt a pet of their choice as an individual owner (not on behalf of a business): \$5.00
  - (a) residents with disabilities or their family caretaker;
  - (b) residents 65 years of age or older;
  - (c) residents who are active duty military; or
  - (d) residents who are military veterans.

This program provides adoptions for a one-time reduced fee.

The reduced fee includes the costs of adoption, spaying or neutering, required vaccinations and an implanted microchip for identification.

This opportunity is limited to a one (1) time pet adoption per household, and requires government issued photo identification to verify residency. An exception may be made by the Animal Services Administrator or designee in the event that any pet adopted under this program has become deceased.

**G. DISPOSAL FEES.**

- (1) Euthanasia/Disposal Fees (excludes livestock):
  - (a) private domestic
    - (i) euthanasia 15.00
    - (ii) disposal 10.00
  - (b) commercial
    - (i) euthanasia 30.00
    - (ii) disposal 10.00

**H. COLLECTED FEES.** All fees collected are to be deposited in the General Fund to help offset the operations of Animal Services.



- I. AUTHORITY.**
- Resolution 2005-R-14 adopted January 25, 2005
  - Resolution 2014-R-182 adopted September 23, 2014
  - Resolution 2016-R-40 adopted March 8, 2016
  - Resolution 2017-R-24 adopted February 28, 2017
  - Resolution 2018-R-127 adopted September 25, 2018
  - Resolution 2022-R-87 adopted June 28, 2022
  - Resolution 2023-R-58 adopted May 23, 2023