

TITLE 8
ANIMAL CONTROL

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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section

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8-1-1. Purpose.

This title is for the purpose of ensuring humane care and protection for animals and adopting regulations concerning animals that will promote the health and safety of the residents of Tooele County. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

8-1-2. Definitions.

- (1) **“Animal”** means any live, vertebrate creature, domestic or wild.
- (2) **“Animal Control Officer”** means the person or persons designated by the Tooele County Commission or Sheriff to enforce provisions of this title, including the collections of licensing and permit fees and the performance of other related duties.
- (3) **“Animal shelter”** means a facility owned and/or operated by a governmental entity or any animal welfare organization that is incorporated within the State of Utah, and is used for the care and custody of seized, stray, homeless, quarantined, abandoned, or unwanted dogs, cats or other small domestic animals.
- (4) **“Animal at large”** means any domesticated animal, whether or not licensed, not under restraint as defined below.
- (5) **“Animal under restraint”** means any animal under the control of its owner or person having charge, care, custody or control, except a dog shall not be considered under control of the owner unless on a leash or lead, confined within a vehicle, or within the real property limits of the owner.
- (6) **“Bite”** means an actual puncture, tear or abrasion of the skin or clothing inflicted by the teeth of an animal.
- (7) **“Dog”** means any canis familiaris over 6 months of age. Any canis familiaris under 6 months of age is a puppy.
- (8) **“Stray”** means any animal at large as defined herein.
- (9) **“Guard dog”** means a working dog which must be kept in a fenced run or other suitable enclosure during business hours, or on a leash or under absolute control while working, so it cannot come into contact with the public.
- (10) **“Kennel”** means an establishment having three or more dogs for the purpose of boarding, breeding, buying, grooming, letting for hire, training for fee or selling of dogs.
- (11) **“Leash or lead”** means any chain, rope, or device used to restrain an animal.
- (12) **“Quarantine”** means the isolation of an animal in a substantial enclosure so that the animal is not subject to contact with other animals or unauthorized persons.
- (13) **“Vicious animal”** means any animal which is dangerously aggressive, including, but not limited to, any animal which has bitten or in any other manner attacked any person or animal. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

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Section

8-2-1. Powers of animal control officer.

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8-2-1. Powers of animal control officer.

(1) All Tooele County peace officers and any person employed by Tooele County as an animal control officer shall be vested with the power and authority to enforce this title.

(2) Animal control officers and all peace officers employed in the Sheriff's office are hereby authorized and empowered to apprehend and take with them and impound any animal found in violation of this title and including licensable dogs for which no license has been procured in accordance with this title, or any licensed or unlicensed dogs for any other violation of this title.

(3) In the enforcement of this title, any peace officer or the animal control officer or assistants are authorized to enter onto the open premises of any person to take possession of any dog in violation of this title. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

8-2-2. Duties of animal control officer.

The animal control officer shall:

(1) Enforce this title and perform other responsibilities pursuant thereto.

(2) Supervise the animal shelter(s) under his jurisdiction.

(3) Keep adequate records of all animals impounded and all monies collected.

(4) See that all animals and animal holding facilities in his jurisdiction are licensed, controlled and permitted in accordance with any applicable ordinance and/or regulations.

(5) Establish, in cooperation with the Tooele County Health Officials and other interested government agencies, adequate measures for rabies immunization and control.

(6) Provide suitable premises and facilities to be used as an animal shelter where impounded small animals can be adequately kept. The animal control officer shall purchase and supply food when required and supply humane care for impounded animals.

(7) Provide for the painless and humane destruction of dogs and other animals required to be destroyed by this title or by the laws of the State of Utah.

(8) Furnish, when necessary, medical treatment for such animals as may be impounded pursuant to this title. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

8-2-3. Interference with officer prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly and intentionally interfere with any animal control officer in the lawful discharge of his duties as herein prescribed. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

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CHAPTER 3

DOG LICENSING

Section

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8-3-1. Dog licensing.

(1) All dogs must be licensed each year, except as otherwise provided herein, to a person of the age of 18 years or older.

(2) Any person owning, possessing or harboring any dog shall obtain a license for such animal within 30 days after the dog reaches the age of 6 months; or in the case of a dog over 6 months, within 10 days of the acquisition of the dog.

(3) License applications must be submitted annually to Tooele County, utilizing a standard form which requests name, address and telephone number of the applicant; breed, sex, color and age of the animal; and rabies information. The application shall be accompanied by the prescribed license fee.

(4) License fees:

Female Dog - \$20.00

Male Dog - \$10.00

Spayed or Neutered Dog - \$5.00

No dog shall be licensed as spayed or neutered without proof that surgery was performed.

(5) The license shall be effective from the date of purchase through the end of February of the following year. Licenses for the following year may be purchased within 90 days prior to the expiration date. License fees for newly acquired dogs shall be prorated on a quarter year basis if purchased after February 29. If a license is not acquired when due, a late fee shall be charged, which shall equal the original license fee. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

8-3-2. License tag.

(1) Upon payment of the license fee, Tooele County shall issue to the owner a certificate and tag for each dog licensed. The tag shall have stamped thereon the license number corresponding with the tag number of the certificate. The owner shall attach the tag to the collar and ensure that the tag is constantly worn. Failure to attach the tag as provided shall be in violation of this title, except for dogs which are kept for show purposes are exempt from wearing the collar and tag.

(2) Dog tags are not transferrable from one dog to another. No refunds shall be made on any dog license fee for any reason whatsoever. Replacements for lost or destroyed tags shall be issued upon payment of \$1.00 to Tooele County.

(3) Any person removing or causing to be removed, the collar, harness or tag from any licensed dog without the consent of the owner or keeper thereof, except a licensed veterinarian or animal control officer who removes such for medical purposes, shall be in violation of this title. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

8-3-3. Licensing – Exemptions.

(1) The provisions of Sections 8-3-1 herein shall not apply to:

(a) licensed dogs whose owners are non-residents temporarily (up to 30 days) within the jurisdiction; licensed dogs whose owners remain within the jurisdiction longer than 30 days may have their license transferred for a local license upon payment of a \$1.00 fee, proof of current rabies vaccination and valid license from another jurisdiction; and

(b) individual dogs within a properly licensed dog kennel or other such establishment when such dogs are held for resale.

(2) The fee provisions of Section 8-3-1 shall not apply to:

(a) seeing eye dogs properly trained to assist blind persons if such dog is actually being used by blind persons to assist them in moving from place to place;

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(b) hearing dogs properly trained to assist deaf persons if such dogs are actually being used by deaf persons to aid them in responding to sounds; and

(c) dogs especially trained to assist officials of government agencies in the performance of their duties and which are owned by such agencies. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

8-3-4. Revocation of license.

(1) If the owner or custodian of any dog is convicted of violations of this chapter on three or more different occasions during any 12 month period, the animal control officer may seek a court order pursuant to Section 8-5-5, denying the right of the owner or custodian to maintain an animal in the County for a period of one year.

(2) If an order is entered pursuant to Subsection (1), the order shall require that the owner or custodian remove his animal from the County. If the owner or custodian fails, as ordered, to remove the animal from the County, the animal control officer may impound the animal, and the court, after notice and hearing, and for good cause shown, may order the subject animal destroyed.

(3) It shall be unlawful for a person to maintain an animal within the County in violation of a court order.

(4) The licensing authority may revoke any permit or license if the person holding the permit or license fails to comply with this title or other laws governing the protection and keeping of animals.

(5) If a person's dog permit or license is revoked for any reason other than by court order, the person may appeal the decision in writing to the animal control officer within 10 days thereafter. Upon notice of appeal, the animal control officer shall hold an administrative hearing to determine the disposition of the appeal and the animal. The animal control officer's decision may be appealed to the County Commission in writing within 10 days thereafter. If no appeal is made to the animal control officer within 10 days after a person's license has been revoked, the animal control officer shall, within 10 days thereafter, humanely destroy all animals owned, kept or harbored by such person, and no part of the permit or license shall be refunded.

(6) It shall be a condition of the issuance of any permit or license that the licensing authority, animal control officer, and humane officer shall be permitted to inspect all animals and the premises which animals are kept at any time and shall, if permission for such inspection is refused, revoke the permit or license of the refusing owner.

(7) If the applicant has withheld or falsified any information on the application, the licensing authority shall refuse to issue a permit or license.

(8) No person who has been convicted of cruelty to animals shall be issued a permit or license to operate a commercial animal establishment.

(9) Any person having been denied a license or permit may not reapply for a period of 30 days. Each reapplication shall be accompanied by a \$10.00 fee. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

8-3-5. Kennel licenses.

(1) No person shall operate or maintain a dog or cat kennel without first obtaining a license from Tooele County. The price of said licenses shall be \$25.00 per year. Applications for such licenses shall be submitted in writing upon printed forms provided for such purposes by the County. The application shall be referred to the zoning administrator and, if approved, to the Board of Health which shall make an investigation of the premises where such kennel is to be maintained and operated. The Board of Health shall make recommendations to the County on the granting or denying of such license and shall promulgate rules and regulations covering the conduct and operation of all kennels within the County.

(2) All kennel licenses are subject to revocation for cause. Whenever the County finds or discovers any infractions of any rule or regulation promulgated by the Board of Health or violations of this title, it shall immediately notify the animal control officer of said infraction. Upon receipt of such notice, the owner or keeper of such kennel shall be given notice to appear before said Animal Control Officer at a day and time certain to show cause why the license should not be revoked for such infraction. Appeals from the revocation of a kennel license shall be pursuant to Section 8-3-4(5).

(3) A kennel shall be an enclosure where dogs can be locked at all times and from which they cannot escape. Said kennel shall be constructed of mesh wire or other such material which will prevent the escape of dogs kept therein. It shall have a lock or latch and be kept locked at all times. Dogs placed in the kennel and continuously maintained there need not be licensed as provided for herein. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

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CHAPTER 4

CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF ANIMALS

Section

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8-4-4. Female dogs in season.

8-4-5. Places prohibited to dogs.

8-4-1. Unlawful to harbor stray dogs.

It shall be unlawful for any person, except an animal welfare society incorporated within the State of Utah under Section 76-9-302, U.C.A. 1953, as amended, to harbor or keep any lost or stray dog. Whenever any dog shall be found which appears to be lost or strayed, it shall be the duty of the finder to notify the animal control officer within 24 hours, and he shall impound the dog as herein provided. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

8-4-2. Dogs running at large.

It shall be unlawful for the owner or person having charge, care, custody or control of any dog to allow such dog at any time to run at large. The owner or person charged with responsibility for a dog found running at large shall be strictly liable for a violation of this section, regardless of the precautions taken to prevent the escape of the dog and regardless of whether or not he knows that the dog is running at large. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

8-4-3. Dogs on unenclosed premises.

It shall be unlawful for any person to chain, stake out, or tether any dog on any unenclosed premises in such a manner that the animal may go beyond the property line unless such person has permission of the owner of the affected property. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

8-4-4. Female dogs in season.

Any owner or person having charge, care, custody or control of any female dog in season shall, in addition to restraining such dog from running at large, cause such dog to be constantly confined in a building or secure enclosure so as to prevent it from attracting by scent or coming into contact with other dogs and creating a nuisance, except for planned breeding. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

8-4-5. Places prohibited to dogs.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take or permit any dog, whether loose, or on a leash, or in arms, in or about any establishment or place of business where food or food products are sold or displayed, including, but not limited to, restaurants, grocery stores, meat markets and fruit or vegetable stores. This provision shall not apply to guide dogs. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

CHAPTER 5

PROBLEM ANIMALS

Section

8-5-1. Dogs attacking persons and animals.

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8-5-3. Nuisance animals.

8-5-4. Bites - Duty to report.

8-5-5. Court orders.

8-5-1. Dogs attacking persons and animals.

(1) Attacking Dogs. It shall be unlawful for the owner or person having charge, care, custody or control of any dog to allow such dog to attack, chase, or worry any person, any domestic animal having a commercial value, or any

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species of hoofed protected wildlife, or to attack domestic fowl. "Worry" as used in this section shall mean to harass by tearing, biting or shaking with the teeth.

(2) Owner Liability. The owner in violation of subsection (1) above shall be strictly liable for violations of the section. In addition to being subject to prosecution under subsection (1) above, the owner of such dog shall also be liable for damages to any person injured or to the owner of any animal(s) injured or destroyed thereby.

(3) Defenses. The following shall be considered in mitigating the penalties or damages or in dismissing the charge:

- (a) that the dog was properly confined on the premises; or
- (b) that the dog was deliberately or maliciously provoked.

(4) Dogs may be Killed. Any person may kill a dog while it is committing any of the acts specified in subsection (1) above or while such dog is being pursued thereafter. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

8-5-2. Fierce, dangerous or vicious animals.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any fierce, dangerous or vicious animal to permit such animal to go or be off the premises of the owner unless such animal is under restraint and properly muzzled so as to prevent it from injuring any person or property. Every animal so vicious and dangerous that it cannot be controlled by reasonable restraints, and every dangerous and vicious animal not effectively controlled by its owner or person having charge, care or control of such animal so that it shall not injure any person or property is a hazard to public safety, and the animal control officer shall seek a court order pursuant to Section 8-5-5 for destruction of or muzzling of the animal. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

8-5-3. Nuisance animals.

Any owner or person having charge, care, custody or control of an animal or animals causing a nuisance as defined below shall be in violation of this title and subject to the penalties provided herein. The following shall be deemed a nuisance:

(1) Any animal which:

- (a) causes damages to the property of anyone other than its owner;
- (b) is a vicious animal as defined herein and kept contrary to Section 8-5-2 above;
- (c) causes unreasonable fouling of the air by odors;
- (d) causes unsanitary conditions in enclosures or surroundings;
- (e) defecates on any public sidewalk, park or building, or on any property without the consent of the owner of such private property, unless the person owning, having a proprietary interest in, harboring or having care, charge, control, custody or possession of such animal shall immediately remove any such defecation to a proper trash receptacle;
- (f) barks, whines or howls or makes other disturbing noises in an excessive, continuous or untimely fashion;
- (g) molests passersby or chases passing vehicles;
- (h) attacks other domestic animals; or
- (i) is determined by the animal control officer or County Health Department to be a public nuisance by virtue of being offensive or dangerous to public health, welfare or safety.

(2) Any animals which by virtue of the number maintained, are determined by the animal control officer or County Health Department to be offensive or dangerous to the public health, welfare or safety. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

8-5-4. Bites - Duty to report.

(1) Any person having knowledge of any individual or animal having been bitten by an animal of a species subject to rabies shall report the incident immediately to the animal control officer.

(2) The owner of an animal that bites a person and any person bitten by an animal shall report the bite to the animal control officer within twenty-four (24) hours of the bite, regardless of whether or not the biting animal is of a species subject to rabies.

(3) A physician or other medical personnel who renders professional treatment to a person bitten by an animal while in the unincorporated area of Tooele County, shall report the fact that he has rendered professional treatment to the animal control officer within 24 hours of his first professional attendance. He shall report the name, sex and address of the person bitten as well as the type and location of the bite and the location of the incident. If known,

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he shall give the name and address of the owner of the animal that inflicted the bite, and any other facts that may assist the animal Control officer in ascertaining the immunization status of the animal.

(4) Any person treating an animal bitten, injured or mauled by another animal within the unincorporated area of Tooele County, shall report the incident to the animal control officer. The report shall contain the name and address of the owner of the wounded, injured or bitten animal, the name and address of the owner and description of the animal which caused the injury, and the location of the incident.

(5) Any person not conforming with the requirements of this section shall be in violation of this title. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

8-5-5. Court orders.

County Justice Court Judges shall have jurisdiction and authority to enforce the provisions of this animal control ordinance. Unless modified by the court, court orders sought under the provisions of this title shall be pursued according to the following minimum notice and procedure:

(1) The animal control officer or his authorized representative, shall petition the court for an order for the desired action.

(2) The petition for the action, together with supporting affidavits, shall be served on the party against whom the action is sought at least 5 days prior to the hearing. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

CHAPTER 6

RABIES CONTROL

Section

8-6-1. Rabies vaccination required for dogs and cats.

8-6-2. Tag requirements - Duties of veterinarian.

8-6-3. Control of rabies and rabid animals.

8-6-1. Rabies vaccination required for dogs and cats.

The owner or person having the charge, care, custody and control of a 6 month of age or over cat or dog shall have said animal vaccinated within 30 days after it reaches said age. Any person permitting any such animal to habitually be on or remain, or be lodged or fed within such person's house, yard or premises shall be responsible for said vaccination. Unvaccinated dogs or cats over 6 months of age acquired by the owner or moved into the jurisdiction must be vaccinated within 30 days of purchase or arrival. Every dog shall be revaccinated thereafter every 24 months and every cat shall be revaccinated thereafter every 12 months. This provision shall not apply to veterinarian or kennel operators temporarily maintaining on their premises animals owned by others. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

8-6-2. Tag requirements - Duties of veterinarian.

It shall be the duty of each veterinarian, when vaccinating any animal for rabies, to complete a certificate of rabies vaccination (in duplicate) which includes the following information:

- (1) owner's name and address;
- (2) description of animal (breed, sex, markings, age, name);
- (3) date of vaccination;
- (4) rabies vaccination tag number;
- (5) types of rabies vaccine administered; and
- (6) manufacturer's serial number of vaccine.

A copy of the certificate shall be distributed to the owner and original retained by the issuing veterinarian. The veterinarian and the owner shall retain their copies of the certificate for the interval between vaccinations specified in this chapter. Additionally, a metal or durable plastic rabies vaccination tag, serially numbered, shall be securely attached to the collar or harness of the animal. An animal not wearing such a tag shall be deemed to be unvaccinated and may be impounded and dealt with pursuant to this Title.

The provisions of this section with respect to vaccination shall not apply to any animal owned by a person temporarily remaining within the jurisdiction for less than 30 days. Such animals shall be kept under strict

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supervision of the owner. It shall be unlawful to bring any animal into the jurisdiction which does not comply with the animal health laws and import regulations. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

8-6-3. Control of rabies and rabid animals.

(1) Unvaccinated Bitten Animals.

(a) In the case of an unvaccinated animal species subject to rabies which is known to have been bitten by a known rabid animal, said bitten or exposed animal shall be immediately destroyed.

(b) If the owner is unwilling to destroy the bitten or exposed animal, the animal shall be immediately isolated and quarantined for 6 months under veterinary supervision, the cost of such confinement to be paid in advance by the owner. The animal shall be destroyed if the owner does not comply herewith.

(2) Vaccinated Bitten Animals.

(a) If the bitten or exposed animal has been vaccinated, the animal shall be revaccinated within 24 hours and quarantined for a period of 90 days following revaccination, the cost of such confinement to be paid in advance by the owner.

(b) If the animal is not revaccinated within 24 hours, the animal shall be isolated and quarantined under veterinary supervision for 6 months, the cost of such confinement to be paid in advance by the owner.

(c) The animal shall be destroyed if the owner does not comply with items (a) or (b) of this subsection (2).

(3) Removal of Quarantined Animal. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove any such animal from the place of quarantine without written permission of the Animal Control Officer.

(4) Management of Animals that Bite Humans. Any healthy animal of a species subject to rabies that bites a person or animal or is suspected of having rabies may be seized and quarantined for observation for a period of not less than 10 days by the animal control officer and/or the Health Department. The owner of the animal shall bear the cost of confinement. The animal shelter shall be the normal place for quarantine, but other arrangements, including confinement by the owner, may be made by the animal control officer if the animal had a current rabies vaccination at the time the bite was inflicted or if there are other special circumstances justifying an exception. A person who has custody of an animal under quarantine shall immediately notify the animal control officer if the animal shows any signs of sickness or abnormal behavior, or if the animal escapes confinement. It shall be unlawful for any person who has custody of a quarantined animal to fail or refuse to allow a Health or animal control officer, or a veterinarian to make an inspection or examination during the period of quarantine. If the animal dies within 10 days from the date of bite or if signs suggestive of rabies develop, the animal shall be humanely killed and the person having custody shall immediately notify the Health Department and animal control officer who shall immediately remove and deliver the animal's head to the State Health Laboratory to be examined for rabies. If, at the end of the 10 day period, the animal control officer or a veterinarian examines the animal and finds no sign of rabies, the animal may be released to the owner or in the case of a stray, it shall be disposed of as provided in Section 8-7-3.

(5) Vicious Animals. If any animal bites or attacks a person or animal 2 times or more, such animal may be immediately impounded by the animal control officer without court order and held at owner expense pending court action. Any such animal shall be deemed a vicious animal, and the animal control officer may seek a court order as provided in Section 8-5-5 for authority to destroy said animal. Parties owning such animals shall, if possible, be notified immediately of the animal's location by the animal control officer. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

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CHAPTER 7

IMPOUNDING OF ANIMALS

Section

8-7-1. Animals to be impounded.

8-7-2. Records to be kept.

8-7-3. Disposition of animals.

8-7-4. Redemption.

8-7-1. Animals to be impounded.

The animal control officer shall place all animals which he takes into custody in a designated animal impound facility. The following animals may be taken into custody by the animal control officer and may be impounded without the initiation of any judicial proceedings:

- (1) Any animal being kept or maintained contrary to the provisions of this title.
- (2) Any animal running at large.
- (3) Any animal which is by this title required to be licensed and is not licensed. An animal not wearing a tag shall be presumed to be unlicensed for purposes of this section.
- (4) Sick or injured animals whose owner cannot be located.
- (5) Any abandoned animal.
- (6) Animals which are not vaccinated for rabies in accordance with the requirements of this title.
- (7) Any animals to be held for quarantine.
- (8) Any vicious animal not properly confined.
- (9) All fees or other money collected by the animal control officer shall be handled and accounted for pursuant to direction of the County Auditor. (Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

8-7-2. Records to be kept.

The animal control officer shall keep adequate records as listed below of all animals impounded.

- (1) Complete description of the animal, including tag numbers.
- (2) The manner and date of impound.
- (3) The location of the pickup and name of the officer picking up the animal.
- (4) The manner and date of disposition.
- (5) The name and address of the redeemer or purchaser.
- (6) The name and address of any person relinquishing an animal to the impound facility.
- (7) All fees received.
- (8) All expenses accruing during impoundment. (Ord. 2013-03, 2/19/13; Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

8-7-3. Disposition of animals.

(1) Animals shall be impounded for a minimum of 120 hours before further disposition, except as otherwise provided herein. Reasonable effort shall be made to notify the owner of any animal wearing a license or other identification during that time. Notice shall be deemed given when sent to the last known address of the listed owner. Any animal voluntarily relinquished to the animal control facility by the owner thereof for destruction or other disposition need not be kept for the minimum holding period before release or other disposition as herein provided.

(2) All dogs and cats, except for those quarantined or confined by court order, held longer than the minimum impound period, and all dogs and cats voluntarily relinquished to the impound facility may be destroyed or sold as the animal control officer shall direct. Any healthy dog or cat may be sold to any person desiring to purchase such animal for a price to be determined by the animal control officer.

(3) Any unlicensed animal impounded and having or suspected of having serious physical injury or contagious disease requiring medical attention, may, in the discretion of the animal control officer, be released to the care of a veterinarian with the consent of the owner.

(4) When, in the judgment of the animal control officer, it is determined that an animal should be destroyed for humane reasons or to protect the public from imminent danger to persons or property, such animal may be destroyed without regard to any time limitations otherwise established herein, and without court order. (Ord. 2013-03, 2/19/13; Ord. 2012-07, 4/3/12; Ord. 95-19, 9/12/95; Ord. 92-5, 9/1/92)

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8-7-4. Redemption.

- (1) The owner of any impounded animal or an authorized representative may redeem such animal before disposition provided the following fees are first paid:
 - (a) the impound fee;
 - (b) the daily board charge;
 - (c) veterinarian costs incurred during impound, including rabies vaccination; and
 - (d) the license fee and late fee, if required.
- (2) Fees shall be charged at the following rates:
 - (a) Impound Fee:
 - (i) First confinement: \$15.00
 - (ii) Second confinement: \$20.00
 - (iii) Third or subsequent confinement: \$40.00
 - (b) Daily Board Charge:
 - (i) Cats: \$8.00/calendar day
 - (ii) Dogs: \$10.00/calendar day
- (3) The owner of an impounded dog or cat must provide proof of a current rabies vaccination. If such proof is not provided, the owner shall be required to pay for such vaccination or make adequate arrangements with the animal control officer to obtain a rabies vaccination prior to redemption of the dog or cat.
- (4) No impound fee will be charged to the reporting owners of suspected rabid animals if they comply with Tooele County Code Section 8-6-1. (Ord. 96-19, 8/7/96)