

Domestic Animal Information

City Registration of dogs/cats:

1. Every dog or cat over four (4) months of age that remains in the city for more than thirty (30) days shall be registered/licensed. Registration/licensing of each animal shall include the owner's name, address, telephone number, emergency contact and veterinarian/vaccination information. A registration/license must be obtained from City Hall or a source participating with the city by showing a valid rabies vaccination certificate.
2. Each registration/license is valid for one (1) fiscal year (October 1st to September 30th) regardless of the type of rabies vaccination that was administered. Owners are required to provide notice of any change in information within twenty (20) days of such change.
3. In the event of loss or destruction of a valid registration/license tag, the owner of the dog or cat must obtain a replacement registration/license.

Rabies vaccination of dogs and cats:

1. Every owner of any canine or feline four (4) months of age or older within the city shall have such animal vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian of his/her choice. The state recognizes both one-year and three-year vaccines. However, no dog or cat need be vaccinated where:
 - (A) A licensed veterinarian has examined the animal and certified that at such time vaccination would endanger its health because of its age, infirmity, debility, illness, or other medical considerations; and
 - (B) Such certificate is presented to the animal control/services officer within five (5) days of such examination. However, the animal shall be vaccinated against rabies as soon as its health and age permits.
2. The cost of the rabies vaccination shall be borne by the owner of the animal.
3. Upon vaccination, the veterinarian administering the vaccine shall execute and furnish to the owner a certificate of inoculation and a current rabies tag. The certificate shall reflect the same number as the tag, the date and type of vaccine administered, the name and phone number of the veterinarian, the name, address (street and mailing) and phone number of owner, the breed, age, sex, color, markings, and other pertinent facts to facilitate identification of the animal.
4. Dogs engaged in obedience or K-9 training, dog shows, Seeing Eye dog and governmental police dog activities, while under the command or presence of the owner, trainer, or other responsible custodian are exempt from wearing the tag and license.
5. Owners must be able to provide proof of vaccination or registration/license upon demand within twenty-four (24) hours or be considered in violation.
6. In the event of the loss or destruction of a valid tag, the owner shall obtain a duplicate tag from a licensed veterinarian.

Removal of Animal Waste:

The owner of every dog shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta deposited by his dog(s), except on the owner's property. Any person walking a dog on the public beach or public property must carry the appropriate equipment to remove and dispose of any excreta deposited by their dog(s). No owner of any animal shall permit or allow the accumulation of animal droppings, feces, urine, or other animal waste on any property. An owner violating this provision is subject to the violations and penalties provided herein.

Other Rules:

1. It is unlawful and a violation for any owner to permit an animal to be at large in the city. At Large is defined as: any animal which shall be off the premises of the owner and which is not under or in the control, custody, charge or possession of the owner or other responsible person by means of leash, chain, or rope.
2. No animal, excluding marine life, shall be permitted to be on the Atlantic Ocean beach within the corporate limits of the city, from North Tenth Street to South Tenth Street.
3. It is unlawful for any person to house, keep, or maintain any horse, livestock, or wild animal within the city.
4. No one is allowed to house, keep or maintain in excess of four (4) domesticated animals within the city.
5. It is unlawful for any person to breed or sell animals, or dispose of such animals for any commercial gain or other commercial purpose within the city.
6. It is unlawful for the owner of any female dog/cat in heat to fail to confine the animal to make them inaccessible to any male dog/cat.

NOTE: For a more detailed list of rules regarding Animals please see Chapter 5 “Animals” of the Code of Ordinance. This Ordinance may be accessed at www.cityofflaglerbeach.com