

ANIMAL CONTROL

The City of Stafford Animal Control Officer works to enforce the city's Animal Control Ordinances and state laws regarding animal control issues. Our Animal Control Division works diligently to provide shelter and care to impounded animals and ensure proper registration and vaccination of animals residing within the city.

Since his employment as Animal Control Officer, Pete Ramirez has developed a strong working relationship with many members of the community. Through his efforts and the efforts of the community we hope to provide a safe environment for your family and pets.



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Animal Control Division



CITY OF
STAFFORD

A Division of the
Stafford Police
Department



**Promoting responsible pet
ownership to keep our
community and pets safe
and happy.**

Animal Control Services

City Ordinances

The following is a brief overview of the city’s ordinances on animal control. These ordinances have been adopted by the city to promote responsible pet ownership.

Rabies Vaccinations—Dogs and cats, 4 months of age or older, must be vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian.

Registration—Dogs and cats , 5 months of age or older, being housed within the city



must be registered. To register your pet contact the Office of the City Secretary. Proof of rabies vaccination and a \$2.00 fee applies.

REGISTRATIONS EXPIRE DECEMBER 31

Tag and Collar—Dog owners must provide a collar for each dog and attach the registration and vaccination tags.

Dogs at large—Any dog found running at large will be captured and impounded until an owner is established and shelter fees are paid.

Dog Bites and Rabies Quarantine—Any dog which bites a person shall be reported to the police department and quarantined, at the owner’s expense, for a period of 10 days.

Dangerous Dogs—Any dangerous dog must be kept in an enclosed area or under leash control at all times. This refers to any dog that has bitten, scratched, or attacked any person or animal which was not provoked.

Any violation of the Animal Control Ordinances may result in a citation and fines.

Lost Pets

Trying to find a lost pet can be a difficult time for a family. Registering and making sure your pet has it’s collar and tags will assist with identifying and returning your pet.

Notifying the Animal Control Division allows the ACO to ascertain if your pet has been located and is in the care of the shelter. If not, a description of your pet will assist the ACO while patrolling neighborhoods.



Pet Adoptions

The City of Stafford Animal Control works to place stray, abandoned or orphaned dogs into caring homes. By finding suitable homes, we hope to place a dog with a loving family that will make it a member of the family.



Please contact the Animal Control Officer to make arrangements to visit with pets available for adoption.

The application for pet adoption can be found on the Stafford Police Department website at www.staffordpd.com in the “Downloadable Forms” or “Public Information” tabs. A \$10 adoption fee applies.

Spay & Neuter

In addition to controlling pet overpopulation there are several health benefits to spaying and neutering your pets. Please contact your local veterinarian for more information.