

Village of Salado

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David Buchanan

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Fees:

Citation for Violation of
Ordinance: \$165.00

Section 6:

7.01 – Each offense
identified in the
Ordinance shall be a Class
C Misdemeanor.

7.02 – If on the trial of an
offense under Section
6.01 of this order the court
finds that the person has
been previously convicted
of an offense under
Section 6.01, the offense
is a Class B Misdemeanor.

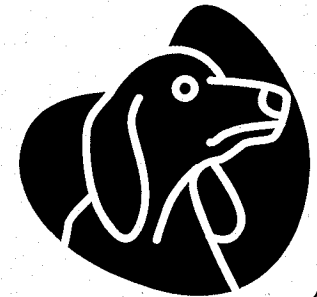
Entire Ordinance is
available upon request or
on the Village website.

There is no adoption fee.
A sterilization fee of
\$60.00 applies if the
Village is required to
sterilize the animal.



Village of Salado Animal Control Act

Adopted September 5, 2002
Ordinance No. 2002.16
Amended April 17, 2008
Ordinance No. 2008.12



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN that the Rabies Control Act of 1981 as set out in Chapter 826 of the Texas Health and Safety Code is hereby adopted and the following orders are promulgated to establish a rabies control program in Salado, Texas.

Stray Cats and Dogs.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of a dog in the incorporated area of Salado to fail to restrain said dog or to allow said dog to run at large, and any stray dog shall be declared a public nuisance, subject to the requirements of this order. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a cat that has not been vaccinated for rabies to allow said cat to run at large, and any cat at large that has not been vaccinated for rabies shall also be declared a public nuisance, subject to the requirements of this order.

The Animal Control Officer or any peace officer shall be authorized to capture and impound any stray cat or dog and place said cat or dog in an authorized animal shelter. The Animal Control Officer or any peace officer may issue a citation to the owner of a stray cat or dog whether or not the animal is subsequently impounded.

An impounded dog or cat shall be maintained in an animal control shelter for at least three (3) working days prior to release for adoption, unless sooner released to the owner, and no less than five (5) working days prior to humane destruction, not including the day of impoundment.

Any impounded dog or cat, except those subject to quarantine, shall be released to its owner upon payment of the appropriate fee charged by the animal shelter in which the animal has been impounded, as well as additional fees or expenses, if any, related to expenses of impoundment and boarding of the animal, upon presentation of satisfactory proof of ownership. No dog or cat shall be released until all fees due are paid by the owner. Possession of a vaccination certificate describing the dog or cat or bearing the same serial number that appears on a metal tag worn by the animal shall be accepted as *prima facie* proof of ownership.

Any impounded dog or cat not under quarantine that is not claimed and redeemed by an owner within three (3) working days following impoundment of the animal shall become the property of Bell County, and may then be released to any person for adoption in a suitable home for an appropriate adoption fee charged by the animal shelter in which the animal is impounded. The decision to release a dog or cat for adoption shall be in the sole discretion of the authorized custodian of the animal shelter in which the dog or cat has been placed for impoundment.

Rabies Vaccinations.

It shall be unlawful for a person to fail or to refuse to have each cat or dog owned by the person vaccinated against rabies by the time the animal is four (4) months of age and annually thereafter.

It shall be unlawful to keep or maintain in the incorporated areas of Salado a dog or cat over the age of four months that does not have a current rabies vaccination.

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow a dog or cat over the age of four months to be at large without wearing a current metal vaccination tag as issued by a veterinarian. It shall also be unlawful to cause a dog or cat to wear attached to its collar, or otherwise, a vaccination tag not issued for that dog or cat.

Rabies Control.

Any person who knows of an animal bite or scratch to an individual that the person could reasonably foresee as capable of transmitting rabies, or who knows of an animal that the person suspects is rabid, shall immediately report the incident or animal to the Animal Control Officer, to include the name and address of the victim and of the animal's owner, if known, and any other information that may help in locating the victim and/or the animal. It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to report an animal bite or scratch that could be reasonably foreseen as capable of transmitting rabies.