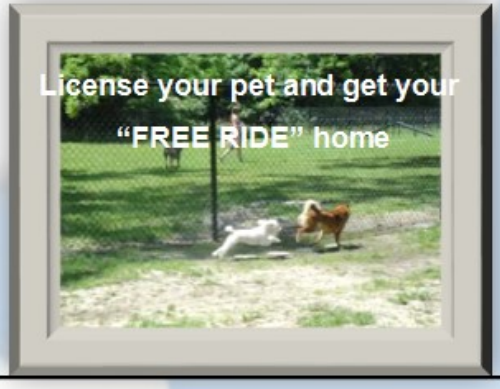
Free Ride Home !

The Palm Coast "Free Ride Home Program" was implemented to insure that if your pets are running-at-Large and picked up by one of our Animal Control Officers, they are given a free ride home instead of them going through the stress and expense of being impounded . Licensing your pet is like taking out an insurance policy—if your pet ever gets lost, it can help ensure they'll be returned home when found. This is provided that there is no serious law violation and there is someone home to receive the pet.

(Habitual offenders will receive a free ride home, but may be accompanied with a Citation.)

PC License = Free Ride Home



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Animal Control

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City of Palm Coast Animal Control Codes and Services

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Hours of Operation—Monday—Sunday 8:00am to 5:00 pm
After hour emergencies please contact the Sheriff's Office at (386) 437-4116

Open Vehicle Tether System means a system designed to keep a dog securely attached and restrained in an open vehicle safe and free of hazard and away from the sides of the open vehicle

Things to Know

Q. Is there a leash law in the City of Palm Coast?

A. Yes. All animals must be leashed when off of their owner's property.

Q. Do we have to clean up after our animal?

A. Yes. You must pick up after your animal when off the owner's property.

Q. We have a raccoon in the backyard that looks sick. Will you pick it up?

A. No. Animal Control handles only domestic animals. You may need to contact a wildlife trapper of your choice.

Fun In The Sun

WATER

Must be provided to all Animals at all times while outdoors.

SHELTER

Must be provided if animal(s) are outside any longer than 30 minutes. Shelter must be able to protect animal(s) from exposure to elements such as rain, cold, wind and heat. The shelter should properly accommodate the animal in size and width according to the animals size and weight.

CONTAINMENT

Means that the animal(s) is restrained by chain, cord, or cable no shorter then 8 feet in length. The chain, cable, or cord is to weigh no more than one-eighth of the dog or puppy's weight. These devices shall not be used to confine an animal during times of extreme weather. (e.g., hurricanes or freezing temperatures)

Animals On the Go

Tethered means a rope, chain, or similar restraint for holding an animal in place, allowing a short radius in which the animal can move about and/or does not allow the animal to move outside the bed of an open vehicle.

Double Tether means using two tethers attached to an animal which does not allow the animal to move around the inside of the bed of an open vehicle.

Animal Control Codes

Chapter 8

Sec. 8-2 Inoculation of Dogs & Health Certificate

Each dog possessed or owned within the City shall be inoculated annually against the following diseases:

- Canine Distemper
- Infectious Hepatitis
- Leptospirosis
- Tracheobronchitis
- Canine Parvo Virus
- **Dogs Shall be Vaccinated for Rabies as Required by Florida Law.**

Sec. 8-3 Inoculation of Cats & Health Certificate

Each cat possessed or owned within the City shall be inoculated annually against the following diseases:

- Feline Respiratory Infection
- Feline Distemper
- **Cats Shall be Vaccinated for Rabies as Required by Florida Law.**

Sec. 8-36 Removal of Animal Waste

The owner of every animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta deposited by his/her animal on public walks, recreation areas, public right-of-ways or private property, other than the owner's property.

Sec. 8-30 Public Nuisance Animal

Any animal which meets any one or more of the following criteria would be a Public Nuisance Animal:

- Any Animal that is repeatedly found at large.
- Any Animal that damages, harms or destroys the property of anyone other than their owner's.
- Any Animal that HAS been determined to be a dangerous animal that is not confined as required by the Code.
- Any Animal that causes unsanitary conditions of enclosures or surroundings, determined by the Animal Control Officer.
- Any Animal that is a diseased animal and dangerous to human health.
- Any Animal that repeatedly or excessively (in excess of 20 minutes) barks, cries, howls, screeches, squawks, screams, whines or makes other prolonged or disturbing noises interfering with the peace, comfort, repose or quietude of the neighboring properties, providing the complainant has filed a sworn statement with either a City of Palm Coast Animal Control Officer, a Law Enforcement Officer or a Code Enforcement Officer.
- Any Animal that has been determined to be a stray.
- Any Animal that is a female animal that is not confined within a building, structure, cage, or not otherwise kept under restraint during her estrous cycle. (in heat)
- Any Animal that is a rabies-susceptible animal that has not been appropriately inoculated against rabies.
- Any Animal that causes offensive odors from or upon the premises on which the animal is maintained, as to prevent a public nuisance which affects the public health, safety or welfare or livability of adjacent or proximate property.
- Any Animal chasing vehicles, domestic animals, or humans.
- Any Animal acting in an aggressive manner.

Animal Licensing

Section 8-51

- Animal Control requires owners of dogs and cats to obtain license tags for their animals within 30 days of bringing such animals into the City.

- The required license tag shall be worn by the animal at all times unless a licensed veterinarian or the Animal Control Officer shall certify that the wearing of a tag is impossible, impractical or dangerous to the particular type of animal involved.

License Fees

Altered Cats/Dogs…….$5.00
Unaltered Cats/Dogs…….$10.00
Service Animals……..Free

Tags are available through the City of Palm Coast and Flagler Humane Society

Failure to comply with City Codes may result in the issuance of a citation and further Code Enforcement action.

Top Violations

Animals at Large
Domestic Animal Constituting a Nuisance
Failure to Remove Animal Waste by Owner or Keeper
Animal Deemed to be Abandoned
Animals that Bite
Unvaccinated Animals
Neglected, Abused, Cruelly Treated, Sick or Injured Animals
Unlicensed Animals
Animal in Heat, not Properly Confined
Animal Acting in an Aggressive Manner