

AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2004-007
ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALABAMA,
AS FOLLOWS:

ANIMAL CONTROL; RABIES CONTROL

Right of entry of police officers, designated City employee or City official, and capture of animals; interference with officers or designated City employee or City official

- (a) For the purpose of discharging the duties imposed by this ordinance and to enforce the provision thereof, the police officer or any City official or any designated City employee is empowered to enter, at reasonable times, or as may be necessary, upon any premises upon which an animal is kept or harbored, and to demand the owner exhibit the certificate of vaccination of such animals, if applicable.
- (b) The officer or any City official or any designated City employee shall have the right for the public health, welfare, and safety to enter upon any property within the City for the purpose of: (1) capturing any animal running at large; (2) capturing any animal upon written complaint that such animal has bitten a human being; (3) capturing any vicious animal; or (4) capturing any rabid animal.
- (c) No person shall hinder, molest, or interfere with any officer or City official or any designated City employee who is authorized or empowered to perform any duty of this article.

Animals prohibited at large

- (a) It shall be unlawful for the owner or person in charge of an animal, except cats and fowl, to cause or permit such animal to run at large or be upon a street, sidewalk, thoroughfare, property other than that of the owner of the animal, or public place within the City or its police jurisdiction, unless such animal is attached to a leash in the hands of said owner or person in charge of said animal. Any cat may be impounded, as provided herein, upon written complaint that said cat is on the complainant's property, without permission. Thereafter, the said cat shall be subject to disposal or release as provided herein, although such would not result in a citation against the owner or person in charge of the cat under this provision.
- (b) The owner of an animal, and any other person or persons in custody or control thereof, shall cause to be removed any solid body excretions deposited by said animal on any property not owned by or in possession of the animal owner or the person or persons in custody and control of said animal at the time of said deposit.

Impoundment of Animals

Animals that do not have a collar and tag with its owner's name and with a current rabies tag, found running at large, or otherwise not restrained or confined, and only cats as previously stated, shall be picked up and transported to the Walker County Humane Society to be disposed of as may be necessary. A reasonable effort will be made to notify the owners of such animals and to inform such owners of the conditions whereby they may regain custody of such animals.

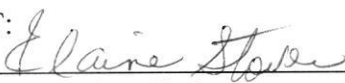
Redemption authorized

- (a) The owner shall be entitled to resume possession of any impounded animal, except as otherwise provided in this article for certain animals, upon compliance with the vaccination requirements of this ordinance and the payment of impounding and boarding fees set forth by the Walker County Humane Society.
- (b) The owner or purchaser of an impounded animal may secure its release from impoundment prior to inoculation upon payment of an amount for inoculation determined by the Walker County Humane Society, whereupon the Humane Society will issue a receipt for such money. It will be the responsibility of the owner or purchaser of such animal to present the animal, along with the receipt, to a duly licensed veterinarian for proper inoculation with 72 hours after receiving such certificate. Such certificate shall be delivered to the veterinarian performing such inoculation. After inoculation, the owner of the animal must present to the City clerk of Cordova the inoculation receipt and rabies tag received from the veterinarian.
- (c) No person shall keep, harbor, confine or possess any animal released from impoundment which has not been inoculated within 72 hours of the release from impoundment as provided above.
- (d) It shall be unlawful to have or operate a kennel or puppy mill within the City Limits of the City of Cordova.
- (e) Failure to comply with this ordinance will result in a fine of \$25.00 for the first offense and \$50.00 for a second offense.

Adopted and approved on this the 23 day of November, 2004.



Jack Scott/Mayor

ATTEST: 

Elaine Stover, City Clerk