

## Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Animal Control

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**Question:** Are my cats allowed to be outdoors?

**Answer:** Both cats and dogs are allowed to venture out of your house, but they must remain on your property.

**Question:** If my pet gets picked up, what happens to him/her?

**Answer:** All animals picked up by animal control are taken to a shelter and kept on a stray hold for 5 business days (one week). During this time the City of Neosho will post a photo of the stray animal to their facebook page and the shelter will also do their due diligence to try and find the owner(s) of the animal. After five business days, the animal will officially belong to the shelter and they will adopt the animal out to a new person or family after making sure the animal is vaccinated and altered.

**Question:** Does the ACO scan animals for a microchip before taking the animal to a shelter?

**Answer:** The ACO scans every animal for a microchip immediately after collecting each animal. If the cat/dog does have a microchip, the company is contacted and will usually provide the ACO with an owner's name, phone number and address. It is important for owners to update their information with the microchip company if they move or change their phone number. If there is any type of identifier (tag, microchip, etc.) on an animal, we always do everything we can before taking an animal to a shelter.

**Question:** Does my animal require a city license? If so, where can I obtain one?

**Answer:** Yes. An animal license is required for all cats and dogs over 4 months of age. To obtain a city license, all you need to do is take proof of a rabies vaccination (administered within the past 12 months) to City Hall. If your animal is altered (spayed/neutered), it is absolutely free for a lifetime! If your animal has not been altered, the city license is only \$20/year.

**Question:** Why must my animal be quarantined if it has had its rabies shot?

**Answer:** The disease rabies can be fatal. If an animal bites a person or other animal, we must use maximum caution to maintain the health and safety of every party involved. There are too many human factors that can cause the vaccine not to work. State law mandates that all dogs must be quarantined for a minimum of ten days from the time of the incident.

**Question:** What is an animal at large?

**Answer:** "It shall be unlawful for any person to permit a dog or cat possessed, kept or harbored by him/her, to be allowed to run at large, unless leashed, on the streets, alleys, public places or on private premises not under control of such owner, within the City, whether a license for such dog or cat shall have been secured or not."