

RESOLUTION NO. 2009 \_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE COLLIER COUNTY DOMESTIC ANIMAL SERVICES FEE POLICY AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTIONS 95-107, 95-106, 93-404, 2008-251 AND ALL OTHER RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING ANIMAL SERVICES-RELATED FEES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Animal Services has recommended to the Board of County Commissioners that a complete Domestic Animal Services Fee Policy be established as follows; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners hereby accepts the recommendations of the Director of Animal Services.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLLIER COUNTY THAT:**

1. The Collier County Domestic Animal Services Fee Policy is hereby established as follows. This Policy supersedes policies as established in Resolutions 95-107, 95-106, 93-404, 2008-251 and all other Resolutions establishing animal services-related fees:

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish user fees which will partially offset the cost of providing domestic animal services to the taxpayers of Collier County.

**II. LIMITATIONS**

**No Waiving of Fees.** The Board of County Commissioners shall set all fees and charges. No fees may be waived, except as stated herein.

**Non-Fee-Related Policies.** The Director of Animal Services, or designee, may waive enforcement or application of any department policies or restrictions provided such waiver does not conflict with applicable local, state, or federal laws and does not interfere with public safety.

**Promotional Sales and Advertisements.** Fees may be reduced from time to time for special promotional sales and advertisements if approved by the Director of Animal Services and such a reduction is applied in a consistent and time-limited manner. Examples may include but are not limited to: Two-

for-one cat adoptions in June to recognize National Adopt-A-Cat Month, or reduced adoption fees in February for senior citizens.

**Service Animals.** All fees associated with services provided to service animals, as defined in F.S. 413.08, are waived.

**Safekeeping.** If an animal is impounded at the request of a first-responding agency due to the death, medical emergency, or disaster-related circumstance of its owner or caretaker, and that animal is claimed by the owner, next of kin, or otherwise authorized party before the end of the next business day after impoundment within the standard holding period, impound fees may be waived. This exception does not apply to animals of owners or caretakers who have been arrested or incarcerated.

**Refunds.** The following fees are nonrefundable: Impoundment Fees, Owner Surrender Fees, License Fees (except as provided for herein), and Permitting Fees. The following fees are refundable only if service is not rendered: Mandatory Spay/Neuter Fees and Micro-chipping Fees. Euthanasia and Cremation Service Fees may be refunded at the discretion of the Director of Animal Services, or designee, upon written request received within 30 days of payment or receipt of service, whichever comes first.

Adoption fees will be refunded within seven days of placement if 1) the animal is returned to Domestic Animal Services or, 2) the adopter can demonstrate non-routine veterinary medical expenses in excess of the amount of the adoption fee. Adoptions are considered "as is," and no expenses beyond the adoption fee will be reimbursed. Adopted animals may be returned between the eighth and the 30th day after placement without incurring an owner surrender fee, but the adoption fee will not be refunded. On the 31st day and all those thereafter, an owner surrender fee will be incurred for adoption returns. Days are counted as calendar days, irrespective of Domestic Animal Services open-to-the public hours.

### III. FEES

<b>Impoundment</b>	
Dogs, cats, and other small animals dropped-off	
First occurrence	\$25
Second occurrence	\$50
Each occurrence thereafter	\$100
Dogs, cats, and other small animals picked up by ACO	
First occurrence	\$40
Second occurrence	\$65
Each occurrence thereafter	\$115
<u>Impound fees will be waived for cats and dogs reclaimed before the end of the second business day after impoundment when the animal has a current County license</u>	



<u>at the time of impoundment.</u>	
Equine, bovine, and other livestock	
Over 200 lbs., first impoundment	\$50
Over 200 lbs., second impoundment of same or different animal from same site	\$75
Over 200 lbs., each subsequent impoundment of same or different animal from same site	\$100
Under 200 lbs., first impoundment	\$20
Under 200 lbs., second impoundment of same or different animal from same site	\$45
Under 200 lbs., each subsequent impoundment of same or different animal from same site	\$70
Transportation for impounded livestock	direct cost plus 50%
Daily board for all impounded animals	\$10
<u>Daily board fees will be waived for cats and dogs reclaimed before the end of the second business day after impoundment when the animal has a current County license at the time of impoundment.</u>	
Laboratory, veterinarian, farrier, or other outside service expenses	direct cost plus 50%

<b>Mandatory Spay/Neuter</b>	
Canine Neuter	\$75
Canine Spay	\$85
Feline Neuter	\$50
Feline Spay	\$65

<b>Owner Surrender</b>	
Owner surrender fee, animal dropped off	\$10
Owner surrender fee, picked up at residence	\$60

Mothers surrendered with kittens or puppies will be accepted for one owner surrender fee of \$10. Kittens or puppies surrendered individually or as litters without mothers will be charged the surrender fee per animal.

<b>Adoption</b>	
Cat or kitten	\$40
Dog or puppy	\$65
Rescue adoption	\$20 or as stipulated by MOU
Other animal adoption	market rate or less

Rescue adoptions may only be performed by organizations who possess a 501(c)3 standing and have an established mission statement.

<b>Licenses</b>	
Spayed or neutered dog or cat	\$10
Unaltered dog or cat under one year	\$10
Unaltered dog or cat over one year	\$30 <del>\$60</del>
<u>Unaltered dog or cat license fee of \$60 will be refunded to the \$10 spayed or neutered fee rate (\$50 refund) when the animal owner presents proof of spay or neuter within 30 days of purchase.</u>	

<b>Micro-chipping</b>	
Micro-chipping impounded animal	\$15
Micro-chipping adopted animal	\$10

<b>Kennel, Pet Shop, Stable, and Rodeo Permits</b>	
Kennel, pet shop, grooming shop or stable	\$100
Rodeo	\$100

<b>Meeting Room Rental</b>	
Meeting room, non-profit use	\$10 per hour
Meeting room, for-profit use	\$25 per hour
Additional charge if food is served	\$20 per event
DAS-sponsored events and governmental use	No charge

The meeting room is only available during Domestic Animals Services' open-to-the-public hours.

<b>Euthanasia and Cremation Services</b>	
<b>General Public</b>	
Pick-up at residence	\$50
Euthanasia	\$5
Remains disposal, no cremation	\$5
Cremation, no save ashes	\$40
Cremation, save ashes	\$100 + \$1/lb over 100 lbs
Private cremation	\$200 + \$1/lb over 100 lbs
Return ashes	\$20
<b>Veterinarians</b>	
Remains disposal, no cremation (includes pick-up)	\$20
Cremation, no save ashes (includes pick-up)	\$50
Cremation, save ashes (includes pick-up and return ashes)	\$100 + \$1/lb over 100 lbs
Private cremation	\$200 + \$1/lb over 100 lbs



2. This policy shall be effective December 1, 2009.

This Resolution adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 after motion, second and majority vote in favor of passage.


ATTEST  
DWIGHT E. BROCK, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS  
COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Fiala, Chairman

Approved as to form and legal  
sufficiency:

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Colleen Greene  
Assistant County Attorney