

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR ANIMAL IS LOST

Go by the Mesquite Animal Shelter immediately (see inside this pamphlet for hours of operation). Look to see if your pet has been impounded, turn in a lost report, and check the Lost & Found Book. If you still have not found your pet, please check our web site www.cityofmesquite.com/animal/index.php and click on the Current List of Animals Picked Up link. All impounded animals are listed here, even on Sundays and holidays. Go by the Mesquite Animal Shelter at least every two days to look for your pet. If your pet is wearing tags, contact the veterinary clinic that issued the rabies tag to verify your contact information is correct.



WHAT EVERY MESQUITE PET OWNER NEEDS TO KNOW



Committed to Making a Difference

The Mesquite Animal Shelter & Adoption Center
1650 Gross Rd., Mesquite, TX 75149

Phone: 972.216.6283

Fax: 972.216.6491

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Saturday 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Closed on Sundays & Holidays

Adoption Information

The City of Mesquite requires a \$45.00 adoption fee for any animal in the shelter. You must agree to have your new pet spayed or neutered and have a rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian. The \$45.00 fee includes a \$10.00 rabies vaccination voucher and a \$30.00 sterilization voucher that are accepted at face value by most local veterinarians. If you reside in the City of Mesquite, and you provide proof that these requirements have been fulfilled, you will also receive a City registration tag for your adopted pet.

Help save a life. Adopt a friend for life!

City of Mesquite Ordinance Requires:

Pet Registration: Each dog and cat must be registered with the City of Mesquite Animal Services Division yearly. Documentation of a current rabies vaccination is required at the time of application. You may register your pets in person at the Mesquite Animal Shelter, through many of the local veterinarians, or by mail. Your pet must be wearing a current city registration tag at all times.

Rabies Vaccination: Each dog and cat must be vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian by the age of four months and must be re-vaccinated annually. The City of Mesquite does recognize the three-year rabies vaccination providing your veterinarian used the three-year rabies vaccine. Your pet must be wearing a current rabies tag at all times.

Number of Animals: Residents are limited to three (3) dogs and three (3) cats per household. In addition, one (1) litter may be kept to a maximum age of six (6) months.

Animal Confinement: All animals must be confined to the owner's property by fence or chain. Leash laws exist for both dogs and cats. The Animal Services Division will impound animals found running at large.

Animal Nuisances: It is unlawful to keep an animal in the city in such a manner that it creates a nuisance by reason of excessive noise (barking), odors, flies, disease, or unsightly appearance.

Exotic, Wild and/or Dangerous Animals: Exotic, wild and/or dangerous animals are prohibited in the city limits of Mesquite. Examples include, but are not limited to: raccoons, bears, monkeys, lions, tigers, bobcats, skunks, wolves, wolf hybrids, coyotes, bats, etc.

Cruelty: Cruel treatment, animal abuse or neglecting to provide adequate shelter and nutrition is unlawful. Animal abandonment is also an act of cruelty and is punishable by law. Please report suspected cruel treatment to the Animal Services Division.

Animal Bites: All animal bites must be reported to the Animal Services Division. Dogs, cats and high-risk animals inflicting bites or scratches that break the skin, regardless of vaccination status, must be quarantined for ten (10) days to demonstrate that rabies was not transmitted at the time of the bite or scratch.

Follow these procedures if an animal bites you:

- Wash the wound with soap and water.
- Contact a physician.
- Notify the Animal Services Division at 972.216.6283 with the following information:
 - Name and address of the owner of the animal
 - Description of the animal
 - Address where the animal may be found