

# ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES

## Restraint:

An animal must be restrained on the property of the owner by some physical means such as a fence, cage or kennel that will prevent the animal from leaving the property of the owner. An animal that is off the property of the owner must be physically and continually restrained by some person by means of a leash or chain of proper strength and length.

## Vaccination:

An owner of a dog or cat over the age of four (4) months must have the animal vaccinated against Rabies.

## License:

Annual city license is required to be worn on the collars of all dogs and cats over four (4) months of age. The license fee for an altered dog or cat is \$7.00. The license fee for an unaltered dog or cat is \$30.00.

Licenses are to be renewed annually and may be obtained from the shelter and participating veterinary clinics. In addition, the registration form may be downloaded from the city's web page at [ArlingtonTX.gov/Animals](http://ArlingtonTX.gov/Animals).

## Unclean Premises:

The owners of any animal must not accumulate any substance, such as fecal matter, which is likely to become unsightly, unsanitary or likely to create or engender disease.

## Noise:

An owner of any animal or bird commits an offense if, the animal, by causing long continued noise disturbs the peace and quiet of persons in the neighborhood.

## Defecation-Removal and Disposal Required:

An owner or person commits an offense if he allows an animal to defecate on public or private property without immediately removing and disposing of the defecation.

An owner or person commits an offense if he does not have in his possession an implement or device which can be used immediately to dispose of defecation the animal may deposit on public or private property.



## Arlington Animal Awareness and Safety Program

**You have been registered to participate in the Animal Awareness and Safety Program.**

A non-refundable fee of \$35.00, per citation, is to be paid at the Arlington Animal Services Center or you will not be allowed to participate in the program. You are required to take the class within 90 days of being appointed.

Appointment date: .....

### PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE AT

#### Arlington Animal Services Center

1000 SE Green Oaks Blvd.  
Arlington, Texas 76018

Phone: 817-459-5898

Fax: 817-459-5698

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## ARLINGTON ANIMAL AWARENESS AND SAFETY PROGRAM

*Promoting Responsible Pet Ownership*



# PROGRAM GOALS

Arlington Animal Services is a division of Code Compliance Services, whose goals are to encourage responsible pet ownership through licensing programs, field enforcement services and educational services. The care of stray and unwanted animals and the eradication of rabies from the community's animal population are critical to the health and safety of the citizens of Arlington.

The Animal Awareness and Safety Program will address the following topics:

- Responsible Pet Ownership
- Animal Services In Action
- Zoonosis Control
- Bite Prevention
- City Ordinance Familiarization

Animal Services staff hopes the knowledge gained by program participants will be passed along to friends and neighbors and will assist in fostering livable neighborhoods by decreasing the number of animal violations.

In addition, the program has been designed to provide responsive communication through additional education to the public about the various aspects of responsible pet ownership.

# PROGRAM DETAILS

Upon completion of the Animal Awareness and Safety Program, qualified offenders may have their citations dismissed for certain Animal Chapter and Nuisance ordinance violations. This program is not available to offenders who have received a citation for a violation of the dangerous animal provisions, for failing to spay and neuter an animal or for failing to quarantine an animal.



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# PROGRAM REGISTRATION



**Upon receiving a citation, the defendant will be mailed a pre-trial court setting notice.** The notice will provide the defendant with a date and time to appear in court. A defendant who wishes to participate in the Animal Awareness and Safety Program may request the program at this time.



**The defendant will be registered for the program at the assigned pre-trial court date.** At the time of registration, the defendant will receive a brochure with instructions for taking the program.



**The defendant, within 90 days, will be required to take the Animal Awareness Class.** A certificate of completion will be given to the defendant. A program fee of \$35.00 per citation, is due at the time of the class and must be paid at the Animal Services Center.



**Upon successful completion of the program, the court will be petitioned to dismiss the citation.**

