

City of Keiser Dog Pound Management Policy

Objective:

The City of Keiser's Dog Pound Management Policy aims to ensure the humane treatment of dogs, facilitate the reunion of lost pets with their owners, encourage the adoption of unclaimed dogs, and maintain public safety. This policy outlines the procedures for the intake, holding, adoption, and potential disposal of dogs, with specific exclusions for animals classified under the city's vicious dog ban pursuant to Ordinances 2021-01, 2021-02, and 2023-01.

Scope and Exclusions:

This policy applies to all dogs picked up by city authorities and held in the dog pound, excluding those identified under the vicious dog ban outlined in the aforementioned ordinances, which are subject to distinct handling procedures.

Procedures:

1. Intake and Holding:

- Dogs should be logged in indicating the owner (if known), date and time.
- Dogs found by city authorities are held for a 3-day period to allow for owner reclamation. This period begins upon the dog's arrival at the pound.

2. Public Notification:

- The dog's photograph will be posted on the City of Keiser's official Facebook page, aiming to identify the owner or community members who can assist in reclamation.

3. Adoption Initiatives:

- If a dog remains unclaimed after 3 days, efforts to find a new home will begin and continue for an additional 3 days, during which the dog will be available for adoption.

4. Disposition of Unclaimed Dogs:

- Dogs not reclaimed or adopted within the 6-day period may be subject to humane disposal in accordance with city guidelines.

5. Reclamation Requirements:

- Prior to any dog's release, the Keiser Police Chief or a designated official must verify the claimant's ownership, ensure the dog is vaccinated, registered, and complies with local pet ownership laws.

6. Fees and Citations:

- Non-Banned Breeds: A fee of \$50 for the first day and \$10 for each subsequent day will be charged for the care of the dog. Owners reclaiming unregistered or off-leash dogs will receive citations for each infraction.
- Banned Breeds: A fee of \$100 for the first day and \$10 for each subsequent day will be charged for the care of the dog. Owners reclaiming unregistered or off-leash dogs will receive citations for each infraction. Banned breeds must be removed from the city limits immediately in accordance with ordinance 2021-02 Section 1 item 6.

Registration and Vaccination:

Owners are reminded of their obligation to register their dogs with the city and ensure they are up to date on vaccinations as per local regulations.

Amendment Rights:

The City Council reserves the right to amend this policy, with changes communicated through official city channels.

Enforcement and Contact Information:

The Keiser Police Department is tasked with enforcing this policy. For more information or clarification, residents are encouraged to contact the Keiser Police Department or City Hall.

Effective Date and Amendments

This policy is effective as of April 15, 2024. Amendments or revisions to this policy will be made public and distributed to all relevant parties.



Rick Creecy, Mayor
City of Keiser

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