

## **ANIMAL SHELTER**

### **POLICY, MISSION & EXPLANATION OF FINES/FEES**



#### **POLICY**

It is the policy of the Daphne Animal Shelter to provide the best care possible for the animals in our custody. Through proficient and cost-effective methods, we will treat all animals in a humane and ethical manner.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To provide efficient, expedient, and professional services to the citizens of the City of Daphne. We will strive to reduce and prevent animal related problems in the community. We will be both proactive and reactive by using education, warning/citation, and impoundment systems for domestic animals.

#### **FINES/FEES**

##### **Adoption Fees & Discounts**

Adoption fees\* include the following: Initial vaccinations, rabies vaccination, wormer (if applicable), heartworm testing and spay/neuter for adults or a voucher for puppies & kittens.

- Dogs \$125.00
- Cats \$90.00
- Military and Senior Citizens receive a 20% discount

\*Adoption fees may vary based on special events or promotions

##### **Boarding Fee**

A boarding fee will be charged for each day an impounded animal is at the shelter, starting the day it is impounded. The fee is \$25.00 per day.

Animals impounded/boarded for an undetermined amount of time due to incarcerated or incapacitated owners, may be fostered within the Daphne Animal Shelter system at the discretion of the Animal Shelter Manager.

##### **Impound Fee**

All owners will be charged a fee for the impoundment of their animal upon reclaim. The impound fee is \$35.00 per impoundment.

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**Dangerous Dog Annual Fee**

Owners of dogs determined to be dangerous as outlined in the Alabama State Law 3-6A-4 must pay an annual fee to the Daphne Animal Shelter in addition to the state mandated court fee. This is to offset the cost of monitoring the owner’s keeping and care of these animals by Daphne Animal Control. The owner must meet all the requirements outlined for housing and insuring the animal, in addition to paying the annual fee of \$100.00.

**Horse Stable Permit Annual Fee**

For those City of Daphne residents housing horse stables within the city limits, they will be required to pay a \$100 annual fee.

The following is a listing of infractions and the penalties associated with each. Please note that some offenses may receive a citation with penalty amount to be paid, but will require a court appearance at Daphne Municipal Court.

INFRACTION	PENALTY	
Allowing dog to defecate on another’s property	1 <sup>st</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$35.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$50.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$75.00
Cruelty to Animal(s)		COURT
Dog-at-Large	1 <sup>st</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$50.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$100.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$150.00
Failure to Restrain	1 <sup>st</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$35.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$50.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$75.00

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INFRACTION	PENALTY	
Fowl-at-Large	1 <sup>st</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$25.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$50.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$75.00
Failure to Quarantine Animal that has Bitten	COURT	
Failure to Notify Authorities of Bite	COURT	
Failure to Obtain Rabies Vaccination	1 <sup>st</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$25.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$50.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$75.00
Failure to Attach Rabies Tag	1 <sup>st</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$15.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$25.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$50.00
Failure to Surrender Dangerous/Vicious Animal	COURT	
Failure to Confine Animal in Heat	1 <sup>st</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$25.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$50.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$100.00
Failure to Provide Adequate Shelter, Food or Water	1 <sup>st</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$50.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$100.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup> offense within 12-month period	COURT
Interfering with/Opposing Animal Control Officer	COURT	

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INFRACTION	PENALTY	
Keeping Prohibited Livestock/Fowl within City Limits	1 <sup>st</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$100.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$200.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup> offense within 12-month period	COURT
Livestock-at-Large	1 <sup>st</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$50.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$100.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$250.00
Noisy Animals	1 <sup>st</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$100.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$250.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$500.00 and COURT
Promoting Animal Fighting		COURT
Refusing to Allow Inspection		COURT
Tampering with Animal Trap/Removal of Animal		COURT
Tethering of an Animal		\$50.00
		\$75.00
		\$100.00
Unsanitary/Inhumane Living Conditions Fowl/Livestock	1 <sup>st</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$50.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> offense within 12-month period	\$100.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup> offense within 12-month period	COURT

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 Animal

1<sup>st</sup> offense within 12-month period

\$50.00

2<sup>nd</sup> offense within 12-month period

\$100.00

3<sup>rd</sup> offense within 12-month period

COURT

Dangerous/Vicious Animal-at-Large

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